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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment August 10, 2018**

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

Members of the 137th Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. I would like to appoint the following Brothers as Encampment Officers. The Guard shall be Charles F. Lewis. The Guide shall be Robert Koenecke. I hope I said it right. And the Color Bearer will be Brian D. McManus. Parliamentarian for the Encampment will be Brother James Pahl. I hereby appoint Past Department Commander and Council of Administration member Mike Paquette as the interim or alternate Patriotic Instructor to fill the position until Brother Frank should arrive. Guide, will you determine if all present are entitled to remain? Color Bearer, will you assist on the right?

**Robert Koenecke, National Guide**

Sir, I find all are entitled to remain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

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

Very good. All are entitled to remain. Brother Guard, please from this point on, please check the credentials of those who enter to ensure that they are properly allowed to enter the room. That will be your task. As the colors are already present and they have been posted, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, present the colors and the Patriotic Instructor, Brother Paquette, will lead us in the pledge.

**Michael A. Paquette, Alternate Patriotic Instructor**

Brothers, join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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.

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

If the Chaplain would give us the invocation.

**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 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.

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

Brother Chaplain, will you please drape the charter in accordance with my General Order 34?

[one rap, \*]

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

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

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day.	Present.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald W. Shaw.	Present.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Norris.	Present.
National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis is here.	Present.
National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Michael A. Paquette.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Paul Davis.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Frederick Lynch.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Kevin Tucker.	Present.
Council of Administration member, Brian C. Pierson.	Present.
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin.	Present.
Banner Editor, Past Commander-in-Chief James P. Pahl.	Present.
National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire.	Present.
Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Senior.	Present.
National Aide-de-Camp, Kevin Martin.	Present.
National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski.	Present.
National Chief of Staff, W. Faron Taylor.	Present.
National Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch.	Excused.
National Color Bearer, Brian D. McManus.	Excused.
National Counselor, Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief.	Excused.
Assistant National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby.	Present.
Assistant Counselor Blue Book, Past Commander-in-Chief James P. Pahl.	Present.
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James Lyon.	Present.
National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Junior.	Present.
National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin.	Present.
National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail.	Present.
National Historian, Robert J. Wolz.	Present.
National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Past Commander-in-Chief, Perley E. Mellor.	Present.
National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffrey C. Burden.	Excused.
National Membership-at-Large, Alan L. Russ.	Excused.
Parliamentarian, Kent M. Melcher.	Excused.
National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French.	Excused.
National Legislation Officer, Daniel R. Earl.	Present.
Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond.	Excused.

Washington D.C. Representative, Lee D. Stone	Excused.
National Webmaster, James P. McGuire.	Excused.
Assistant National Webmaster, Past Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley.	Present.
Department-at-Large, Secretary/Treasurer, Past Commander-in-Chief James P. Pahl.	Present.
Assistant National Treasurer #2, D. Michael Beard.	Present.
Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs.	Excused.
Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max L. Newman.	Excused.
Assistant National Quartermaster, George Shadman.	Excused.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Gordon R. Bury, II, 1986-1987.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Partington, 1987-1988.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Lowell B. Hammer, 1991-1992.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief, Allen Moore...W. Moore, 1993-1994.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief, Keith G. Harrison, 1994-1995.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr, 1997-1998.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson, 1998-1999.	Excused.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler, 1999-2000.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Krieser, 2000-2001.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, George L. Powell, 2001-2002	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grimm, 2002-2003.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Kent L. Armstrong, 2003-2004.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Steven A. Michaels, 2004-2005.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby, 2005-2006.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, James P. Pahl, 2006-2007.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert, 2008-2009.	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo F. Kennedy, 2009-2010.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Brad Schall, 2010-2011.	Excused.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald D. Palmer, Jr., 2011-2012.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Perley E. Mellor, 2012-2013.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Ken L. Freshley, 2013-2014.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Tad D. Campbell, 2014-2015.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Eugene G. Mortorff, 2015-2016.	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald L. Martin, 2016-2017.	
And that's the roll call of elected and appointed offices and the Past Commanders-in-Chief.	

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

Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and for what duties are we responsible?

**Encampment (in unison)**

Fraternity, Charity, And Loyalty.

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

Brothers, we meet again as the 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, fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our county, to our Order, and to ourselves. By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 137th Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers and persons who are qualified to enter.

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

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

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

Brother Darby.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of order in that I feel that the Brothers here, having checked the C&R, have been the victim of fraud.

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

And in what way would that fraud have been perpetrated?

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

Well, sir, it was by you. For the last 363 days Mark R. Day has represented himself as the Commander-in-Chief of this Organization.

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

That is true.

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

I would like to point out if you look at your ribbons, Mark P. Day ...

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

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

...is the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans in an official document presented to all of you. So, I don't know what you're gonna do, but you ain't gonna do it. Thank you, sir.

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

You are out of order. Take a seat.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

And if you have further comments please direct them to Brother Tucker and his committee.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

I'm sure that all the people in Massachusetts were more than adequately aware of my actual name. However, I don't always go by Mark R. I sometimes just go by Mark Day. And so, I accept that if it happened it was innocent. I understand that.

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

They say Peabadee too, but it's really Peabody.

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

Well, at least they didn't make me Mr. Peabody. Okay? So, we are now in session. I will now work on the appointment of the Encampment Committees on Credentials. Brother Joe Hall is the chairman of that committee. He is assisted by Thomas Brown. They are the only two members of the committee that are present. And Brother Hall has indicated that if someone is of the conviction that they would like to assist the Credentials Committee, they may contact him, he would appropriately come to me with the name and then I would appoint them to be on that committee for the term of the Encampment. It's his job to convince them to be on the committee. All right? Are there any guests that are here from the local government or from local civic organizations that need to be recognized? Then at this time, I would ask that the Encampment Committee send a representative forward to read the proclamations and resolutions which have been submitted to us by the local governments. And if you brothers will come forward up here to the podium and do them from up here.

**Dexter A. Bishop, Encampment Committee Chairman**

My name is Dexter Bishop. I'm Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts and host chairperson. This is from the governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. "Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, On behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am pleased to confer upon your organization, this Governor's Citation in recognition of 137 years of dedicated service in carrying on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic with your efforts for keeping alive the memory of the Civil War soldiers, sailors, and Marines; the care and honoring of our nation's veterans; the advocating of equal rights for all Americans; teaching respect for the flag of the United States; and the promotion of patriotic education. Signed this 19th day of July in the year of our Lord 2018. Charles D. Baker, Governor, and Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor."

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

Thank you very much. On behalf of the Organization, I accept this proclamation.

**Daniel W. Murray, Encampment Committee**

I'm Daniel Murray. I'm Department Commander for the Department of Massachusetts, and I'm on the Encampment Committee. And I apologize for the ribbons. They were my responsibility, so thank you for pointing that out, Don.

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

Not a problem.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Daniel W. Murray, Encampment Committee**

I've got a proclamation here from the Massachusetts Senate. And it says, "Commending the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic for its recognition of August 10, 2018, is Grand Army of the Republic day. Whereas, the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic is recognizing August 10, 2018, as Grand Army of the Republic Day in recognition of sacrifices of Union soldiers, sailors and Marines during the War of Rebellion; and whereas, in 1866 Union veterans of the War of Rebellion organized into Grand Army of the Republic and became a social and political organization for

veterans who had served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service; and whereas, the Grand Army of the Republic was aided by the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Women's Relief Corps; and whereas, these organizations became known as the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and carry on the traditions in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic; and whereas, the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic are dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veterans who fought for the United States of America during the War of Rebellion; now therefore be it resolved that the Massachusetts State Senate hereby commends the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic on its recognition of August 10, 2018, as Grand Army of the Republic Day. And be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Senate adopted August 6, 2018. Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate and witnessed by Michael F. Welch, Clerk of the Senate.”

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

Thank you very much. I accept this on behalf of the Brothers in the Organization. And if you would convey our regards back to the Senate telling them that we do appreciate having this honor bestowed upon us.

**Daniel W. Murray, Encampment Committee**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Okay. I would like to invite Brother Kevin Martin to bring a short remark on behalf of MOLLUS, you would be so inclined to come forward.

**Kevin L. Martin, MOLLUS**

It's nice to be like nineteenth or twentieth in the chain of command here so, little bit of a surprise. On behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, I bring you greetings on behalf our Commander-in-Chief, Eric Rojo, who unfortunately could not be here today. But I know he would want us to extend greetings on his behalf. And from what the others have said to this point is, he would want to make sure that we are going to get along today and have a harmonious Encampment. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Thank you, Brother Kevin. Yes, I hate the word “harmonious.” If you want to use it as a weapon and stick me with it all day, please feel free to do so. But I believe it's one of the most overused, ill-advised words in the English language. There are many other ways you could say something. When you say “have a harmonious Encampment,” it's sort of like kissing your sister. It's sort of off the back. It doesn't really have any meaning. I would now like to call forward, before we go any further, representatives from the Department of Texas. I have something up here that I believe they would like to have. Brothers, it is my great pleasure to sign a new Camp Charter here today, if I can find a pen again. Come up here, gentlemen. Come forward. This will be the seventh Camp Charter that



I've signed, new Camp Charter that I will have signed this year. One Camp, seven different states, seven different new Camps. There are also in the process of being developed at least three new Camps in Colorado and Wyoming, one new Camp in the Department of California. And we have a couple of requests that were made for new Camp starts that will be running out in the next three months. I don't remember the states that they are for. But with regard to new Camps, it appears that we're doing fairly well. Unfortunately, we had five Camps that are no longer part of the Order, three of those Camps had actually ceased to operate more than six years ago. But they had to be dealt with this year and get them off the books, sort of like church members that haven't been to church in a long time and they're still on the role. Gentlemen, it is my great pleasure to sign the Charter of the Brigadier General Joseph Bailey Camp #5, Department of Texas, which will be deep in Dixie, Shreveport, Louisiana.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

So that's one of the great pleasures of being Commander-in-Chief. And I hope that whoever succeeds me will be able to bring in all those other Camps that are in the process and also many more. I'd like to ask the Host Committee, Brother Tucker, to come forward and give us any welcoming remarks that the Host Committee would like us to have.

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

If the Brother Bishop would come forward and bring the greetings of the Committee. I didn't go to bed till 3:00 o'clock in the morning so I may be just a little punchy. Come on forward sir.

**Dexter A. Bishop, Host Committee**

I just would like to take a few minutes to say thank you very much to our Committee. I know how hard we've been working on this. Looks like it goes back two or three years now that we've been meeting from time to time and trying to pull together all of the things and make sure that the printer does it right. Unfortunately, as we were so painfully told this morning, we didn't do it right there. We apologize for that, as a Committee. And I would also say that makes that ribbon a real collectible now.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Dexter A. Bishop, Host Committee**

I can't thank my Committee enough. They've been working very hard. We've been trying to make sure that the walls don't fall down on us. And so I would just say thank you very much to all my Committee. Would they like to stand up? The Committee's a little larger but they're in the other room. We've certainly had a great time and we're looking forward to a very successful Encampment here in Framingham. Thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

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

All right. One little administrative note, Excuse me, I've got to get in my head in the right place. I'm gonna have to slow down. If you know, I'm from New York. And have you ever heard why New York Legislature cannot get anything done? Because they all talk real loud, real fast. They don't hear

each other at all, and therefore nothing is accomplished. And I've got to tame that New Yorker at times. He tries to get out. Living in the South for forty years has helped, but he's still in there. If there are any individuals wishing to make an announcement, they need to write it out; bring the announcement to the Secretary who will, preceding each break, make whatever announcements he has that have been brought to him. So that will be the procedure. If you have an announcement, if you have something you're doing at lunch and you need to have people go to it, put it in writing. Bring it up here. Give it to the Secretary and then he will make that announcement when we get ready to take breaks. Okay? Procedural rules for the Encampment. To assist the Encampment members during the business sessions, a list of rules and procedures for debate are included in an appendix in the back of your book of reports. It's page 97. So, this was suggested by Kent Melcher, the actual Parliamentarian, who is unfortunately having surgery this weekend and could not join us. He wanted this put in. He said that many of the Brothers at Lansing had indicated that they didn't understand the procedures. And he wanted to provide guidance for you. So that is where you find it if you want to know what a point of order is, go to page 97 and you'll find it. Okay?

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

Commander-in-Chief. Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. I don't see too many books or reports on the floor, sir. I think it's just the gentleman who were at the Council of Administration meeting last night.

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

Well, there were 210 of them printed. I don't understand why they're not available to the membership. They will be in your hands at the end of the next break. We will not take time right now but during the next break the paperwork will be provided. Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedures, we will follow while we're here. Current Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW and the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority for parliamentary procedures in the conduct of all business of this Encampment. These rules may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of the Encampment body present and voting. Brother PCinC Jim Pahl will serve as Parliamentarian and he will be the final arbiter of all Parliamentary questions. Our agenda shall follow the form specified in the Rituals and Ceremonies. And in the interest of efficiency, the chair may adjust new business agenda as necessary when we get to it. Those who wish to address the Encampment to present a motion, amend a motion, or debate a motion, shall move in an orderly manner to the microphone and wait to be called upon by the chair. Officers and Committee Chairs shall not read their submitted written reports. Rather, they should present any supplementary items to their written reports that were submitted along with reading their recommendations that require an action of the Encampment. Officer Reports should not exceed five minutes. When speaking on an issue at this Encampment, or when wishing to address, or to present a motion, the delegate shall move in that orderly manner to the microphone and he will then identify himself. He will say who he is, what his title is in the Organization. The Camp that he's from, or the Department that he is from. This is so that our transcriptionist will be able to move the proceedings along a little quicker and will have less difficulty in understanding who said what and when. So please follow those rules meticulously: your name, your title, your Department or your Camp. And clearly enunciate what it is you wish to say. This practice can be relaxed at the chair's discretion, such as when there is an individual who addresses the Encampment by virtue of his National Office or role. No person shall speak more than twice on any issue and they may not exceed three minutes. Exceptions being granted by a 2/3 vote of the Encampment. Except the person making the motion may answer questions and use up to two minutes at the close of the debate, which privilege is not canceled by the actions ordering the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate on the issues, including but not limited to: designating the net maximum number of speakers allowed to

speak as to each side; or the question on the floor. Cell phones are to be turned off or set to vibrate. All cell phone conversations must be conducted outside of the Encampment meeting room. At the sound of the gavel prior to the election of Officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to reenter until the session is over. All discussions will be conducted in the spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. All general voting shall be by the use of your voting card. Commander-in-Chief however does reserve the right to use other forms of voting included but not limited to: private ballots, rising, or roll call voting as he deems appropriate from time to time. All motions, amendments, substitutions, or other actions initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or corrections of spelling or typographical errors, shall be in writing submitted to the National Secretary for a final reading prior to the vote on the matter. That is something that we haven't done a good job of in the past. So please understand that if you're making a substitute motion or motion, you will need to put what you wanted to say in writing and have it up here to the table so that he'll be able to read the motion correctly before a vote is taken. That makes everything clear for everyone. Encampment Committees shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving them on the floor of the Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendation to adopt, reject, or refer, or other appropriate action. All requests for funds from the special projects fund or other such funds of the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to noon Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, with complete information as to: what the project is, who is chairing the project, the address for which the award needs to be sent. And so all such requests will then be presented to the National Encampment for consideration in good of the Order at the end. The chair will now entertain a motion to adopt these rules. This motion must be carried by 2/3.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

So moved.

**Several**

Second.

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

Chaplain Jerry moved. And second was? Is there any discussion? Then take out your voting card, Brothers. All those in favor of the rules will raise their voting cards now. All those opposed.

[one rap, \*]

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

Motion carries. Those are the rules. Okay. It is my desire to honor those in our assembly who have honorably served our country in the Armed Forces. Would those of you who have served, please rise for our recognition and thanks? All rise if you served the country. Gentlemen, let's give these Brothers a hand.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Commander-in-Chief, in the interest of simple logic, may I please move this microphone closer to the center in front of the room so that Brother Darby when he is jumping up doesn't have to walk the entire length of the room to make a statement?

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

No, I'd like to leave it there. I'd like him to have as long a walk as possible.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

I'm serious, Jerry. Leave it there.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

I tried.

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

Brother Hall.

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

Commander, if you'd like, I can move it farther away from Brother Darby.

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

No, that will be far enough. That's just long enough for me to make sure he has stretched that leg that he broke a couple years ago. So that I know he's getting his exercise. Brother Hall, Credentials Committee. Do you have a report at this time? A preliminary report.

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

We should also lower the mic. Joseph Hall, Department of Rhode Island, Chairman of the Credentials Committee. We had 178 preregistered for this Encampment. Right now, current we have 158 members here, registered.

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

Thank you for the preliminary report, Brother Hall. I'm sure that we will have more as the day goes on and also as we get into Saturday and people aren't working. So, we will grow. The Encampment Constitution and Regulations Committee. This is the one that's just for those things that come up here. This is not for the things that have been submitted previously. Will be constituted of PC&C Bob Grimm. Is Brother Daniel Earl here? Yep. You will be on that Committee. PC&C Darby will be on that Committee. And PC&C Martin will also be on that Committee. The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee shall be Junior Vice Commander Norris. He will be assisted by Past Department Commander McGuire from Rhode Island and Department Commander Enderlin from California. The Officers' Reports will be chaired by Senior Vice Commander Donald Shaw. He will be assisted by Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief; and Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief. Rituals and Ceremonies, should the need arise shall be Brian Pearson and Brother Paul Davis. Fraternal Relations, as the only Organization that is actually jointly here with us this weekend is the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Fraternal Relations Committee, or the Visiting Committee, will be Kevin Martin of Chesapeake, Past Department Commander; Frank Avila from California; and Eugene Mortorff of the Department of Chesapeake. And, if possible, the Commander-in-Chief will go with them. My understanding is that the Ladies want us to visit them at 1:15 today. That will be right towards the end of lunch. So the Brothers that are on the Visitation Committee might want to make sure they eat lunch quick and be ready to go over there at 1:15. Yes sir.

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

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I would suggest that the Commander also bring the resolutions from the Governor and State Senate to read in those rooms as they are made out to the Allied Orders of the Organization.

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

So noted and so done. Okay. We will more than likely also receive greetings from a few of the other Ladies' Organizations whose Presidents will arrive over the next two days and will probably want to visit with us to bring greetings. And so there will undoubtedly be a greeting from the Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters. But I do not know about the Woman's Relief Corps. That's kind of up in the air. But it will just be their President, their recent President, who was just recently been elected who will come. And we will bring them in as they come, but we will fit them into our business. I've already talked to the Presidents of those other Orders and explained to them that if they arrive at the door, they may have to wait so that there will be no offense taken. Everyone understands the rules. All the responses to any of the Ladies' visits will be done by Brother Pearson. Brother Pearson is our one and only speaker to give them greetings. He is my Andy Johnson replacement. I'd like to do my report and then go to a break after I've done my report. Is there anyone who feels an urgent need at this particular juncture? If you feel that you need to go out please just follow the procedures and do what you have to, but we will put a break in after I've done my report. Reports of the Officers. I would like to entertain a motion that all the Officer Reports with recommendations be referred to the appropriate Encampment Committees.

**Several**

So moved.

**Several**

Second.

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

Okay. There is a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, all in favor raise your voting card. All right. Put them down. All opposed like sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passed.

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

Brother Commander. Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I'd like to report a fraud being perpetrated upon this Encampment.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

Does it say more "P. Day?"

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

No, it says we're meeting at "Farmingham, Massachusetts."

## Encampment

(laughter)

### Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief

You guys printed them. You don't know where you live. It's not my problem. I will rule that out of order as well and refer it to the Encampment Host Committee for action. All right. Brother Senior Vice Commander, I temporarily vacate the chair and turn it over to you while I give my report. Brother Guide, would you please pass this to the Senior Vice for the moment? Brothers, as I appear here today before you at the end of my term as Commander-in-Chief, I first want to tell you though our great Order is strong in the terms of its finances, has taken the required steps to implement a strategic plan to take advantage of our 501(c)(3) tax status, and is making progress on becoming more efficient at its National Headquarters by updating our technologies and our infrastructure. However, I would be remiss to not also state that our efforts at membership growth have proven to only maintain the status quo regarding our total membership numbers. Even though we have gained seven new Camps and are on the verge of establishing several more, we are simply treading water. And the Order must find a way to bring in new members both Hereditary and Associate, Junior and Junior Associate. Membership must continue to be the major focus of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the next year and in the coming years, and in the coming, coming, coming years. This morning, I want to diverge from this for a moment, did you hear the list of names? Nearly a hundred. Yes we take in Brothers. Some Departments have done great. Chesapeake brought in more than forty. I understand Tennessee brought in twenty some odd. That's like a 10% increase in each case for those Departments. But our input is not equal to our output. We have more Brothers not renewing or dying then we are taking in. And so as the Treasurer pointed out at the C of A meeting last night, we are slowly going the way of the GAR. That list will get longer every year. Look around. The list is gonna get shorter. And we must find new members, if this Organization is to continue. And so membership must be a focus. It was also, I don't know, how many gentlemen in this room participated in the survey? I know it did not go to every Department, but if you actually took the survey, please raise your hand. Okay, I would say that that's what about 1/4 of the people in here? The survey was supposed to be a small sample. The company that we have hired to help us with things, wanted a small sample, a representative sample. A scientific sampling. So, we were very deliberate in how we went about it. We chose a couple of small Departments, a couple of large Departments, Departments in the East, Departments in the West, Department North, Department South. Tried to get it spread around so that we would get an adequate result. The response was very good and we have really good numbers to work with. And the C of A will be getting a presentation on the report that was put together by our consultant group, The Covenant Group. And I think that we will learn things. But one of the things that that points out is membership is what the Brothers are most worried about. And so I think this has to be the focus. And it is what you wanted to be the focus, as well. So, I just I verged from my actual report slightly to make an emphasis on that. But I think that that's important. In my talks with the many Department Encampments and several addresses to other bodies, I have also related a story about a woman in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania who called me one evening and asked me, "Was there such a thing as a heritage group that was for the descendants of Union Soldiers?" I said, "Well, yes, most definitely is a group. How did you get my name?" "Well, I found it on the Internet, you know, and it said something about the Union." And I said, "Well, it just so happens that I happen to be one of Officers of that Organization," and "What can I do for you?" She began to tell me she had some family members who were interested. And I said, "Well, where do you live," thinking that I could get her pointed in the right direction. Hook her up with a Secretary of Department or something. Right? And I said, "Where do you live, ma'am?" "I live in Gettysburg." I said, "Well, how long have you lived in Gettysburg?" "All my life." "Have you ever seen the parade that goes through Gettysburg

around the 19<sup>th</sup> of November?" "Oh, many times I've seen that parade. Yes, it goes right across the front of my house." "Where is your house?" "It's on Middle Street." "Middle Street," I said. "Do you know the building that has the cannon in front of it?" "Well, yes, that's just four doors down from me." My friends and Brothers, if a woman who has lived her entire life in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and has seen that parade, I did not ask her how old she was. That would've been inappropriate. But I assume she was at least forty. So if she has seen that parade at least forty times. She lived there her whole life. She lives four houses down from the GAR Hall. If that woman doesn't know we exist, **we don't exist. The public does not know we are here.** And we must do something about that. And that was also brought up in all of the surveys. The Brothers feel we have an identity crisis. We are the least known, least understood, least respected heritage organization in this country, as far as I can tell. And we need to change that. And as I told you last year in Lansing, I can stand up here and I can talk. I can go out and lecture on the lecture circuit, but I only reach so many people. You and the Brothers in your Camps and Departments have to do this work, just like you have to do the recruiting work. If you don't do it, who will? If you love this Organization and you are truly dedicated to this Organization and its goals, purposes, and survival, then you need to step up. And you need to get the people in your Camps to step up and show that you really have those purposes in mind. I don't question your devotion. But we've got to turn devotion into action. I also regret to say that our relationships with the Allied Orders are not as strong as I wish them to be. I think this morning we saw evidence that there can be a lot of unity and that we can work together. But it's not as strong as I would like it to be. In April, we learned that the LGAR would not be joining us this year. And I was deeply saddened by this. The reasons for that are numerous and we'd be here till next Tuesday if I started to tell you all the reasons and rationale. But on a positive note, on the exact same day that I received the note that the LGAR would not be attending, I received a letter from the President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-65, informing me that they would like to move forward and have a closer relationship with the Sons. And so there will be some recommendations in some of the Officer's Reports that you will hear this weekend that are to address that. And I hope that you will consider them. We have sacrificed far too much and we are too strong a unified voice to fulfill the goals that we aspire to. We need to find ways to work together, to keep the memory of the men who sacrificed to preserve the Union and free a people and who were in bondage. We must find ways to preserve and strengthen our fraternal ties with the LGAR, the Daughters, the WRC, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We must solve the issues that arise. And we must not be drawn into differences that arrive from instances where interpersonal relationships have gone sour. I understand we're human beings and we don't all get along. But we must find ways to keep the bonds between these Organizations firm and complete. Last August, the C of A tasked me to form a committee to work with the Allied Orders, who traditionally held their annual meetings with us, to establish formal agreements with them. Such an agreement has been made with the Auxiliary for the 2020 Encampment. And I hope that other agreements will be able to be made with the LGAR, the WRC, and perhaps even at some point, the Daughters. This is important. I think it's important to the future of achieving our goals. As you remember, I became Commander on August 12<sup>th</sup> last year at approximately 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Simultaneously, a young woman was being run over in Charlottesville, Virginia. And from that action and those protests in Charlottesville, a great stirring in the national conscience came about. In the first several months of my term, I had to spend a great deal of time on the issue: monuments, Veterans' monuments. I had to issue General Order #2 to clarify who was the official spokesperson for the Sons and to ensure that we did not have mixed sets of messages being put forward. I was interviewed for talk radio in the Michigan, a large station in Detroit. I contacted some of the Brothers around the country and told them about it. They listened. They said I didn't make too many mistakes. I did okay. And I was also interviewed by the Associated Press. As the year proceeded, the monuments issue died down and became less and less of a news item. However, Sunday will be one year since that girl was killed in Charlottesville. And in the recent days, I have seen

an uptick in the issues and the comments about monuments, etc. So, this is an issue that is probably not going to go away. We have a policy, which was approved by the Encampment, in which I doing my duty with diligence and try to ensure was followed. But this is an issue that will probably not go away for a long, long time, if ever. Something we need to be mindful of. I have sought to also fulfill my promise to communicate with the membership more regularly through C&C messages. I have written four such messages. But since the last one I wrote in March, my schedule has become very demanding and I have not found the time to follow through with additional messages, but will provide one last message that will contain the information that I am sharing with you from my report and some things that came up at the C of A last night. And I will send that out tomorrow night. We will have the Secretary forward that out and that will be my last communiqué as Commander-in-Chief to the troops. Okay? This past spring, I issued General Order #18 and I was asked would I bring this up today. Yes. General Order #18 was long in coming. A great deal of thought and energy, consultation with many different people went in to General Order #18. Brothers, your National Organization is doing everything it can to get us a group exemption. The real issue here is this, when we were issued our group exemption two February's ago, the IRS plainly stated we did not have control of our subordinate units because our subordinate units were out of code with the IRS. You remember all those bylaws we had to send them? Believe it or not, the IRS people are paper pushers. They like to read paper. They read all those things and found that they were inadequate. They did not contain IRS language that was required. The IRS then came back and said you can be 501(c)(3), but your subordinate units cannot. We have worked diligently for the last eighteen months to change that situation. I gave eighteen months in General Order #18 because not all Camps meet regularly. People have to talk about bylaw changes. They need to discuss things, so I gave eighteen months to get those bylaw changes taken care of. But by June of next year or sooner if we can get the bylaw changes completed and certified, we will apply for that group exemption. And I have it on very good authority that the IRS wants to give us the group exemption, but we must prove we can do the paperwork. That means filing your 990's. That means making sure that your Form 11 is up to date, your EIN numbers are reported. I know how all this bureaucratic stuff sounds, it's too much, a lot of stuff to do. But the fact of the matter is that's the cost of doing business to be a 501(c)(3). And either we do it and accept the cost of doing that business and our time and energy or we're not going to be a 501(c)(3) group exemption. The National can do everything it can to support, and get the information out what has to be done. But it's an actionable item by the Departments and the Camps. And I know that a lot of people get frustrated that they believe that the National is dragging its feet. We cannot move faster than you. So please understand where we are and that we want to fulfill this goal, but we need your assistance to make that happen. At every Department Encampment I went to I offered this opportunity. I offered people an opportunity to ask me questions about the 501 and about the General Order #18. If you have questions, when we get to the end of the Encampment and we get the Good of the Order, I'd be more than happy to take questions at that time, prior to becoming not your Commander-in-Chief anymore. We won't take the time to do that right now though. On a more personal note, I'm gonna end this on a little bit more upbeat. I hope I haven't been overly negative. Brother Martin.

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

Yes, Commander. I would just like to address one part of the General Order #18. On Section 3, I think it's the third Article, it states, "In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." By the way, Don Martin, Department of Ohio, Past Commander-in-Chief. "If the Organization no longer exist, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining Organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, or in their absence, the state archives of blank."



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

And that is the IRS language. Brother David, do you want to address this?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Sure. This is David McReynolds, National Treasurer, Department of Tennessee. What we had to do with the language is to be very careful that we followed the IRS rules, that when an organization ceases to exist that the assets are either distributed... Now, your question didn't specifically get to this, but General Order #18 sort of changed the way assets of a dissolved organization have to flow and flowing to the National Organization. That's simply because the only organization within the group that has a 501(c)(3) currently is the National Organization. Once we get a group exemption that's 501(c)(3), we can make changes to that.

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

I think your question entails something just slightly different. Let me see if I can address your question and then perhaps we will bring this back up. We must give the money to another 501(c)(3), or we must give the money to the state or the national government. The belief was that if there was still a surviving Allied Order that was trying to do the work that we had been committed to, that the money should go to continue to further the cause for which the money was originally intended, rather than going into the state coffers. So yes, it says that it would go to only surviving entity at this particular time that is a 501(c)(3), of those Allied Orders, is the Daughters. So if the status of the other Allied Orders did not change... Am I answering your question then?

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

I'm curious and not so much the IRS requirements of this but other possible avenues to fulfill those requirements.

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

It's sort of like having a will. We would have to specifically delineate where the money was going to go. In other words, 10% of the assets would go to the Civil War Trust, 15% of the assets would go to such and such an organization, Etc.

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

But then specifically moving through you to the Treasurer, would it be possible to place the funds in an interest-bearing account to be managed?

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

No, because if the Organization ceases to exist, it ceases to exist. The Charter goes out. Everything goes away and we must liquidate the assets.

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

Okay.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

What you're proposing is to take the assets of the 501(c)(4) not-for-profit and put it into a foundation. And that would not meet the requirements of the IRS to be a 501(c)(3). So, that's sort of the rationale. If that makes sense to you. A foundation is exempt under a different subsection of the Internal Revenue Code and that's what precludes the suggestion that you just made.

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

And the other part of that then with the records. Then wouldn't it possibly be better that the records and property go to various state organizations, rather than another organization where they can be researched and looked at by members in the state?

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

If the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans, is defunct, then there will be no state organizations either because the National...

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

No, I mean like the state historical societies and those types of things.

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

Again, that might be possible.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

They would go to the state archives.

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

Archives. Right. But as this reads, it would go to the Allied Orders before going to the state archives.

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

If there were any of them still in existence.

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

Right.

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

And if they were a 501(c)(3).

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

And does this leave wiggle room then for the Brothers in the event that this happens? I find that, you know, for us to stand here and dictate today what they would have to do. I mean, I understand we have to meet IRS requirement. But I think it should also be broad enough that they can address individual particular things at the time of that event.

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

And if we at some point this weekend... I don't want to cut you off, but there is a resolution that has been submitted by Vermont that may address this. And at that time would be a more proper time to carry this conversation on.

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

All right. Thank you, Commander.

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

You're welcome.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Commander.

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

Sir.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Commander, I'm Bruce Amsden, Past Department Commander, Department of Vermont. And we are offering an amendment. I just wanted to let everybody know that the discussion will proceed during that before you just mentioned that. And also I hope that you'll extend to me some extra time to address the issue at that time.

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

As the maker of the motion, you will have the time that is allowed through the procedures we've established.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

I hope somebody will ask me questions so that I can extend my remarks at that time.

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

Absolutely.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Thank you.

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

I cannot imagine that this group will not be asking questions.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

All right. And so to end this report of mine, that you can get to the bathroom if you have to. On a more personal note, I want to thank all of those who have contributed to my initiative to complete the Memorial Plaza for Dr. Stevenson in Illinois. Okay? Getting the names of the Camps and Departments who have so generously given has proven to be task. I've given out a great many streamers, but I know that there are other Camps that have told me that they were going to make donations and I have not seen any report that donations have been made through the city of Petersburg. That's where the money gets funneled through. So if there is a Department or if a Department Commander in this room knows of a Camp that has donated but has not received its streamers, please see me, and I will personally ensure that you will leave here with the streamers that you have. And I will take you, Brothers, as men of honor, on your honor, that you actually have done what you said you did. Because I cannot believe that the men in this room are not honorable men. And so I trust you to tell me if you did it and I will give you the streamers. All right. Let me see, just a little bit more. In April, it was my great pleasure to attend the annual ceremonies at the Stevenson Plaza and see the raising of two brand-new beautiful bronze lighted flagpoles which have greatly increased the beauty of that site. And I encourage all the Brothers of the SUVCW to stop and see this gorgeous site with its marble benches, which have been provided by all of the Allied Orders, and the individual pavers that are there that you have paid for. And I think that you

will be very proud of what your money has been invested in. And so please go and see that. Before going to my recommendations and other administrative matters, I wish to commend a few people. Those who were involved in accomplishing some of the very significant actions I had previously mentioned. First, I would ask that Brother David McReynolds, our National Treasurer, and his strategic development committee, be commended for the work that they have done to move the Sons of Union Veterans forward along the path to attaining and utilizing the 501(c)(3) tax status which we were granted in February 2017.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

If you are member, we won't ask David to stand, but if you're a member of that committee and you are here, please rise.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

I would also like to thank Brother Michael Paquette for his efforts to survey and recommend technological updates that were so sorely needed at the National Headquarters. And I think that that's an important thing. We have upgraded our ability and I think that you will see the proof of that in the processing of your paperwork. And I hope that the Brothers will be able to see that take place. I would also like to take a moment to recognize my dear friend, PCinC Mortorff, for his selfless dedication to manning the National Headquarters, maintaining it during the illness of our dear, dear Executive Director, David Demmy. We owe Brother Gene a lot for stepping up, keeping the Order running as if everything was normal through some of the busiest and most demanding months of the calendar year. We owe him just a tremendous amount of gratitude. And I would like him to stand and be recognized.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brothers, we are all, in the end, as an Organization, the sum of our parts. These Brothers are just a small sample of an amazing body of men who are striving to make the SUVCW viable. And I say God bless all of them, for without them and all of those who labor silently in the vineyard, Brother Jerry, we would not survive or be able to function. I don't know what we would do. Now, I will never forget the great honor and privilege that you afforded me in making me the Commander-in-Chief over this last year. This will undoubtedly be the highlight of my life and I am forever in your debt. May a gracious providence grant grace and peace to this Order and may it ever be loyal to its credo of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. And that is my report as Commander. And then I got my recommendations. Recommendation number one, that the CinC appointed Strategic Development Committee be continued and made a standing committee by this Encampment. This is the committee which is overseeing our fundraising efforts as a 501(c)(3) and they are therefore critical to our continued progress and success. Recommendation two, the Fraternal Relations Committee be allocated a small budget. I indicated, say \$500.00, to support its efforts. And that the Fraternal Relations Committee job description be modified to show the Fraternal Relations Committee to be allocated that budget and to establish the fact that they are to work with all Allied Orders, Veteran service groups, and hereditary societies to further common

goals and concepts of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Recommendation three, that an appointed position, called Public Affairs Officer, be created and that a job description be written that includes the duties of: issuing press releases for all National activities and events; working with the Signals Officer to produce fifteen, thirty, and sixty second video ads which could be distributed as public service announcements. And that's just the tip of the iceberg of what a PAO could do for us. Number four, that a committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspects, requirements, facility requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Headquarters by the year 2022 and which would bring both our administrative and quartermaster functions under one roof. This committee would be tasked with providing a plan to accomplish the establishment of a permanent National Headquarters by the National Encampment in 2020. I believe that this is a necessary step if we are going to grow and prosper; be recognized as a legitimate and professional heritage organization into the 21st century. And I would also, I don't state it here, but in the next year or so Danny will not be running for Quartermaster. We have for the last thirty years housed our Quartermaster function in somebody's home, in either their spare bedroom or their basement. I think it's time to have a little bit more of a professional touch. But that will be up to you gentlemen today. Recommendation five, that the CinC appointed Communications and Technology Subcommittee on Technology needs at National Headquarters be continued by my successor to complete the work which has begun on updating and enhancing our effectiveness. Recommendation six, National Special Committee on Website Redesign be continued through the year 2021. Recommendation seven, that the CinC appointed committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued by my successor, and continue to work with the Allied Orders to establish future agreements for our joint Encampments. Those are my recommendations. And then the rest of the report is basically outlines where I went, what I did, who I saw. And I don't think we need to read that particular part. Okay. Take a break. Brothers, we will we will recess for fifteen minutes. What time is it?

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

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

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

Excuse me?

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

The Senior Vice still has the gavel. He needs to entertain a motion to accept your report.

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

Joe Hall's right. Next year we're gonna have lower microphones. Brothers, I can't make a motion but one of you can. Entertain a motion the Commander's report be accepted and referred to the appropriate committee.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

So moved.

**Several**

Second.

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

Moved and seconded. Debate? Hearing none, all those in favor, raise your voting cards. Thank

you. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries. Commander, your report is accepted. It is referred to the appropriate committee and per the direction that the Encampment took prior to your presenting that report, all subsequent reports, I understand, will be referred to the appropriate committees. The Guide will approach and return the gavel to the Commander's station.

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

Brother Senior Vice, I have the gavel. Brothers, we will now take a fifteen minute recess, being back at what time? Be back at 11:15.

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother Chaplain, will you exercise your duty?

[three raps, \*\*\*]

(recess)

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother Secretary, will you read the messages that we received?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary, Department of Ohio. We have the following announcements. Brothers of the Department of Ohio, we will have a photo op in front of all the Department flags following or prior to lunch. So if you would please make your way to the Department flags, we'd appreciate it. The vendors' room is open. It is the common room number one at the end of the hall on the right. Please be sure to support these folks who helped us to raise money for this Encampment. Another announcement, Department and Camp Commanders may nominate Camp and Department Chaplains who have done an extraordinary job that is above and beyond the normal activities of such a Chaplain. Please give the name and all pertinent information to National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski. The Masons have a section of the dining room reserved for 12:00 o'clock luncheon. No buffet. Order off the menu. Please meet at the hostess station. And National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, would like to announce and present something to the Encampment.

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

Brother Wheeler.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Dan Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Quartermaster. I won't take up much time. I just want to let everybody know, we have a rare book. It is the Grand Army of the Republic's last journal. And if you want to learn about the GAR, it's in this book. And I was able to get the printer to give me a good deal and they're \$8.00. You'll never find anything better than this book. The other thing is we're having a drawing. We have tickets over here for the Widow Badge. The Widow Badge is gonna go for \$250.00. And it was decided that we wouldn't keep them on the shelf any longer because the

Organization could use the money. So for \$250.00, having twenty-two of them. If anybody wants one, then you take a ticket. And we draw. And then you pay for it and get your Widow Badge. So, if you'd like to do, it's right up here. Thank you. The other thing is I think you all know by now, one more year and I'm done as Quartermaster. It's a decision that I didn't want to make, but I have to. I would like to announce right now, if there's anybody in this room who would be very interested in being a Quartermaster, please come and see me. I'll explain everything. And I can tell you now, it's not a hard job. It's only about forty hours a week. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

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

And your garage or basement or your second bedroom. I'm not dissuading anybody. We need somebody to step up. And if you have any inclination to take that job on, it would please to see the Secretary or myself, Danny. Let us know that you have that interest.

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

Brother Commander? Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I just wanted to let everyone know when we break for lunch, you have some options here in the hotel. There's a buffet just at the end of the hall on the left. They will also be selling box lunches. They're both at set prices inclusive, fairly reasonable. If you want to use the restaurant down in the hotel, it's going to be packed, of course. But, you may want to avoid that. The other thing is there's within walking distance a Wendy's. And on the other side of the highway there's an Indian restaurant and a Dunkin' Donuts. But I wouldn't risk my life crossing the highway.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

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

All right. Gentlemen, a couple of other things. We've only got a short period of time before we break for lunch, so there are a few small detailed things that I've been asked to do. So, I'd like to do them now. The Department of Rhode Island has a young gentleman who has been a member for a while but he has never been initiated. So, if that gentleman and the Department of Rhode Island representatives will come forward, I would be glad to initiate that young man right now.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**(Initiation of Andrew R. Whipple, Department of Rhode Island)**

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

If I could have the Chief of Staff, the Aide, my Aide-de-Camp, and Brother Larry come forward for a moment. This is one of the little duties that we can take care of right now and get out of the way and won't have to mess with later. It was my privilege to have an amazing group of appointed and elected Officers to work with. These are certificates of completion, so to speak, that are going to be given to them. This is like the graduation certificate that says, "My God, we survived." And, a new year will start and some of us will probably remain in positions and others will move on. But if I could have you gentlemen, I will call the name and one of them will come down and meet you right here at the altar. Okay? Brian Pierson. Donald Shaw. Kevin Tucker. Robert Wolz. Robert Petrovic. James Pahl. Danny Wheeler. Henry Shaw. Donald Palmer. James Ward. Michael Paquette. Ed Norris. David McReynolds. Eugene Mortorff. Scott Michaels. Steve Michaels. Pearly Mellor. Brian McManus. James McGuire. Donald Martin. Jonathan Davis. Kevin Martin. James Lyon. Fred Lynch. Charles Lewis. Ed Krieser. Jerome Kowalski. Robert Koenecki. Leo Kennedy. Peter Hritsko. Robert Grimm. Joseph Hall. Ken Freshly. Bruce Frail. Dean Enderlin. Daniel Earl. James Dixon. David Demmy. Donald Darby. Michael Beard. And Paul Davis. In some cases, these gentlemen have received multiple certificates. Gentlemen, these are your elected and appointed Officers. These are the people who make this Organization function. They're the people that do the work of the Committees and the rest of that sort of behind-the-scenes work. So in one case, one of these gentlemen has five jobs. And so he has five certificates. There are multiple people who have two or three. So there are a lot of hard-working people and this is intended to be a small token of recognition. These particular certificates, and I will wrap this up quickly because we're going to lunch in a second or two, these certificates are based on a GAR certificate. I am a old traditionalist, and I like things from the GAR. I found a 13x17 GAR certificate. I purchased it for an obscene amount of money. And I gave it to a woman that I think is one of the behind-the-scenes angels that we have, Cher Petrovic. And she turned it into the form that I've just given out. And it's a very beautiful form. And I hope that you will treasure it and you will keep it. And maybe I'll come to your house someday and I'll see it. Most likely not, but... (laughter)

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

But that is my wish. I would also ask that this afternoon when we come back, if every Officer, elected and appointed Officer, will stop up here at the head table, I have a ribbon, a personalized ribbon, that says, "Staff Year 2017-2018 Appointed and Elected Officer." And I'd like to give you those as an additional gift. So, after we come back from lunch if you would stop here, I will have them in a box and you can take one of them. That and a buck and a half will buy you a cup of coffee. I would hope that some of you might wear them. nAll right, gentlemen. It is 11:58 and the hour for lunch has arrived. Lunch will go from 12:00 to 1:30. We will be back here at 1:30. The gavel will come down at 1:30 or as close to 1:30, say 1:31. But don't be late at 1:32 because we will have started. Okay?

[three raps, \*\*\*]

(recess for lunch)

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]



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

Brother Secretary, you say you have some announcement that need to be made?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Okay, Brothers, first announcement. For tomorrow, the SVR breakfast is in the Ashland Room on the lower level, LL on your elevator button, at 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. This is on Saturday. There are no open seats. Department of Wisconsin, Colonel Hans C. Heg Camp 15 has the Last Soldiers Markers for sale. They actually have them here at the Encampment. Forty dollars for the flat marker. Fifty dollars for the flag holder, marker with rod. And you can see the Department Commander, Brian McManus. he's up here in front. If you see in your program book there's an ad on page 37 of the Encampment book if interested. I think it's the license place holder and a brass belt buckle. And on that you can see David Demmy with the Department of Pennsylvania. Some of you may not be aware that Past Commander-in-Chief Partington is in ill health. Of course, he's been ill with health for many years. We've been discussing this during the Council of Administration meeting. But I have a Brother here who wants to speak on behalf of Past Commander-in-Chief Partington.

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

Come forward, Brother Sosnowski.

**David W. Sosnowski, Department of Maine**

I have a card here and I'd like to pass it around and have you sign it. A lot of you remember Reverend Partington. He was Commander-in-Chief from '87 to '88. And he's ninety-six years old. And I think he was a member for eighty years. He can't get out anymore. He's dependent on his daughter for transportation. After he fell once at a Pennsylvania Encampment, she said, "That's it." So, he doesn't hear from anyone.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

And then, last but not least, if you see that card, yeah, please sign it. He's a very important member of our Organization and it'd be nice to honor him and let him know we're all thinking of him.

**David W. Sosnowski, Department of Maine**

And if you run out of room on the card, there's paper in there so sign the paper.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

And then last but not least, National Historian, Bob Wolz, would like to share a moment of the Son's history and to advise Brothers that the "Grand Army of the Republic Men" is for sale in the Quartermaster store.

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

Brother Wolz. As quickly as you can possibly.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

I learned a long time ago, if you don't know your history, you're destined to repeat it. Well, it's interesting that 110 years ago this year in Framingham, Massachusetts the Sons of Union Veterans organized the Junior Order of Sons under the sponsorship of an adult Camp and it was Camp #1 of the Junior Order. They had their own Constitution, Bylaws and Ritual. And it was for boys consisting in age between twelve and eighteen. And unfortunately, by 1918 it said we had eighteen Junior Camps and 559 Junior members and they considered it failure and it folded. So I'm sure if we got 518 Junior members,

we would be thrilled today. But that started here 110 years ago in 1908. And it's just one of the many stories in this book. I know it sounds like I'm being cheap. I'm not. I, honestly guys, I hocked my 401(k) to publish it. And I have \$10,000.00 worth of books still sitting in my warehouse. So we got a few books to sell. Danny's selling them. And every dollar you give, the Organization makes money on it. So thank you very much.

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

Thank you, Brother Wolz.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

All right, Brothers, we will return to the order of business. I had given my report. We will now continue with the reports of the other elected and appointed Officers. So I will call for the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

Commander, Donald Shaw, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. My report is found page nine of your Encampment reports book. I have no additions, corrections or modifications to that. And there are no recommendations. Thank you, sir.

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

Very good. Thank you. We'll now have the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Edward J. Norris, Junior Vice Commaner-in-Chief**

Edward Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Massachusetts. My report is on page nine. No corrections. No additions.

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

Thank you, sir. We will now have the report of the National Secretary, Jonathan Davis.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary, Department of Ohio. I have one addition to my report. Under Camp applications for permits to form a Camp. Received application from the Department of California and Pacific for the Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp 31. This was approved by the Department Commander on August 1, 2018. This will expire on August 1, 2019. Also be aware you're your voting cards, it's a good idea to put your name on the back of these. So if they're lost, they can be turned in. Name and Department. And would you like me to do the resolutions now as communications?

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

I would ask in a second. Do you have any correspondence that you need to report? That's the resolutions.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I do have some communications received. One is for the Cathedral of the Pines and it's from the Board of Trustees and Executive Director. We get this every year. "To Past Commander-in-Chief Perley," "We are honored to send you this letter and personally thank you for making a difference of the

Cathedral of the Pines. We have been able to open the doors of our beautiful grounds free of charge for seventy-two years and can proudly say that it would not be possible without loyal donors like you. Our founders, Dr. and Mrs. Sloan, created this Cathedral without walls as expression of love for their son, Sandy, who tragically died during World War II. Since then, we have become a place that honors peace, love, nature, and all that who have served our country in the military. People from all over the world visit our grounds to experience the significance of our monuments; to contemplate the grand Monadnock Mountains, or simply to find a peace surrounded by nature. We strive to keep our grounds looking their very best. But it is hard work of the staff and our volunteers that brings such beauty to Cathedral of the Pines. While we continue to clean and revitalize the grounds and monuments, repairs and maintenance are constantly required; hence, every dollar you contribute to our organization is vital and highly appreciated. Our museum is growing. Our website was recently upgraded and now provides a place for veterans can share their stories. We are investing in a new technology so that you can better learn from our history, past and present, when visiting our grounds, and have many exciting projects, new programs, and opportunities ahead. Your continued support will enable us to keep our beautiful facilities looking their shining best. Please make plans to visit us this summer as well as to support the Cathedral as generously as you are able. Your contribution is highly and deeply appreciated.” And this is from Patricia J. Vargas, Executive Director, Cathedral of the Pines, and Jefferson K. Allen, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Cathedral of the Pines. I'll hand this over to the National Treasurer. Received three resolutions from the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. First resolution is to amend the National Constitution, Article 5, Section 2B. The current language is, “Section 2B. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that the action of the last proceeding National Encampment is in violation or in conflict with our Congressional Charter and/or the Constitution or the National Regulations and/or the United States law, he would propose such General Orders to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action, if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or the conflict can be corrected. A 2/3 majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed. The Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation in vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.” They would like to amend this language, and I'm not gonna read the whole thing again unless requested, that on the very first line they would like to strike out the last proceeding...

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

Brother Darby.

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

Commander-in-Chief, as these resolutions are going to be dealt with the C&R Committee, I would recommend we just send those to the C&R Committee and only have to have them read once.

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

I know. I was just thinking the same thing, sir. So what we will do is we will forward these resolutions that are coming from Michigan to the C&R Committee. And the C&R committee will report out on that later today. Brother Secretary, are all of these resolutions going to the C&R?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

One's not.

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

There is one there that's not? Let's read that one then.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Resolution of the Department of Michigan, endorsement of Donald W. Shaw, Past Department Commander, for the office of Commander-in-Chief. "Now comes before the Brothers of the 137th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Framingham, Massachusetts, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan with the following resolution of endorsement of Brother Donald William Shaw, Past Department Commander for their consideration. Whereas, Brother Donald William Shaw, Past Department Commander, is currently honorably serving as the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, having also served in several other elective and appointive National organization positions; and whereas, Brother Shaw has previously honorably served as Commander of the Department of Michigan and has served in most other elective and appointive Department positions; and whereas, Brother Shaw has previously and honorably served as Camp Commander of the Governor Crapo Camp #145, of Flint, and of most other elective and appointive Camp positions; whereas, Brother Shaw is a member of good standing of Governor Crapo Camp #145, of Flint and the Department of Michigan; and whereas, Brother Shaw is a honored and respected Officer of the Court of Flint in Genesee County community. Now therefore, be it resolved that we, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, hereby heartedly endorse our Brother, Donald William Shaw, Past Department Commander, for the election to the office of Commander-in-Chief at the 137th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And be it further resolved that the Department Secretary be directed to spread this endorsement upon the permanent record of the proceedings of the 134th Annual Michigan Department Encampment and a copy of this endorsement be forwarded to our Brothers of the 137th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their informed consideration. Unanimously adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018, at the 134th Annual Michigan Department Encampment held at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, Michigan." And "Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Richard W. Demmy, Department Secretary." And that's all the communications I have received.

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

All right. So we will await the C&R Committee's action on the two resolutions later on rather than reading them twice. And we accept the resolution that was submitted by the Department of Michigan in support of Brother Shaw. If we could have the National Treasurer now.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

National Treasurer's report can be found on pages 11, 12, and 13. I have no additions or corrections to the report. I do have a recommendation that is to go to the Encampment C&R Committee. That can be found at the bottom of page 12 continuing on to the top of page 13. And that recommendation is to add to the C&R at Chapter 3, Article 9, Section 7, reimbursement of expenses. A number ten, which takes that policy and incorporates it into the C&R. And that's a policy dealing with reimbursement of expenses and how we treat advances through the Treasurer's Office. That would also ask to amend B one so that the time frames for submission of expenses for reimbursement are the same for National Committees as they are for the National Officers. That's the recommendation to the Encampment C&R Committee. The other item I want to point out is as per requirements of the C&R, included in your packet beginning on page 77, is a copy of the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017. And we are just beginning with the close, of course, of year ended June 30 2018, so that will be included in the packet next year. So that concludes the Treasurer's report.

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

Okay. And so the Encampment C&R Committee, will take up the recommendation of the Treasurer that is found on page 14. Is that what you said?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

It's at the bottom of page 12 continuing on page 13.

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

On page 12 continuing on to 13. Okay. Good. National Quartermaster's report.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. I have no additions.

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

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

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

Kevin Tucker, Council of Administration. I have no further comments to make. Nothing further to report.

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

Very good. Thank you. Council of Administration member, Brian C. Pierson.

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

Commander, Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration. For the COA meeting last night, the C&R decision was to publish that protocol guidance, not in the Rituals and Ceremonies as recommended here, but in a separate protocol handbook to be published on the National website. Therefore, I'm gonna withdraw this recommendation.

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

Very well. You're withdrawing your recommendation. Is your report complete?

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

My report is complete. No further additions or changes.

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

Thank you. Council of Administration member, Donald L. Martin.

**Donald L. Martin, Council of Administration**

Donald L. Martin, Council of Administration member. Report's on page 14. Nothing further to add, sir.

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

Thank you. Council of Administration member, Michael A. Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette, Department of Chesapeake. My report can be found on page 15. I have no additions, changes, or recommendations.

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

And Council of Administration member Davis. That was a slip. I put my finger over your name and I apologize.

**Paul Davis, Council of Administration**

Completely understood, Commander. Paul Davis, Department of Michigan, Council of Administration. My report is on page 14. It is as submitted. There are no changes.

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

Thank you, sir. Council of Administration member ,Frederick C. Lynch.

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

Fred Lynch, Department of Ohio, Council of Administration. No additions or changes to my report. It stands as written.

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

Thank you very much, Brother. Banner Editor, James B. Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**

James Paul, Editor of *The Banner*. No additions or corrections to my report found on page 16. I would remind the Brothers, the deadline for submission of the fall issue is the last day of this month. And I go to work on the first so if it comes in on the first, it will be in the winter edition. Thank you.

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

All right. Executive Director, David W. Demmy.

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

David Demmy, Executive Director, Hartranft Camp in Pennsylvania. My report begins on 16 and continues on 17. And I have nothing to add.

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

You have a recommendation?

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

Yes, sir. Recommendation number one, licenses. I recommend change the C&R to require all Camps and Departments to have a Assistant Treasurer and/or Assistant Secretary to carry out the duties of the Office in lieu of the primary Treasurer and/or Secretary, as needed. And recommendation two, is to change the C&R to invoke strong disciplinary action against Department Commanders and Department Secretaries who neglect or refuse to file Form 35 on time. Currently, the Department and each Brother within the Department is suspended but no forceful action is invoked against the Commander/Secretary for negligence or for failure to file. Why should a whole Department suffer for the failure of one or two or three Officers that did not carry out a once-a-year responsibility?

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

Very well. Thank you for your report, Brother.

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

Commander-in-Chief. I move that these two recommendations be forwarded to the C&R Committee, as they affect the C&R Committee. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief.

**Unknown**

Second.

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

All right. Who made the second? Okay. Can we do this without objections or do I need to have a debate? A motion has been made to send these two motions to the C&R Committee. Without objection?

[one rap, \*]

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

So moved. Okay. The Assistant National Executive Director, Brother Mortorff.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, Assistant National Executive Director**

No report.

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

No report. Thank you, sir. National Aide-de-Camp, Brother Kevin Martin.

**Kevin L. Martin, National Aide-de-Camp**

Kevin Martin, Department of the Chesapeake, National Aide-de-Camp. I have no additions, no changes, no recommendations.

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

Thank you, Brother. National Organization Expansion Officer, Eric D. Richhart. And he is not present. Does anybody have his report? As there are no recommendations, we will assume that his report is complete and move on. National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski, Department of Illinois. Nothing further to report.

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

Thank you. National Chief of Staff, W. Faron Taylor.

**Unknown**

Commander-in-Chief, he stepped out of the room for a minute so if you could come back to him.

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

I will. We will come back to him. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Bush, is not present. Does anybody have any information that needed to be added? Therefore, we will accept his report as is. There was a recommendation in his report. Brother Secretary, could you read that recommendation so it will have been read?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Recommendation number one, a certificate or award for this type of continued activity which

should be presented to Tom Guard. This is the second year in a row in which he has submitted volumes of records. He received a certificate last year, but has exceeded last year's work for this year. And that's in regards to his, I believe it's his graves registrations, or from the memorials submitted. Let me see what the text is, where he's got that listed at. Yes, number of monuments sent in from the Department of Iowa, I believe.

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

We will refer that to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for action. Without objection? Is there a question? I got it. All right.

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother Faron Taylor, the Chief of Staff's report please.

**W. Faron Taylor, National Chief of Staff**

Yes, sir. Faron Taylor, National Chief of Staff. Nothing to add to the report.

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

Very well. National Color Bearer.

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

Brian McManus, Department of Wisconsin, National Color Bearer. Report's on page 21. No additions or corrections.

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

Thank you, sir. National Counselor Leo F. Kennedy.

**Leo F. Kennedy, National Counselor**

You can go Leo F. Kennedy or Leo Kennedy, either way. Past Commander-in-Chief. My report is on 21, except this has no report so I'm gonna give it to you. There were no major decisions offered over the year. Three opinions were offered to the Commander-in-Chief, whether he accepted them or not is totally up to him. Two Camps sought ideas for opinions and two Departments contacted me as well for opinions. And the reason the report wasn't filed is we were actually making opinions up until late last week. The Commander-in-Chief had copied me. The only question I have is, and I'm not sure if this should go to the National Counselor or not, but I don't believe you can rule "harmonious Encampment" out of order.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Leo F. Kennedy, National Counselor**

But that's up to you, sir. Thank you.

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

Thank you very much, Brother Leo. All right. The Assistant National Counselor, Donald E. Darby.



**Donald E. Darby, Assistant National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I have nothing to add to my report.

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

Thank you. And actually, thank you very, very much. My Counselors earned their stipend or whatever it is, there is nothing in their paychecks this year. They definitely earned them. All right. Assistant National Counselor Blue Book, James B. Pahl.

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

James Pahl. Another one of my jobs, Assistant National Counselor Blue Book. I edit the Constitution and Regulations so all the annotations appear so that you can find in place everything you need to know that answers your question. The problem is, as I said in my report, 2015, 2016, 2017 transcripts or Encampment proceedings have not been published. So I cannot update the C&R. And working with Ed Krieser, who is the Editor, putting together a team of Brothers to help get that job done and get those proceedings published so that I can do my job and get the regulations updated so that we have all the rulings and everything properly annotated and noted. If anyone's willing to help in that project, see myself or Rob Payne who's Commander, Department of Michigan, is gonna be helping me with that. I would like to put together a little team. I think with four or five guys, it'll go real quick and we can get this done.

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

Thank you. National Eagle Scout Coordinator, Brother James Lyon.

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

James Lyon, Department of Illinois, National Eagle Scout Coordinator. My report, you'll see in here. One thing I would draw your attention to with the change in the Boy Scouts of America and allowing females into the program, we need to look at our certificate that we present.

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

All right. National GAR Records Officer. Excuse me. Missed somebody. National GAR Highway Officer, Peter Hritsko.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Pete Hritsko, Department of Ohio, GAR Highway Officer. I would like to add to the report due to the fact, I see that the report is on page 22 which is incompletely printed for whatever reasons, Departments that were in contact with the Department GAR Officers from Rhode Island, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Colorado, Utah, Iowa, and also contents that pertain to U.S. Route 6 the updates of what was going on. Also, the fact was that people aren't familiar with Vermont, Route 15, which is called the Grand Army Republic Highway. I report this, gentleman, as well. It was established in 1920 to the present date. That's what I'd like to add to my report.

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

And if you would provide that data.

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

I will provide that data and send it to Jonathan as well, the complete report.

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

Then we will add it. We need it in writing. National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer, Department of California and Pacific. You'll find my report, beginning on page 22. We have no recommendations and there are no additions or corrections.

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

Very well. National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail.

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

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island. I have no report. But, I have been asked to throw the words "harmonious Encampment" to you by Leo Kennedy for a cigar. And I will do anything for a cigar.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

All right. National Guard, Charles Lewis.

**Charles F. Lewis, National Guard**

First, I'm honored to be here and I plan to perform my best. This is my fourth Encampment and I've thoroughly enjoyed all of them. I appreciate everybody's appointments.

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

Very good. I appreciate your willingness to accept the appointment in the middle of the year and to be such an effective part of the Encampment here today.

**Charles F. Lewis, National Guard**

Thank you.

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

You're welcome, sir.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

So for those of you that may not know Charlie, he's a resident of the Chelsea Soldiers' Home in Chelsea. He started a Camp there. And he's the Camp Commander of Chelsea Soldiers' Home which was started by the Grand Army of the Republic after the war and ran by them until the 1920's when it was turned over to the State. So we're really proud of Charlie and all his efforts.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Just as a piece of explanation, in the middle of the year, the Guard was unexpectedly needed to be replaced. No fault to the gentleman who had been the Guard. He had a situation that came up and he needed to be replaced. And I contacted Brother Kevin. And Brother Kevin recommended Charlie. And we thought, "Well, this would be a very appropriate position." I would ask that the incoming leadership consider retaining that appointment but that's just a request. All right. Let's see. National Guide, Robert F. Koenecke.

**Robert F. Koenecke, National Guide**

Robert F. Koenecke, National Guide, Department of Wisconsin. My report is as stands.

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

Thank you, sir. National Historian, Robert J Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Robert Wolz, Past Department Commander of Ohio. My report is on page 23, and there are no additions.

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

Thank you, sir. National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, my good friend, Perley E. Mellor, Past National Commander-in-Chief.

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

Perley Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief, no additions or corrections. My report's on page 24, I believe it is.

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

I am aware that Jeffrey C. Burden, our MOLLUS rep is not present. His report will go as stands. National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French, is also not present. His report will go as stands. National Legislation Officer, Daniel R. Earl.

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

Daniel Earl, Department of California/Pacific, National Legislation Officer. My report is on page 25 and I have nothing further to report.

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

Thank you, sir. By the way, I found your report very interesting reading and you were very detailed. Thank you very much for such a fine report. Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond, is not present. His report will go as written. Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large, James B. Pahl.

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

I lost track where I'm at. Page 28. No additions to that report.

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

Very well. National Secretary for Proceedings, Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward Krieser.

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

Nothing to add.

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

Very good.

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

National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire.

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

James McGuire, Department Commander of Rhode Island, National Signals Officer. Report's on page 28 and 29, and possibly 30. Nothing to add.

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

Nothing to add to any of those, all three of them. Right?

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

Correct.

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

Okay. Assistant National Treasurer #2, Michael Beard.

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

Mike Beard, Assistant National Treasurer #2, nothing to report.

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

Okay. Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs. Michael is not present. His report will stand as printed. Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max Newman, is not present. His report will stand as printed. National Washington DC Representative, Lee D. Stone, not present. Report will stand as written. National Webmaster, we'll bring back Brother McGuire.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

James McGuire, Department Commander of Rhode Island, National Webmaster. The reason that the other report was three pages is because it was a combined report of the Signals Officer and the Webmaster. No additions or changes.

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

Thank you very much. Assistant National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Ken L. Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief.

**Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster for Quatermaster Store**

Ken Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. No report, sir.

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

Very well. Assistant National Quartermaster, George Shadman. Brother Shadman is not with us. He has a recommendation. I will ask the Secretary to read the recommendation.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Recommendation number one, as the guy who has to process the awards, I endorse 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 request as many as five awards this past year. Our Organization cannot afford to accommodate that kind of request, if all the schools submitted multiple Form 7's. Thankfully, when I explained our guidelines, all have been understanding. Please keep this in the program. Recommendation number two, on the Forms #7, please consider retitling 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 to the applicant. Also, at the top of the page, eliminate the part that says "the individual Form 7 must be submitted for each cadet, no exceptions." That goes against the guidelines of one cadet per school per branch of service and again causes confusion to the applicant. Recommendation number three, I have received many requests from schools for presenters from our Organization to come to graduation or banquets to personally hand out our awards to the cadet who is receiving it. What an opportunity for our Organization. However, I must rely on contact information on the Department website that is linked to the National website. With that, I beg that each Department please keep the information on your Department website current, especially Officers' contact information.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief Department of Ohio. I would recommend that recommendation one and two that were submitted be passed to the Programs and Policy Committee and that recommendation number three be forwarded to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for action. Thank you.

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

Brother Darby, if you'd stay there for a second. I believe we handled last night in the Council of Administration recommendation number one.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

second the rest of it.

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

Brothers, let me clarify. Last night at the Council of Administration, we reaffirmed the one school, one medal per program. And that is already planned to be into the documents for the P&P Committee. We can do as Brother Darby said and forward both recommendation one and two to the P&P Committee. And if there is no objection, I will do that now.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

I'm gonna raise a point of order. James Pahl, Parliamentarian. We already have a motion that has been passed that refers this type recommendation to an Encampment Committee. I recommend we allow that Committee to do their job.

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

Okay. Then we will move on. We'll move on and we'll allow the Committee to handle the recommendation. Thank you. All right. National Standing Committees. National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation, Edward J. Norris.

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

Ed Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Massachusetts. My report is on

page 34. One note, I have sent a change to the C&R and that is at the C&R Committee.

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

Okay. All right. And your recommendations, did you read those?

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

There was no recommendations.

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

Well...okay. I'm sorry. I'm looking at the next one. National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Brian C. Pierson.

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

Brian C. Pierson, Past Department Commander, Georgia/South Carolina, dual member Oklahoma. I have one addition to make to the report. We received an additional grant request from Alabama for a monument there. It arrived too late in the year to be processed this year so it will be deferred until next year. I also have one recommendation. This was in response to a grant request that came in for whether the last soldier grave markers are eligible for grant requests. And the committee discussed it. We did not really come to a resolution on whether they're eligible or not. So basically were looking for ruling on whether the standardized last veteran grave markers are eligible for grants. Prior to the standardization of these grave markers, the Committee had awarded a few grants for bronze tablet style markers, less than half a dozen of them. With the adoption of the standardized markers, it is expected that demand will grow. The Committee recommends that the standardized markers be eligible for grants up to a set limit.

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

Okay.

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

That's the first one. The second recommendation, the Committee recommends an increase of \$1,000.00 in its annual budget for a total of \$13,000 per year. The last couple of years we've run out of money.

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

Okay, those will be going to the appropriate Committee to be reviewed.

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

This concludes my report. I have no other additions.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief.

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

Yes, sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

This is not an Officer's Report. These are Committee Reports. And their recommendations come directly to the floor of the Encampment for action as the report is made.

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

All right. Therefore, we have the recommendation. Could you go back to the mic, Brother Pierson? I would like you to read the recommendations again and we can take them up one at a time.

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

All right. Recommendation number one. The Committee recommends that the standardized Last Veteran Grave Markers be eligible for grants from the Monuments Grant Committee.

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

All right. Gentlemen, the recommendation is before the body.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, I'm James Pahl, again as Parliamentarian. Recommendations from a Committee come in the form of a motion already, so no one has to make a motion. The recommendation is the motion and they do not require a second.

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

That's what I thought.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Just to correct some Brothers because I heard some mumblings and motion and second. They come on the floor as a motion. Do not require a second. So, it is open for discussion.

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

Brother Darby.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I first have a question. What is the cost first off, what does this thing look like and what's the cost?

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

If I may ask Brother McManus to step forward. This is not a paid advertisement for his markers. This motion came up as a response to an inquiry from one of the grant applications.

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

Brian McManus, Department of Wisconsin. The markers are the same size and weight, these are brass, as the standard GAR markers. On it, it says, "Last Union Veteran buried in this county." Because we had a lot of talk back and forth about, you know, this guy was living here then he died and he was buried somewhere else. Each county has one Last Veteran Buried here. So these are flat markers suitable for attaching either to the stone, which we don't care for. The method of attachment to these was we get a 12 x 12 marble piece...a tile, and underneath that is a bigger block that we drill through both of them. And then you cut a little section out in front of the grave and place it in. If it's a high-traffic area and you're worried about it, you can put some quickrete in there and that way they're stuck. The other style is a flag holder style like the regular GAR's. These are \$45.00 for the flat ones, \$55.00 for the flag holder style and that includes the shipping. If anybody wants to buy some here, I'll give you \$5.00 off because I don't have to ship them.

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

Commander-in-Chief, I stand in opposition to this recommendation. This is basically saying that we're going to pay for our own plaque. First off, I started the Last Soldier Project in the Department of Ohio when I was Department Commander. Part of the thing was to raise money from the rest of the community to help support this. Basically we're paying, it's us producing it, us paying for it and then giving it away, based on this recommendation. If the Camp can't afford \$40.00 bucks, they need to do some collecting somewhere. I stand in strict opposition to this. I feel that the Camp should be able to raise the money on their own. And I don't think we should do it.

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

Is there any other discussion?

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

I would just like to respond to that. The request that came in individually, yes, they are only \$40.00 in aggregates when you have aggressive grave marking programs. One request that came in was \$1,000.00 to help. And they had paid for some of it. They were looking for a grant to cover the rest. So the costs can add up, that is all I'll say about that.

**Donald L. Martin, Council of Administration**

Don Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I just kind of question on your meaning with the use of standardization. These things are not necessarily a requirement, you know, this is what we do now, standardize. You can still purchase the big brass plaques and things like that. I just wanted to clarify that these markers are not a requirement to use as far as standardization. Thank you.

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

That is correct.

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

Was that a for or against?

**Donald L. Martin, Council of Administration**

It was just for information.

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

Okay. Is there any other discussion? Is there any other discussion? Then we will move to the vote. Using your voting cards. Yes, if you vote yes, you are agreeing to the recommendation. If you vote no, you are denying or saying no to the recommendation. Is everybody clear? All right. Using your voting cards, all those in favor with a yes vote, please raise your card. All right, put them down. All those voting no, raise your card. It is the opinion of the chair that the no's win.

[one rap, \*]

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

Fair enough. All right. Recommendation number two, based on the amounts of grant applications that have been received every year, the Committee recommends an increase of \$1,000.00 in its annual budget for total of \$13,000.00 per year.



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

Is there any discussion? Brother Martin.

**Donald L. Martin, Council of Administration**

Don Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. A couple of questions. One is, was all the money used this year?

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

Yes. And last year.

**Donald L. Martin, Council of Administration**

Okay. So there's not been any of the extras to go out to the other things?

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

There's no other extras for the remaining disbursements.

**Donald L. Martin, Council of Administration**

So that's pretty much what this is based on? The request?

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

Correct.

**Donald L. Martin, Council of Administration**

All right. Thank you, Commander.

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

Yes, sir. Brother Pahl.

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

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, a question for Mr. Pierson. Are there reserve funds in the grant program?

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

That's an interesting question. I know I have a budget of \$12,000.00, the Committee does, and we used it up.

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

I'd like to point out that when that fund was originated, the authorization was to expend the money up to the exhaustion of the fund. So I think that gives authority for your Committee to spend reserves each year. And I just wonder if you are aware of that or if you'd considered that.

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

I had. But I couldn't tell you how much is in the reserve funds now and that if there's any left.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

I'll tell you in just a second.

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

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I guess the big question is, "Where's the grand coming from?" If you're gonna ask for the money, tell us which fund it's supposed to come out of. If you have a reserve, you know, and what Jim said was correct. When the fund was set up, once again I started that, it was to the exhaustion of the fund. So if you ran out of money, they get to apply next year. You ran out of your \$12,000.00. So that you know, we don't need to rob Peter to pay Paul.

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

I would take it that is no. That is an against. Brother.

**Sumner G Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, Senior Vice Commander. I'm speaking for this amendment. As you can see that there were occasions where there was additional funds needed, and yet they were rejected because they expended all funds.

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

Thank you. That's one for and one against and there was a question. Is there any other discussion? Is there any other discussion?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Let answer the question. There are intercompany receivable in the fund for \$23,000.00. So that would be the reserves.

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

That is the reserve.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

The per capita is producing slightly over \$12,000.00 per year.

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

Okay. All right. Is there any additional discussion now that the number has been stated?

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

No. Now that we have that number, I'm gonna withdraw that recommendation.

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

It is your privilege to withdraw the recommendation.

[one rap, \*]

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

The recommendation is withdrawn. All right. We're on what...4-3, 4.3? National Committee on Civil War Memorials. Walt Busch is not present. He has no recommendations; so therefore, we will consider that report of that Committee as written. National Communications and Technology, James P. McGuire.

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

James McGuire, Department Commander Rhode Island; chair, Communications Technology.

Combined and report from pages 28 to 30. And no changes or recommendations at this time.

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

Very well. All right, gentlemen, we will be recessing. I will give you ten minutes and hopefully that means you'll be here in fifteen. So, Chaplain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[recess]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother Secretary, you have some announcements that need to be made?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I have a couple announcements. I have a receipt for Brother Sumner Hunnewell for purchase of forty-eight membership cards and so on and so forth. So if you can come up after the meeting or at the end of break at the end of the day. Never mind.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

All members of the Department of Rhode Island, please meet at the flags for a Department photo at the next break which should be the end of the day. And Department of Massachusetts wants to let you know that polos are selling fast and there are fewer sizes available. They have small, medium, and some large and a few extra-large left, but you should purchase your polo soon. Thank you.

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

Brothers, there's going to be a slight adjustment to the order of the reports. The C&R Committee chairman asked if I would use that power I gave myself this morning when I gave you the instructions to adjust the agenda in order to move his report to the end of the Committee reports so that if there were any other items that were to come up, they would be able to deal with them effectively. So we will skip over, for the moment, the report of the Constitution and Regulations Committee and we will move to the National Committee on eBay Surveillance, Brother Dixon. And as Brother Dixon is not present and he has no recommendations, his report will be accepted as written. The National Encampment Site Committee, Kevin P. Tucker, Past Department Commander.

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

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee. My report can be found on pages 41 to 43. And because I didn't call it a *recommendation*, it's actually called a *proposal* at the end, it wasn't listed. But, I would move that a fund of \$1,500.00 per year be established in the National budget in order to provide funding for Committee Site visits as part of the due diligence in considering a proposal to host a National Encampment. Committee members can usually obtain comped lodging in one of the three hotels that we're visiting within an area, but have

been funding our own flights, rental cars, meals, and other associated costs.

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

We will need that recommendation in writing delivered to the Secretary.

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

I just want to be clear. Because I said *proposal* instead of *recommendation*?

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

All right. So, you're changing that to a recommendation.

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

Yes.

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

All right. Yes, you may. Brothers, the National Treasurer has something he wants to address in relation to this particular report.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

You use the fact that we obtain comped rooms when we're visiting hotels that we might end up contracting with. We can't receive something for free in advance of contracting with an organization. That's quid pro quo, would be a violation of 501(c)(3). So we'd have to pay for our hotel rooms when we're visiting. It's just not allowed. May be another reason why we need to consider putting some money in the budget.

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

In that case, I would amend my motion to \$2,500.00.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

All right. So the recommendation will now read \$2,500.00. The 501(c)(3) rules are very specific. We cannot take a quid pro quo. If our auditors discover that, they will red flag that all over the place. We cannot take comp like that, because it makes it look like you're in bed with the people that you're purchasing your services through. Okay? Does everybody understand that?

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

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I have two questions, one for Brother Kevin and one for the Treasurer. You ask for funding. Should he not be asking for reimbursement rather than funding because if he ask for funding, then your reporting it on your income tax as income? And I just want that clarified before we screw the pooch on this.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

I think that's good clarification. I think that any expense that we pay requires receipts, original receipts. And so it is a reimbursement that we would be doing. And so it'd be a line item in the budget for \$2,500.00 to cover reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

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

What he said.

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

Obviously there's not enough going on guys... Okay. So, have you got that correctly worded now for our benefit?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I just changed the word *funding* to *reimbursement*, and of course, \$2,500.00 from \$1,500.00.

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

I think we can remove, on the third line down after committee members, we can remove that where it says "can usually obtain comped lodging."

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Yes.

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

Brothers, I will interject. I will add this. If they're not going to be able to get comped rooms, because that's a quid pro quo, and that may be the way that the cost has been reduced in the past, then I just leave it to you. Is there any other discussion? Is there any other discussion? Seeing no other discussion, if you vote yes, you're approving this new line item of \$2,500.00 that will be added to the budget. If you vote no, you are disapproving. Using your voting cards, all Brothers who are voting yes to approve this request, please signify by raising your card. Put them down. All Brothers voting no, by same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

In the opinion of the chair, the yeses have it.

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

Thank you, Brothers. Thank you, Commander.

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

All right. National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Brother Kevin Martin.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin, Department of Chesapeake, Fraternal Relations chair. I have no additions, no changes, one recommendation. The Committee recommends that the National Encampment Site Committee chair establish a line of communication with the DUVCW for the formation of joint Conventions/Encampments starting in 2021.

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

Is there any discussion on this recommendation? Is there any discussion on this recommendation? Brother Paquette.

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

Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake, Council member, Council of Administration. Commander, question to you. Would this fall under the cognizance of the Committee that you established this year for communications, interactions with the Allied Orders?

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

No. The specific tasking that was allocated to that C&C appointed Committee dealt strictly with negotiating the terms of joint National Encampments. It did not have anything to do with fraternal relations with regard to repeated or continued contact.

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

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

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

Is there any other discussion? Brother Martin.

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

Don Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Commander, I would submit that this might be something that should be under the direction of the incoming Commander-in-Chief. And if he should choose to do that himself or appoint some of the Committee to do that, I think it should be at his discretion. So I would oppose this.

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

Okay, that's one in opposition. Is there any other discussion? Brother Tucker.

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

That's the other guy. Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I will say that, you know, we already have a line of communications on this Encampment. And, I plan on keeping that going and making improvements in that. So, along with your discussions of how to put the Daughters into our Allied Orders Encampment and those lines of communication that I have, I have really positive outlook on how things are going to turn out. So, I am for the motion.

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

Very well. So I would say that that is one for. Okay. So we have one in opposition and one for. Is there any other discussion? Is there any other discussion? Then Brothers, if you vote yes, you are voting to have the National Site Committee establish connections with the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War for the purposes of a future, not joint but co-located Encampment. If you vote no, you are saying you are rejecting that. So, all Brothers who are voting yes, by using your voting cards, please raise your hand. All Brothers voting no. The ayes have it. It is approved. National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, chair, National Committee on GAR Records and also a National GAR Records Officer. Our Committee report begins on page 44. It is fairly lengthy because we have begun to tabulate Departments who have established their Departmental GAR Records Officer. So, I'd encourage all Departments to review that table. If there any changes or additions, please come to me at some point and let me know. I encourage you, for anyone who does not yet have that Office filled, to do so in the next year. It would really help us out for communications. My report ends on page 47.

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

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

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

Bob Petrovic, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. Report's on page 47, Nothing to add or subtract. Stands as written.

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

Very well. By the way, I'll make an observation. I've been to the Tomb ceremony five times now in the last six years. And it is very well done. And I recommend people that attend that, if at all possible. National Committee on Membership, Edward J. Norris.

**Edward J. Norris, National Committee on Membership**

Ed Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. My report was rolled up into my Officer's Report, which was on page 9. No additions or corrections.

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

Very well. National Committee on Program and Policy, Donald W. Shaw, PDC.

**Donald W. Shaw, National Committee on Program and Policy**

Commander, Donald Shaw, chair, the Program and Policy Committee. Our report stands as presented.

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

Thank you very much, Brother Shaw. National Committee on Scholarships. I wanted to say, many of you may or may not know that Brother Gene Turner, who is the Committee chairman on this, passed away February-ish of this past year. Brother Mortorff stepped up to the plate and took it over. And I would ask him now to make his report. Microphone and tell us who you are and why you're there.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Committee on Scholarships**

I don't have a list of the individuals who won. There were two selected out of it. One of them sitting right over there. If he would stand and introduce himself. You can use the microphone.

**John Palmer, Department of Missouri**

My name is John Palmer, Department of Missouri. I'm going to be a freshman in college this fall. I'm going to the University of Alabama, majoring in engineering in the honors college. Thinking about going to law school after or possibly even engineering graduate school. Yet to see.

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

Stay right there. Brothers, I want you to give a round of applause and appreciation for this young man who has a significant tie to this grand Organization of ours. I believe his last name is Palmer and I believe the guy with the hair...

**Encampment**

Applause, ...(laughter)...

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

...has something to do with him. So, I want to take a moment to congratulate you personally. I read the paperwork that was submitted as well. Past Commander-in-Chief Mortorff had sent that on to me. You are going to be a very great representative for the SUVCW to send off to college. I don't think we could've spent our scholarship money any more effectively. So, congratulations. Godspeed. And even though you're going to the wrong college...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Committee on Scholarships**

Commander-in-Chief, we have the information on the second individual right here.

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

And if we could have that.

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

Bill Fischer, Graves Registration Officer, Department of Pennsylvania and member of Griffin Camp #8. I had the pleasure of writing a letter of recommendation for Barrett Young, who is a member of Humboldt Camp #9, Department of Kansas. I had the honor of welcoming him into our Order. I knew him when I was the Historian at Fort Scott National Historic Site in southeast Kansas with the National Park Service. I've since been promoted and transferred to Steamtown in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and glad to be back to my native Pennsylvania. However, Barrett Young has been volunteering at Fort Scott and Fort Larned in central Kansas. That site was on the Santa Fe Trail. And he has given thousands of hours. He had attended Fort Scott Community College for his first two years. This past year, he completed a year at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, without an *h*, in far southeast Kansas, also, a mining area. And he'll be a senior this year at Pittsburg State. But he is an absolutely outstanding young man who has helped me with multiple programs when I was at Fort Scott dealing with, not only the Civil War, but the pre-Civil War, the Mexican War. And again, these two young gentleman are tremendous assets to our Order. Thank you.

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

Thank you for that fine report, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brother Mortorff, you have something more you'd like to say?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Committee on Scholarships**

Yes, I took the job because it was like an emergency situation. We had to have somebody. We had to have it right now. And my agreement was I was just to do this job for this one time. I have made my recommendations to the incoming Commander-in-Chief as to who should replace me.

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

Thank you very much. Gentlemen, this is...this is a fine example of the good work that our Order can do and does do. These are fine young men. And while we're talking here about young men,



I've been informed that there is another fine young man. Brother Tucker has brought this young man to my attention. Brother Iain Knight of the LA Tiff Camp #15, Department of Massachusetts, who became an Eagle Scout today. at noon. He is here with us fulfilling his obligation as a Brother of the Order this afternoon. And I appreciate his diligence and his commitment and the part of a very fine Color Guard that we had here. So, thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

All right. National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Brother Palmer. So fitting that you would be next.

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

Now you get the wrong end of the Palmer family, so...

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

I just wanted to make a comment about that. I don't know how many of you know this but at the University of Alabama, it was, during the Civil War, a training facility for Confederate Officers. And it was informally known as the West Point of the Confederacy. And when the Union army went through on its way to Selma to destroy the arsenal down there, it burned the campus. And so when he applied and they saw organization Sons of Union Veterans, we had to sign a voucher that we would not burn the campus again.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Son, just take a pillowcase and go up to the dining hall and tell them that you will be collecting the silver as soon as dinner is over.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Okay, moving on. So, the Committee on Promotion and Marketing, my report's on pages 51 to 53. There are no changes to the report, no recommendations. But I did want to make a comment and this follows the comments made by the Commander-in-Chief this morning about public awareness of our Organization. It accentuates the need for this Committee to increase public awareness. Unfortunately, you know, we haven't moved very fast on that Committee and that's a function of its leadership. Unfortunately, my job demands have tended to increase ever since I was Commander-in-Chief and it doesn't seem like there's going to be any slow down until I retire. In fact, my employer basically says there is no such thing as a slide down to retirement. So, that's the message I got. As such, I did notify the one acknowledged candidate for Commander-in-Chief that if he is elected that I wish to step down from the Committee leadership position because the effectiveness of that Committee is a function of its

leadership. And as such, stepping down in favor of somebody that does have the time to put forth what needs to be done for this Committee, because it's not a trivial a job. It does require a significant amount of time to do the job right. And so for that reason, in order for this Committee moving forward, I made that recommendation. I do understand that if elected he does have a candidate for that chairmanship, so we should be in good shape for this Committee moving on. Thank you.

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

And Brother Palmer, please stay there for a second. I want to thank you very much for two things. One, for when you were Commander-in-Chief, having the vision to put together the 2020 plan and establishing some of the parameters that we are still working with and trying to do, trying to move the Order forward. And I would also like to thank you for your commitment and your time and your dedication that you have put into the effort of Promotions and Marketing up to this point. And I wish you, as I would say in the Navy, fair winds and a following sea. National Committee on Vision, Planning, Brian C. Pierson. And there is a recommendation.

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

That was a very good segue. Brian Pierson, Past Department Commander, Georgia/South Carolina, chairman of the Committee. The report stands as written. I would like to note that with your comments this morning on recruiting and retention, I think the Committee, when we looked at what we got, we need to come up with some other initiatives to help spur Brothers to recruit and retain. I've seen in other organizations, where they offer incentives, tangible incentives, to members for when they recruit additional members into those organizations. So the recommendation that came out of that for growth and leadership, and I've talked with Danny about and he has no objection; he understands the need to grow, is that we establish a program with the Quartermaster, I'm gonna review the wording here a little bit, to establish a \$5.00 voucher for the Quartermaster store awarded to the recruiter of each new member, or perhaps with a significant anniversary of membership, maybe every five years or something like that.

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

All right. Is there any discussion?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, acting as not only Parliamentarian but a nonprofit tax attorney. This is starting down the slippery slope of benefiting our members with the assets of our Organization which would violate the tenets of a nonprofit corporation, where the income or benefits cannot directly benefit the members. It's a minor amount but it's starting down that slippery slope that we're going to benefit members with our income. That's not appropriate. The IRS may ignore small amounts, but it doesn't make it right. I'm going to ask the Commander-in-Chief to rule that out of order. It'd be a violation of federal law.

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

Okay.

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

May I just respond? Is if the other organization I've seen, and their national organizations, are also 501(c)(3)'s.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Well, I don't have anything to do with them. I have a lot to do with this. They can do what they want to. But I want to see us do it right and above board so there's no cause for reproach.

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

As we are in an infancy status with this process of 501(c)(3), it would probably be best for us if we maintain as low a profile as possible and make as few miscalculations as possible. Therefore I rule your recommendation out of order.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay. Second recommendation, which you can also rule out order, but it was your idea.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

Earlier this year, Brothers, if you look at recommendation number two, Commander-in-Chief found an old good citizenship certificate awarded in the 1930's by the Sons of Union Veterans to schools. He asked that we look at resurrecting that and possibly doing that here as well. It's a great idea. Certificate was designed. There were some guidelines and bylaws to establish the criteria for the award, a certificate and a lapel pin. The Committee again, in terms of engaging the outside organizations to increase our visibility, recommends that we adopt the good citizenship award as soon as possible. This would not replace the ROTC award or the Eagle Scout award but supplement it especially to those students who are not eligible if they are not in ROTC or if they're not in scouting.

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

Thank you. Okay. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Brothers, if you are going to vote yes, you are approving and saying that we will establish this certificate. If you vote no, we will not be establishing the certificate. All those Brothers who are voting yes, please signify with your voting card by raising your hand. And drop them. All those Brothers who are voting no, please raise your hand. In the opinion of the chair, the yes and the ayes have it.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay. Committee on Graves Registration, Brother Bruce Frail.

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

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island, National Graves Registration Officer. I again did not submit a report. And I was asked in the last break why we do not submit reports, and it's because we had pending expenditures that we needed to rectify prior to the report being able to be written. Those recommendations because the contract was created by the Council of Administration, I will bring to the Council of Administration on Sunday.

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

Thank you very much. And I applaud you and I thank you if you have actually produced or

gotten the paperwork we need so that we can move forward and take care of this.

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

As of yet I still have not been given that paperwork and that's where I want to make a recommendation that we send a letter to the contractor to have him either submit the paperwork within a timeframe or cancel the contract.

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

And we will then bring that up at the Council of Administration. Thank you very much, Brother Bruce. Okay. The next one, National Committee on History, Brother Wolz again.

**Robert Wolz, National Committee on History**

Bob Wolz, Past Department Commander of Ohio. And I already gave my report on page 23.

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

Thank you. Continuing, we will now move to the special Committees. The National Encampment Credentials Special Committee report, Brother Joe Hall.

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

Commander-in-Chief, I have no additions to my report. However, I would like five minutes to talk to the body.

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

You may have five minutes.

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

Gentlemen, this is the size of the credential card. This is a postage stamp. Okay? Next year, I will accept this. Department of Indiana, I strongly suggest you talk to your Secretary cause next year you'll be wasting your money coming to the Encampment. They can be printed four on a page, not eight, off the website on card stock. Form 49. For Indiana, all members of the Department of Indiana were elected as alternate delegates at the 2018 Annual Encampment. That is unacceptable. It does not tell me if they are in good standing. The phrase that needs to be put on the Form 49, please jot this down, "All Brothers of this Department in good standing at the time of this Encampment are elected as alternates." Department of California, in parentheses after the elected new delegates, "Department delegates/alternates in good standing." You've already elected you delegates. Missouri, quote, "As recorded in the 2018 Department Encampment minutes, all members of the Department are elected as delegates." No. You're only allowed so much. Department of Nebraska, "All other Nebraska Brothers except PDC and CDC voted as alternates with no delegates voted on." I had one Department elect only two alternates. If you do that next year, I don't care how many alternates show up, you're getting two. Okay? Tired of this. Elect your delegates and put that other phrase I just said. Thank you.

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

Brother Joe has written to me on several occasions this year with regard to these issues with the Form 49. It is imperative that we elect delegates at our Annual Encampments in the Departments and that the Form 49's reflect properly the delegates who were elected. If you are in your Department Encampment, and you have twenty people there and you rate twenty delegates, elect your twenty delegates and list their names on the form as delegates. And then do as Joe said and put down, "All other Brothers in good standing are elected as alternates." It's not that hard. And it certainly is...it makes it

very difficult for the Credentials Committee to properly prepare for the Encampment if they don't have the correct information on the Form 49. So, I applaud Brother Joe for taking the five minutes to say that.

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

Commander-in-Chief, one more item. And for you Departments that like to put down the PDC's under you delegates, you're wasting a lot of space. They're already automatic. Okay? So, don't include them in your delegate count. You're wasting your own time. You should be electing another delegate. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother Joe. Brother Darby.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Department of Ohio. The other that Joe didn't mention, he showed it to me. Some of the Departments are using the Form 2, from 1993. There is a 2-A that's been out since 2007. If you don't use the right form, he's got a right say it's an illegal form and not accepted. That's laziness, just plain simple laziness that you have not checked. It's on the Internet. All you have to do is have card stock and hit print. And you hit print two or three more times. I wouldn't even read the damn thing if it came to be this big. So, do the guy a favor. Use a right form and quit being lazy.

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

Brother McGuire.

**James P. McGuire, National Webmaster**

Jim McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, National Signals Officer and Webmaster. Just a follow-up on what Past Commander-in-Chief Darby was saying. There is a website that is current with all current SUVCW forms. If you go to SUVCW.org and go to the governance and forms tab, that is where current forms are. A lot of people have shortcuts and hotlinks in your toolbars that go to pages with forms that are a decade old. You need to go to the current website and the current governance and forms page to get your forms and then you will not be in a position with these or any other forms that will get you in a tricky situation. So thank you very much.

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

And to say one more thing on this from my point. We had a lot of trouble with Memorial University during the year. And we found that the problem was that people were using Google search, then they'd go in to Google toolbar and they'd type in *Memorial University SUVCW*. And that took them to our website which was still in existence that we haven't used in ten years. The website was still there. It has since been taken down. If you go there now, you'll get a 404 error. But it was still there. We have rectified that. But as they said, if you have a hotlink or you are using old data, you got something that you saved. That may not be the most current form and you need to use the SUVCW.org website to get the correct forms. Allot of people have trouble with our website. The one thing that you must be able to do is be able to go to the last link tab on that thing and hit the word *governance*. And on that page is 95% of everything you as a Department or a Camp need to know. You don't have to navigate it much. Go to it. Hit *governance* and then you should be able to find everything that you need. We shouldn't be making it harder for our people to do their jobs and then complain about them not getting it done right. Okay. National Committee on the Memorial University Redesign. Stephen A. Michaels.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen A. Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Wisconsin, chair of the Committee. Report is on page 55 and 56. And stands as presented. Thank you.

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

Thank you very much, Brother Michael. All right. The National Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, Jerome L. Orton, PDC. He is not here. I will ask the Secretary to read the recommendation that was in his report.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

There were two recommendations. Recommendation number one, Irene Triplett made honorary member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Helen Jackson be made honorary member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Other widows have been made honorary members and we should do this for Helen Jackson. Recommendation number two, nephews and nieces of the first generation after the veterans be recognized like Real Sons and Daughters.

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

All right. Let's take this recommendation one first. This would be the recommendation that deals with honorary membership for these two ladies, these two widows. Is there any discussion? is there any discussion?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief.

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

Sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, Parliamentarian. I read to you from our National Constitution. "The Commander-in-Chief, upon the recommendation of a Camp, Department, or the Council of Administration, and with the approval of the Council of Administration, may grant honorary memberships to persons of acknowledged eminence, who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America, who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order." I guess the question I have is that how do these two ladies qualify for this honor? And I don't see an answer anywhere in the report.

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

Other than the fact that they are widows. That I would take as an against. Are there any other people who would like to offer discussion on this recommendation number one? Any others who want to make a comment? Therefore...David.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

David McReynolds, National Treasurer, Department of Tennessee. Is the last sentence in that section true? Other widows have been given this distinction.

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

We have no evidence, he provided no evidence to support that. All right. Seeing no further

discussion, we will vote. If you're voting yes, you will be approving honorary membership for these two women, these two widows. If you vote no, you are denying honorary membership to the these two... That's probably a terrible word. You are not going to offer honorary membership to these two widows. Okay? Brother...

**Ed J. Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

...May I...

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

...Yes, you may.

**Ed J. Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Ed Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I was just looking at Brother Orton's report. He only lists one widow being alive...

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

...Okay...

**Ed J. Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

...not two.

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

But he has two people he wants us to give...

**Ed J. Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

...Right.

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

Okay. I thought they were blood relatives. All right. Let's proceed to the vote. All those who are voting yes to grant these women honorary membership, please raise your voting card over your head. All those who are voting no, please raise your voting card over your head. In the opinion of the chair, the vote is to deny the honorary membership.

[one rap, \*]

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

Recommendation number two, could we hear that one more time?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Recommendation number two, nephews and nieces of the first generation after the veterans be recognized like Real Sons and Daughters.

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

Brother Martin.

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

Don Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Commander, I am opposed to this. We do not allow cousins in our Organization. And in essence, these would be cousins of the Sons and Daughters. And so I would stand opposed to this.

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

And that is one against.

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

Commander-in-Chief.

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

Yes, sir, Brother Darby.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Are they wanting honorary membership to this group as well?

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

I believe what he's asking for is that we would declare that these Grandsons and whatever would be a follow-on set of people that we would consider Real Sons.

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

A little bit of history for the GAR and for the Sons. I think the 1909 blue book for the Sons of Veterans said that at that time, if you were wanting to join the Sons of Veterans, and your father had not been a member, you were not allowed to join the Sons. You couldn't skip that generation. So whoever the first guy was at the GAR, then you had your father to be a member and then you. If your father opted not to be a member, the chain was broken and you didn't get it. So based on that, I just think it's a bad idea to do this.

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

That is two against. Are you speaking for or against, Brother McNulty?

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

I'm asking for clarification.

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

Okay.

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

John McNulty, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania Department. The way I hear this proposal. Are they talking about a niece or nephew of the veteran himself or the niece and nephew of a Real Son? You can read this either way.

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

My interpretation, if it's worth anything, is that they're talking about the niece and nephew of the Real Son.

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

To me, there's a question there. Are they talking about the veterans nephew or the Real Son's nephew? There's a difference there.



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

Yeah, and I think they are talking the Real Son's nephew.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

David McReynolds, National Treasurer. I think on both of these we ought to refer back to this Committee for more clarification. These are not clear enough descriptions for us to make correct decisions upon.

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

Brothers, having heard the discussion, is there ready anybody wishes to speak for? Is there anyone who wishes to speak for?

**D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake**

Mike Beard, Department of the Chesapeake. All I see is old people being handed a certificate and below the fold on the local paper and the name *Sons of Union Veterans* getting their free advertising, so I speak for.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl as Parliamentarian, point of information. The National Regulations also, as to the Real Sons, they offer free membership in our Order as an additional benefit. Not only a certificate but they become free members of our Order. So they would pay no per capita and yet be members.

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

Brothers, in view of the contradictions of these two recommendations with our C&R, I am going to rule this out or order.

[one rap, ]

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

Brother Michaels.

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Wisconsin. A pen and ink change on the list that was provided for Living Sons. Instead of William Upham, it should be Frederick Upham, his brother. William passed away about nine years ago. But Frederick, as far as we know, is still alive and well in Colorado.

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

Then if you will get that information to the Chaplain, we'll make sure that is correct. Thank you.

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

Thank you.

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

Thank you, sir. Okay. All right. I'm gonna have to pass the gavel because the person who was in charge of the next Committee on here is a special one, was me, so I'm going to need to pass the gavel to the Senior Vice. Please pass the gavel. This is only going to take a second. You might want to stay back there. There was a C&C appointed Committee to conduct negotiations with the Allied Orders that would

be related to National Encampment Contracts. The action was complete. There is no further report unless the Committee is reappointed. There is no further action. That is the report in its total. Thank you. Sir? Thank you. All right. The C&C appointed Committee on Technologies, the subcommittee on technology needs at National Headquarters which was Jamie McGuire.

**James P. McGuire, Appointed Communications and Technology Subcommittee on technology needs at National Headquarters**

Jim McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, National Signals Officer, et cetera. No changes. Just additional thanks and acknowledging Brother Paquette for taking the lead on helping to address the needs at National Headquarters. So thank you again, Mike.

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

The C&C appointed Committee to develop a job description for the task of development officer, David R. McReynolds. That is also now been changed to be called the Strategic Development Committee. Brother McReynolds. We're on page 57. Your report on the Committee. Okay?

**David McReynolds, Appointed Strategic Development Committee**

I included some information on the Strategic Development Committee and the National Treasures Report. I have nothing really to add to that, other than to say that we have made progress on that project, particularly with the survey. And more information is forthcoming. One thing I will report to the Encampment is the results of that survey will be packaged and distributed to the entire membership.

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

Okay. Thank you. The National Special Committee on Website Redesign, Brother McGuire. Was that incorporated in your earlier reports?

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

Yes, sir.

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

Then we will take this as written. National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, James G. Ward. Brother Ward is not here. Are you on that committee, sir?

**Tad D. Campbell, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Yes.

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

All right. Then please provide the report and read the recommendation.

**Tad D. Campbell, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Tad Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of California/Pacific. The report is on pages 57 and 58. No additions or corrections. There is one recommendation in the middle of page 58. Recommendation to include a \$6,000.00 line item in the 2018-2019 budget for research and development by the National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues.

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

Okay. Is there any discussion on this recommendation? Brother Darby.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Department of Ohio. As I'm old Dave Medert's son-in-law and he was tighter than bark on a log, what are you using \$6,000.00 for? I mean, research and development, that covers a multitude of sins. I think this needs to be denied until that's fleshed out as to exactly what we're getting for our bang for our buck.

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

I'll take that as one against. Is there any other discussion?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

This is David McReynolds, National Treasurer, Department of Tennessee. I'm basically in the same place on this recommendation. I don't really understand exactly what the end product would be for this amount of expenditure and whether it'd be an operating expenditure or even a possible capital expenditure if the eventual project is to create a searchable database of hereditary information. So, I would be in opposition to do this recommendation.

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

We now have two in opposition to the recommendation. Brother Campbell, is there anything you'd like to add?

**Tad D. Campbell, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Unfortunately, Jim Ward, who wrote up the report and made the recommendation, is not here. And I did not receive this until I was already touring New England, as everybody who watches me on Facebook knows.

**Unknown**

(laughter)

**Tad D. Campbell, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

So, I don't have any additional information to clarify this. And I don't know if any of the other Committee members who are here do.

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

Brother Davis. Are you in opposition? Because I've already got two. Or are you just going to provide information?

**Paul Davis, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Provide information.

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

Information we need.

**Paul Davis, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Paul Davis, Council of Administration, Department of Michigan. As we got thrown under the bus. We're both traveling when we got an email that said, "Are you guys gonna be there? And if you are, give this report." I talked to Tad earlier and I said, "Who wants to be to goat on this?" So he said, "Yes, he would." I'm going to also go so far as to say we couldn't understand where we even are on this and we're both members of this Committee. Jim may know more than we do. But I guess I would also say

when we look at a proposal that we have not read, that we don't know really what Jim's asking for. So we wouldn't necessarily recommend the \$6,000.00 either.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Paul Davis, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

I'm cutting to the chase, but that's it.

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

Thank you for your candor.

**Tad D. Campbell, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Parliamentarian. I am representing the Committee, but I am not the chairman. Do I have the authority to withdraw the recommendation?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, Parliamentarian. The answer to your question is yes.

**Tad D. Campbell, Appointed Special Committee on Hereditary Issues**

Then the Committee withdraws the recommendation.

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

Then the recommendation is withdrawn.

**Encampment**

(laughter, chatter, and applause)

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

Brother Grimm, would you like to proceed to the C&R Committee or do you want me to do the there's one recommendation amongst the Department Reports.

**Robert E. Grimm, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations**

Bob Grimm, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I would suggest we hold off on the C&R Committee Report until after we get the Encampment reports back.

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

Okay. Very well.

**Robert E. Grimm, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations**

Thank you.

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

We will proceed then with the Department Reports and get those done. Gentlemen, the hour is about four and I would like to work until five. With a little luck we might get all these reports out of the way. Department of California and Pacific, Dean Enderlin, Commander.

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

Commander, Dean Enderlin, Commander, Department of California and Pacific. Our report

begins on page 58 short and sweet. We have no recommendations, no additions, or corrections.

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

Thank you. Department of the Chesapeake, W. Faron Taylor.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Faron Taylor, Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake. Our report is on page 59. With respect, I would refer all of the delegates to the last paragraph on the report. It actually refers you to appendix 7.3 on the last two pages of the report. It's information regarding the discovery of the remains on Manassas Battlefield a few years ago and the resulting involvement of the Order. I represented the Order. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

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

Brothers, this is a point of clarification. About January, I received a communication from the National Executive Director indicating that a Committee was being formed by the appropriate federal, state, and fraternal organizations to work on how to properly manage and handle these remains which were found at Manassas, which you may have seen come up in Facebook posts, in various news reports over the last six months. As soon as I received that letter, because Brother Faron lives in that particular region, I assigned Brother Faron to be our representative to the first meeting of that committee. He became a member of the committee. The committee did its work. His report fully explains what went on. And we are a full participant. Many people have asked me, "Why don't we participate?" We are a full participant in what's going on with these remains. So, this is another point where the National is doing something that doesn't necessarily get down to the Brothers that we're doing it. But we are involved in this. And I encourage you to read the report and watch for the information that will come out in the Fall as to what's going to be done with these remains and how they're going to be honored. And we will be a participant in that. Anybody have any questions? Good. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

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

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

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

Oops, point of order. Oh, what did I do now?

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake, Council of Administration. Just a point of order. The National Military Affairs Committee has not had an opportunity to present its report.

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

I did. Brothers, I left my glasses in Lynchburg. I can drive without them but it's hard sometimes to read. So if I make any more stupid mistakes, please forgive me. Would the National Military Affairs Committee please make the report? Henry, my apologies from the very bottom of my soul.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio, chair, and MAC. Apparently, the little lost sheep who was forgotten. In any event, the Committee has no corrections, additions, changes. But there is something that I would like to address. Not many words. But those of you who know me very well, know that in a prior life I just love when counsel came in with demonstrative evidence, you know,

pictures and that kind of stuff. And so I have some demonstrative evidence that I would like to hand out, which will be tied in with the C&R Committee's report. If I may do that, sir?

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

You may distribute your demonstrative evidence.

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., National Committee on Membership**

Okay. Actually, these are proposed new badges which are addressed in proposed changes to the SUV Regulations, Chapter 4 Article 10. What I'd like to do is send one on each row, please. And, when you're finished looking at them, please, you know, I'm an inveterate tightwad. I'd like to have them back, because we want to pass them out at the SVR breakfast. Super credit should be given to Cher Petrovic for designing these badges. I mean, she just did a gorgeous job. Thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

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

And I look forward to seeing that aspect because one of those metals that you're talking about will look really good in my box...All right. I believe we called for the Department of Colorado & Wyoming. Are they present? Their report is as written, accepted as written. Department of Columbia. They are not here, and in fact are suspended. The report that is here will be accepted and taken as written. Department of Connecticut. They are suspended and a report that is here in the book of reports shall be accepted as written. Department of Florida, David R. Palmer. Is there anyone from the Department of Florida?

**Larry E. Oppenheimer, Department of Florida**

Larry Oppenheimer, delegate from the Department of Florida. And I had no idea that David had not produced a report and handed it in. So I have no comments to make.

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

Very well. We will accept that as your report. We'll make a notation that there was no report. Department of Georgia/South Carolina.

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

Commander, I'm David Beam, Commander of Georgia and South Carolina. Our report is on page 60 and it stands as written.

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

Thank you very much, Commander Beam. Department of Illinois, Harry Reineke.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department Commander for Illinois. My report is found on page 60 spilling over to 61. I have no additions, corrections, or recommendations. But I do want to stress a point that I bookended my report with and that is right now it is a fantastic time to be part of the Department of Illinois.

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

And I really like your enthusiasm there, Brother. I hope that you still have that enthusiasm come next June. Very good. Department of Indiana.

**Dennis C. Hutchinson, Department of Indiana**

Dennis Hutchinson, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Indiana. We have no report.

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

Very well. I would like to take a moment to speak about something about Indiana. When I was at their mid-year Encampment, they have an incredible program for tracking and recording the monuments in Indiana. They also track every Last Soldier Grave. And it is something that I would encourage people to contact the Department of Indiana to get them to send you information on how that could be done in your Departments. It's all done on Google. It doesn't have any cost. And it is an amazing program. Department of Iowa.

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

Don McGuire, Senior Vice, Department Commander, Department of Iowa. Department Commander Krock could not be with us, but his report stands as submitted.

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

Thank you, sir. Department of Kentucky, Robert Alan Jones.

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

Commander-in-Chief Day, Bob Jones, Department Commander, Kentucky. I just want to mention that a report was submitted as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, but did not make it into the report. So, I do want to just very briefly describe what we have done over the last year. We have a new Camp, Camp #2, Calhoun. Our membership in Kentucky, which is not great, it increased to 111 with eleven new members. I'm sorry, with sixteen new members. We've been very active in memorials and monuments. Early this year we are able to put the Maysville, Kentucky GAR Monument on the National Register of Historic Places. There will be a ceremony on October 27<sup>th</sup>. In the Cave Hill National Cemetery, the Veterans Administration will be restoring the rostrum sometime in the next two years. And we've been involved with the Department of Indiana in grave ceremonies in Logansport, Indiana as well as in Kentucky. So that's my report.

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

And Brother, before you leave this Encampment, later today, tomorrow, I have a \$100.00 check that I need to give you for the Calhoun Camp. I had misinterpreted a report that was sent to me. And I sent the \$100.00 donation for them for a new Camp flag and I sent it to the wrong new Camp. I sent it to the Camp that was made last year instead of this year. So if you would be so kind as to see me so that I can give you that money and you will, I hope, get it to its proper destiny. Department of Maine, David.

**David W. Sosnowski, Department of Maine**

Received no report but I did send a report into our Department Secretary, thinking it would be forwarded to the correct person. It hasn't been. Most of the report dealt with the graves ceremonies where we replaced a stone or put a new stone on graves. But the one important thing is I had to suspend a Camp for not following forms. And our new Commander, Larry, is working on contacting all members of that Camp and holding a meeting and electing new officers, or the original Camp Commander. The Camp Commander passed away while he was in office and the Secretary hasn't been forthcoming on getting stuff out.

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

Well, thank you very much. Department of Michigan. And this report will be delivered by

Robert Russell Payne.

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

Sir, Robert Payne, Department of Michigan. Our report is found on page 62 and 63, and it remains as reported.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander, you skipped Massachusetts.

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

I just saw that I did it. Okay. Department of Massachusetts, Daniel Murray. I must be getting a little dyslexic.

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

Department of Massachusetts, Daniel Murray. I'll just cover a few things that the Department's done in the last few months. Coming up, we're gonna be sponsoring a bus trip to Gettysburg and we partially fund the trip. We also held a dinner this past spring in conjunction with the American Baptist churches of Massachusetts out at Grotonwoods. And we raised a little over \$2,000.00 for Project New Hope, which deals with veterans who have PTSD, physical, and emotional disabilities. And they also help the families. Project New Hope will do weekend retreats with the families of the veterans. And they also do it with...they have an LGBT, I think, retreat now. So, they work with all kinds of veterans with all kinds of disabilities. And they do fishing trips. They do all kinds of things. So we've been working with them. We also sponsored a camp out at Chelsea Soldiers' Home. The Department funds that camp. We also do monthly roundtables out there, that have to do with Civil War talks. And then we fund some type of programming every third Wednesday of the month for the veterans there. And the program has been going on for a couple years there. And the program has been so successful there that there's another soldiers' home out in Holyoke, Massachusetts in the western part of the state and they've asked us to start a camp out there to help them with their veterans out there. That's my report.

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

Thank you, sir. I also skipped over the Department of Kansas and I apologize for that. Hence, will Michael Allen Todd please come and give the report for Kansas? Or is there a representative of Kansas to give the report? Okay. Then it is accepted as it is. Department of Missouri.

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

Dale Crandell, Department of Missouri. Our report is on 63. We have no additions or recommendations. However, we do have 543 Civil War monuments, should you care to visit our state.

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

And I know that you're very proud of the fact that you have recorded every one of them. And when you see my friend, Walt, you tell him that we really appreciate the hard work that was done to get that to happen. The Department of Nebraska. Is there a representative from the Department of Nebraska? Then their report shall be accepted as written and submitted. The Department of New Hampshire.

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

Gary Ward, Past Department Commander, Department of New Hampshire. The report of the current Department Commander is on page 65 and there are no additions or deletions.



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

Thank you very much, Brother. Department of New Jersey, Fred Lewisburg. The Department of New Jersey's report will be accepted as written and submitted. Department of New York, Leo C. McGuire.

**Leo McGuire, Department of New York**

Commander-in-Chief, Leo McGuire, Department of New York. Nothing to add to the report found on page 65 to 67.

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

Thank you very much. I think I mentioned it earlier, my heart belongs to New York. My body lives in Virginia, but my heart belongs to New York. Department of North Carolina. And will you read the recommendation as well, sir?

**Henry C. Duquette, Department of North Carolina**

Yes, sir. Henry Duquette, Department of North Carolina. Our report is on page 67 and continues to page 69. Commander, this recommendation is almost identical to a recommendation that Brother Demmy made in his report. And I believe that was referred to the C&R Committee. So, I'm not sure if there's any point in going through with this.

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

Are you withdrawing your recommendation?

**Henry C. Duquette, Department of North Carolina**

Brother Demmy? Is he around? Where is he? Oh, do you agree that this recommendation is identical to yours? It's basically recommending that a...all Departments and Camps appoint an Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer.

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

I believe that is exactly what the one that...

**Henry C. Duquette, Department of North Carolina**

Then I withdraw the recommendation. Otherwise, the report stands.

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

Thank you very much. Recommendation is withdrawn. Department of Ohio, Kerry Langdon.

**Kerry L. Langdon, Department of Ohio**

Kerry Langdon, Commander for the Department of Ohio. The report will stand as submitted.

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

Okay. Thank you very much. Department of Oklahoma, Jim Baxter.

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

Well, I don't see our other representative from Oklahoma. Brian Pearson, Past Department Commander, Georgia/South Carolina. Also a dual member in Oklahoma. I will say that the Department is small, but active, participating in Memorial Day ceremonies throughout the state as well as Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout the state. And has good relationships with an Auxiliary in

Tulsa and the Daughters Tent in Oklahoma City. Thank you.

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

Thank you, sir. Department of Pennsylvania, Chris Carty. Actually, I should have said that they are the Pennsylvania Department.

**Alfred C. Carty, Department of Pennsylvania**

Alfred Christopher Carney, Department Commander of the Pennsylvania Department. We are planning on filing for a 501(c)(3) for our Department, but we currently have three Camps that have their EIN's revoked. Two of them have submitted their paperwork to the IRS and are still awaiting a determination. The IRS has been sitting on some of these Camps' paperwork for over a hundred days now. I know they have 270 to get it done. And there's another Camp still waiting for them to send me evidence that they've submitted the paperwork. I've unsuspended two of the Camps because they have submitted their stuff and it's just pending the final determination. So I technically only have one Camp under suspension, but there's two others that are still awaiting their EIN. And that's all that I have to report at this time.

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

Thank you very much. You're doing a good job, Brother Carty. The Department of Rhode Island, James McGuire.

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

James McGuire, Commander, Department of Rhode Island. Our report is on 72 and 73. There is a correction in the second to last paragraph on the bottom 72. It's just a housekeeping thing. In referring to the GAR obelisk, it says that there were twenty-three posts of the Rhode Island GAR? That's not true. We ballooned to twenty-seven posts in Rhode Island GAR. So I just wanted to get that correct. Everything else is as is. We had a great year. I love these guys. And I also want to commend the Department Commander of New York and the Senior Vice Commander of Iowa having tremendous last names.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

Thank you very much, Brother Jim. Department of the Southwest, Robert D. McCord.

**Robert D. McCord, Department of the Southwest**

This is Robert McCord, Department Commander, Department of the Southwest. In the interest of everyone's time, I'll simply report that the Department and all Camps have modified their bylaws as requested and required by the National Organization. And we have no recommendations. Thank you.

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

Thank you. Department of Tennessee.

**Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Dr. Doug Fidler, Department of Tennessee, Past Department Commander. Sir, I have nothing more to report.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

Thank you, Brother Fidler. Actually, that's the shortest conversation I ever had with him. Department of Texas.

**Thomas F. Coughlin, Department of Texas**

There's one minor correction to our report. It wasn't written by Beau Moore, Past Department Commander. It was written by myself, Thomas F. Coughlin, Department Commander.

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

Very well. Thank you, sir. Department of Vermont.

**William L. McKone, Jr., Department of Vermont**

Commander-in-Chief, William McKone, Junior, Vice Commander, Department of Vermont. I see no report was submitted. But we did have our Departmental meeting in May, pretty much a new slate of Officers. We have four active Camps, one of which is a standard Camp that is sponsoring an event next year to dedicate a historical marker on the GAR Highway, that is the Vermont GAR Highway. It's the only state that has us on so that'll be its own GAR Highway on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. And we'll be delighted to host people up there for that event. We were active at the Memorial Day parade, which was held just outside Burlington on the GAR Highway on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So, we got a lot of promotional value to that. Nothing further to report.

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

Thank you very much, Brother. I hope that Vermont will have a very, very successful year.

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

Commander-in-Chief.

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

Brother Mortorff.

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

Oh, Past Commander-in-Chief, Eugene Mortorff. I just actually was up there with my family one time, and I saw this sign for the GAR Highway. And I say, "Well, this is kind of goofy. We're not down in Ohio or anyplace like that." So I got on it. in New Hampshire and I went across the top of the most beautiful country I have ever seen in my life. And it comes down in to Vermont. I forget the little town, but a nice ski area I can tell you that. The most beautiful ride I think I've ever had. And I don't think enough is advertised about the GAR Highway up there. It's just an absolutely gorgeous ride. Won't take a whole lot of your day either. So I just wanted to say that because it's a beautiful thing. If you get a chance to get up there, if you are anywhere in the area, you need to go up there.

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

Thank you very much for those comments. Brother McManus.

**Brian D. McManus, Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin, Commander. Our report starts on page 74, with one notable addition.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Camp #15 and other members of the Department of Wisconsin will be in the Waukesha County Wisconsin Courthouse for a resolution hopefully on the lawsuit that we initiated against the city of Muskego, Wisconsin regarding the improper care of a cemetery that had two Union Veterans buried in it. And now we found a third one. And we are telling them, we are saying that they are maintaining it in an improper and indecent condition. And should this turn out to be in our favor, we will then reach out to the legislature to put a definition in for Wisconsin for what constitutes proper and decent care of a cemetery that has veterans in it. The rest of the report stands as submitted.

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

Thank you very much. And that is one up in Wisconsin, they've been working very hard. And this is a thing that's been going on for about four years now. And they have done a lot of work trying to preserve this cemetery. And the local government has been disobeying the state law, basically. And so, I hope it all works out well. Brothers, I believe that completes the reports of the Departments. And the hour is approximately 4:40. And we have put off the report of the C&R Committee. And there is no way that we would be able to do that business in the time that remains for us this afternoon. Brothers, we're going to recess now. I want to thank you for all the hard work that you did today. There's been a lot done. I've been to a lot of these rodeos and getting through all these reports and it only being 4:40 sort of, seems like we did a good job. So we will reconvene in the morning. And what time is on the program for tomorrow? What time are we supposed reconvene? Following the SVR Breakfast. Then we will be reconvening at 8:30 tomorrow morning. And be prepared. We will push through to get the work done. We do have the entire day, if we need it. We have to be out here by 5:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. And I would dearly like to be replaced by about 3:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

So, we'll see how that goes. Brother Tucker, you have something you wish to tell us.

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

Brother Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I just wanted to give a point of information for everyone in the room. You see these great flags behind our Department flags. Those were twenty reproductions that we created in 2015 for a ceremony called the Return of the Flags. After the War, the Union Veterans brought all their regimental flights back to the statehouse, kind of returning them to their source. They were met by the governor and they gave a speech. Since then, nobody has re-created that ceremony because legislature ruled that nobody can come through the front door of the statehouse unless they are returning flags from war or you're a visiting President of the United States. In 2015, they allowed us to re-create that ceremony. We got all the reenactors in the area and unfortunately, we didn't have three hundred flags, but we reproduced about thirty. And those are the flags that you see. More interestingly, you see that beautiful American Flag behind the Commander-in-Chief? Now many of you know, I wasn't really in the military. I was only in the Air Force.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

But the Commander-in-Chief was in the Navy and as you can see from the bags, we tried for a nautical theme here and the boat ride too, for those who went to Georges Island. But that Flag is actually

the Flag that flew on the back of the *Thomas S. Gates*, a Navy cruiser. One of our members you may have bought shirts from outside is Rod Frazier, and he was the Executive Officer on that ship. And that's his Flag. That Flag flew when the *Thomas S. Gates* was the flagship for NATO. And he's allowed us to use it for our Encampment. And we're grateful for it. So, that's all I have. Thank you.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Stay there a minute. The *Thomas Gates* is a ship of my time. I sailed many hours in company with the Gates when I was overseas. And it is my honor to have the Flag from the *Gates* here behind me. I appreciate the effort to make me feel comfortable in a nautical sense. So does Brother Darby, by the way. However, we would be remiss if we did not mention that the Revenue Cutter Service is still represented by Past Commander-in-Chief Mortorff. He is a blue water sailor as well. Because he didn't just go out there and sail around on the lake or were out along the coastline or something like that. He actually was a blue water sailor. And all blue water sailors have the same salt in their veins. And so I appreciate everything you've done to make it comfortable up here and believe me I have felt comfortable. Brother Tucker will you give us a little information about this evening's festivities before we break?

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

Yes. First of all, Brother Commander-in-Chief, you're expected at 5:00 o'clock at a Past Commanders and Past Presidents dinner. I'm sorry. But look, you can figure that out. Seven o'clock will be our campfire. We're starting with the Salem Zouaves. Paul Kenworthy is one of our Camp Commanders from the Frederick W. Lander Camp in Lynn. Maybe you visited last night if you had went to the dinner and so the GAR Hall that they meet at. He's among other things an expert in, which seems to be everything, Civil War drill is his forte. And every instance of that, whether it's Southern, Northern, you know, what year they produced the manual, any of that. He has a team of people that will demonstrate Civil War drill. So that'll be a little entertainment. To warm up and we're going to have a fellow named Joey Voices. He's kind of a famous national comedian/musical entertainer. And if you get a chance, it's a riot in itself. It's really funny. But he's an impersonator, and he does everybody from Johnny Mathis to Cher to Elvis to...you name em. So, I hope you all come down. Take a look. Have a few laughs. And, of course, we'll have to roast the Commander afterwards. Thank you. It's right in this room. We're gonna reset this room and it'll be right here. All right? Thank you.

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Brother McGuire, you have something that you feel is important to tell us? Very quickly.

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

Jim McGuire, National Signals Officer. I want you all to know that we have been sharing select moments and highlights of this Encampment on our new social media accounts. We've got a team who have been working on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram all day. If you have those, follow and share. And we can grow. And it's a great way to reach a different audience than we ever have. If you've got great pictures or moments from today or tomorrow that you want to share that you can get to us, we have an email address set up. It's the signalscorps@suvcw.org, that's s-i-g-n-a-l-s-c-o-r-p-s at s-u-v-c-w-dot org. And it's a brave new day.

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

Thank you very much, Brother McGuire. You have one more thing, sir?

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

Yeah. One more thing I forgot. After the campfire is over, the Department of Massachusetts would like to welcome you back for a beer and wine reception, if you're so interested.

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

All right. And I have one announcement for all of the appointed and elected Officers. I finally did manage to get the pins down here and I apologize that we didn't have them down here when I said I would. They are here now and if you are an elected or appointed Officer of the National, please come and get your pin. As I've been told, it's the latest portion of the Mark Day Memorial Past Commander-in-Chief. But please, come and get one if you are. And I will hope that you will keep it as a memory of the fact that we did all this good work together. So, they'll be right here.

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio, Deputy Commander, SVR. Perhaps we could clear up a disparity between what was announced and what appears in the Encampment bulletin relative to the SVR breakfast indeed commences at 7:00 A.M. tomorrow morning and runs 'till 8:30am. In contrast to what was mentioned a moment ago. I believe we're supposed to start here in this room at 8:45. That's what's in the bulletin.

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

That's what we will do then, gentlemen. We will be in this room at 8:45am.

**Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio**

And one other reminder, sir. No tickets for the breakfast will be sold at the door. That's closed. If anybody has argument, see Brother Darby.

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

Thank you, Henry. We are recessed until 8:45 tomorrow morning. Brother Chaplain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**End of first day of Encampment**

## Start second day of Encampment

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

### Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Darby.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. We are about to begin our second day of deliberations. And sometimes it gets contentious. And as the Commander-in-Chief being one of the arrogant people that have been rocked to sleep by the hand of God, that being a sailor, I would like to point out that our Lord and Savior had a sense of humor. Anybody who would hang out with a tax collector and eleven sailors cant' be all bad.

### Encampment

(laughter)

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

The last thing, if it gets contentious, Commander, the one thing you should remember, calm seas never made a good sailor. Have a good day, sir.

### Encampment

(laughter and applause)

### Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother Darby. My favorite hymn is the Navy hymn, *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*. And let us hope that the Eternal Father will be with us here this morning. I know that Reverend Jerry has already invoked that, but thank you for the reference. And I hope we will all have fair winds and following seas as we go through the day. Brother Guard, will you please go next door and announce to the Ladies of the Auxiliary and Daughters that we are ready to receive them?

### Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Can I make announcements now?

### Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

### Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

I have just some quick announcements. If you're having trouble reading your reports and you left your glasses out at the table, I have them. So you can please come up at your earliest convenience. At the first break, if you are members of both the CSV and the SUV and you would like to get a picture with Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Veterans of the Civil War, Paul Grambling, please meet at the table up here and hopefully they'll take a picture up here on the stand at the first break.

### Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief

So that means all you s.o.b.'s, Sons of both, right.

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

Brother Jerry, if you'd quickly make your announcement.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Chaplain Jerry, Department of Illinois. I'm still looking for candidates for the National Chaplain's Award. Please come and see me or hand me a piece of paper nominating someone who's done an extraordinary job. Also at Springfield this April, I traded two dollar bills for ten dollar bills and was able to raise about \$150.00 for the Foundation. I still have those two dollar bills, \$150.00 worth, and I'm going to try to double the size of the amount of money going to the Foundation. So if you're willing, at the break, hand me a ten dollar bill and I'll hand you a brand-new crisp two dollar bill. And if you can't afford it, let me know, and I'll just give you one at the break.

**Robert F. Koenecke, National Guide**

Commander, a delegation from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War request entrance to bring greetings to the National Encampment.

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

Escort the Ladies in.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping)

[one rap, \*]

**Escort 1**

I have with me Ramona Greenwalt, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Escort 2**

Commander, I have the honor to introduce Sarah Meyer, National President, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

**Escort 3**

Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor of introducing Ellen Higgins, National President, Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

**Escort 4**

Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor of introducing Jackie Johnston, Past National President from New Hampshire, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Escort 5**

Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor of presenting Barb Day, Past Department President, Department of Pennsylvania, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Escort 6**

Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to present Rosemary Martin, the Department President of



the Chesapeake, of the Auxiliary to Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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

Ladies, welcome to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are honored by your presence, and we truly appreciate the fraternity that you are showing by your visitation. Would you like to address the group?

**Ramona Greenwalt, National President, ASUCW**

Brother Commander, Sons, this is a first for me. I've belonged to the Auxiliary over fifty years. This is the first time I have ever extended greetings to the Sons on any level of any Encampment, so I am indeed honored and privileged to be able to do this. I want to first give you the formal greetings of the Auxiliary National Organization to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as well as my own personal greetings. My hopes for an Encampment that is fruitful, that is calm and peaceful. I will avoid the Commander-in-Chief's least favorite word. And my wish for continued success and growth and a deepening of the bonds between our Organizations so that we will remain and will always be the Allied Orders. And I have to tell you, I think I have had nothing against any of the other previous Commanders-in-Chief, but I think I have one of the best ones. So, I thank you for having elected him.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Sarah, would you like to speak?

**Sarah Meyer, National President, DUVCW**

Good morning, Brothers. It's fabulous to be here today. It's a great honor for me to represent the Daughters of Union Veterans. So, dear Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, Sons gathered at the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. it's my great honor to bring greetings on behalf of the National Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. All Sisters and Brothers in the Allied Orders share common purposes to honor our fallen ancestors who fought to preserve the Union; to share with the public about the Civil War; to honor our fallen heroes and current military; and to serve our communities. It is my hope that we can work together more closely to achieve these goals. Also, it's my honor to personally and on behalf of the National Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, wish you a very successful and enjoyable convention and to invite you to the DUVCW 129<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Atlanta. I'm from Atlanta, so that's why it's there. July 24 through the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I hope y'all can be there. It's my great honor to be here today. I'm giving Brother Mark an invitation and an invitation to all of you, my best wishes for a wonderful convention here in Framingham, Massachusetts. Thank you.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Ellen, would you like to speak?

**Ellen Higgins, National President, DOLLUS**

Good morning, Brothers. It's indeed a great honor for me to be here as National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of United States. As National President I've been able to travel this year with all my Allied Order heads and especially with your Commander, Mark. We've established a great friendship and a bond. I hope, and I know will, last forever. Along with President Ramona that we continue on this Allied Order trail of fraternal relations. I know it was great initiative this year among all the Allied leaders to increase the fraternal relations. I think it's off to a great start. I have faith in the incoming Commanders and Presidents that this relationship will continue. And I look forward to working again with the new Commander as I will retain my position as National President for some time, maybe. (laughing).

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Ellen Higgins, National President, DOLLUS**

Not really sure. I haven't heard yet (laughter) when they're gonna release me. But any way, I continue. I would also like to bring greetings of our Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS, Military Order of Loyal Legion, Colonel Eric Rojo, who wishes he could be here to enjoy the fraternity that's going on here today. It's great to see such a large crowd of men in this room. It warms my heart to hear and to see the participation. May it continue. Congratulations, Commander.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Jackie Johnston, Past National President, ASUVCW**

Good morning.

**Unknown**

Good morning.

**Jackie Johnston, Past National President, ASUVCW**

I'm Jackie Johnston, daughter of a Past Commander-in-Chief and Past National President. And I honor them by bringing my greetings to you and the Auxiliary to you and a wish for a very harmonious and enjoyable Encampment, very successful. I too am pleased to see so many men. I can remember when it wasn't this full. I also remember when there were three or four hundred of you. I started going to Encampments in 1949 and I haven't been since my daddy died because of financial concerns. But yes, my parents took me to the last Grand Army Encampment. And that was just something I will never forget. Even though I was only going on six, I remember the old men sitting downstairs in the lobby and we kids sitting at their feet just listening to what they had to say. Can't tell you what they said though.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Jackie Johnston, Past National President, ASUVCW**

Memory's not that good. Thank you so much for being here, and I do hope you have a very successful Encampment.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Barbara Day, Past National President, ASUVCW**

(laughter) I bring greetings from the Auxiliary and hopefully you will have a good, I will not use that word...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Barbara Day, Past National President, ASUVCW**

...Encampment. And that I'm with the others. There's a lot of men here. I'm glad to see this. And continue with our combined effort of trying to honor the Boys in Blue.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Sister Rosemary, would you like to say something?

**Rosemary Martin, President of Dept of the Chesapeake, ASUVCW**

Good morning.

**Unknown**

Good morning.

**Rosemary Martin, President of Dept of the Chesapeake, ASUVCW**

From the Department of the Chesapeake, I welcome you. I think of the Department of the Chesapeake and we think of oceans. And we think of bays and water and nice soothing sounds of the ocean. You also think of being turbulent. And sometimes, there are challenges that are rolling you around. And the sea comes in and cleanses and makes better and solves everything that may be wrong with the shore that it ends up being a nice, soothing ocean sound that is renewing to all of us. I like to think of us as being orchestrated versus yes there is harmony. There are melodies. Without everyone being in concert with each other, we are nothing. And together we are great. And it's great to see you all.

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

Thank you, Sister.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brother Pierson, would you please provide the response?

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

Dear beloved Sisters of the Allied Orders, 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, for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us today. For more than a century, we have walked as Brothers and Sisters, descendants of the Boys in Blue who saved our nation from the forces of rebellion and disunity. How blessed we are to walk with like-minded Sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long. And the march continues. Our task becomes even more important in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as fewer Americans know that essential bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors, whose memories we honor. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new century and beyond. The spirit of the Boys in Blue marches with us. Thank you for joining us today. We wish you a productive and harmonious meetings and great successes to those leaders you choose for the coming years.

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

Thank you, Brother Pierson. Ladies, thank you all. Wonderful to have you all here. Ladies, your escorts await you. We appreciate you, and we thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping)

[one rap, \*]

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

You may move the microphone back. I have one other very special guest here this morning that I would like to introduce. This morning, we have in our company the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paul C. Gramling Junior. I was graciously invited to attend the opening ceremonies of their meetings recently in Cool Springs, Tennessee which is very close to Franklin, Tennessee. And I was warmly greeted, warmly welcomed and treated with a lot of compassion and care. And I was fed a couple of beers. And so it was a very good evening.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

So I would at this time like to invite Commander-in-Chief Gramling to come forward and to give the greetings of his organization to us.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Thank you, Commander Day. You know, it's always tuff to follow beautiful women, which is what I'm having to do. Now, I will say I am not as pretty as the ladies. But I do have one thing in common with them my predecessor did not, and that is this.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

As you know, of course, Tom Strand and I would go around and speak and sometimes we'd be at the same place. And that was the best way they could tell us apart, cause Tom was baldheaded, and I was not.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

It is indeed a pleasure to be here this morning. Last year when your Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Martin, was in Memphis, I had a chance to speak with him. And since I had a pretty good feeling that I would be holding this office this year, I asked him where your Encampment would be. And he told me it would be near Boston. I said, "That's great." He looked at me kind of funny and he goes, "Why is that great?" I said, "Because I have family and my father was born and raised about two hours north of here in Woodstock, Vermont. So having an opportunity to come here to this Encampment, it gave me a great excuse to go visit some of my family in Woodstock, which is where I have been for the past several days. Like I said, it's a pleasure to be here. I guess I will be speaking a little bit more tonight.

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

You'll be speaking more tonight.

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

So, I will say this one thing and I'm gonna tell off on Commander Day 'cause my wife asked me to bring this up. When Mark was in Franklin and brought greetings, he made a comment that earlier that morning he was having breakfast and the waitress asked him if there's anything else that she could do for him. And he said, "Well if you don't mind, could you bring me a pillowcase so I can round up all the silverware?"

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Well, Mark, Linda said she has come back up here to take it back with us.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

I do have something, a presentation to Commander Day, appreciation for him. And I would like to present that to him right now.

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

Thank you very much. Let's see. General Cheatham's Confederate Moonshine.

**Encampment**

(cheers and applause)

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

But if you look in there, I also have something from the North in there.

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

Got to look around. Got to look around. There's a...oh, wow. We've got a U.S. Grant gold dollar. It's one of those new mint ones. He gave me a coin, Honest Abe and U.S. Grant. I think that's an appropriate gift from my Brother in the South.

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

You've got one more thing.

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

There's more in there? Oh my God, that's Baker's Farm Pure Vermont Maple Syrup. It's a good thing 'cause I'm a pancake eater. Thank you very much, Paul. I truly appreciate the effort you have made to come so far to visit with us. I look forward to hearing whatever remarks you have to make at the dinner this evening. Thank you very much.

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Thank you for having me.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

I do have a gift for Paul. And it is probably not as grand as what you just gave me, but it is with all my thanks.

**Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

I appreciate it.

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

Brother Guard, please allow the Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to exit. Okay. Thank you, Brothers, for your kind attention to these folks that have come a long way to spend a few moments with us this morning. We have some work to do. We still have to go through the Constitution and Regulations and Resolutions Committee reports. We are still deferring, and I want to make sure everybody understands, we are still deferring the final report of the Constitution and Regulations Committee until all the other reports have been given so that the Constitution and Regulations Committee can then put together anything that came out of these resolutions and Officers' reports and provide us with one consolidated report to go through as we review those items later today. Brother Hall, do you have a credentials report for us this morning?

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

Commander-in-Chief, 169 present; 178 pre-registered.

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

Thank you very much, Brother Hall.

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

Now, this is going to sound kind of silly, I want to do some awards this morning before we do those resolutions and those Officer Reports. Just want to do a few of the ones I have to do. And I need to send my Chief of Staff and several others to go pick up that eighty pound box that's up in my room that we didn't have a chance to get down here this morning. So, we will take a very short, say ten minutes, and I really do mean ten minutes this time guys because I don't want to waste a lot of time. But I need to give them time to go get that stuff. So we will take a ten minute recess so that we can get the awards down here.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[recess]

[one rap, \*]

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

While the Commander-in-Chief's getting ready, I got one more announcement. At the next break the Department of Chesapeake is requesting to have a photo op in front of the flag.

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

Brothers, one of the greatest privileges that a Commander-in-Chief has is to be able to bestow awards on individuals who have done great things for this Order or who have served and sacrificed so many years of their lives in pursuit of honoring the memory of the men who fought the Civil War. We have in our presence one such man today. The Brother that I'm about to give this Lifetime Achievement Award to has been an exceptional influence on me. He has been a dedicated Brother for longer than I have been alive. It gives me great pleasure to ask if my Brother and friend and mentor, Charles O'Dell, could be escorted by the Brothers of the Department of Chesapeake here present to the altar of our Order. Brother Chuck, you have been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans for seventy-six going on seventy-seven years.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

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

I know that you are a quiet man, an unassuming man, a man who would never seek to be rewarded in any way. I know that at the Encampment last year, you were given some recognition. But I think the seventy-six years of your life dedicated to being in service in your Department and in your Camp and in your National Organization deserves something more than just a little piece of paper. I think that you deserve this more than almost anybody else I can think of. So, I would like to present this plaque, which represents the best wishes of this Organization and my love for you. It reads, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War present the Elmer Bud Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award to Charles O'Dell, Department of the Chesapeake, for lifelong dedication to the principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, and the outstanding service in pursuit of keeping fresh the memory of the men who sacrifices preserve the Union and freed a people from bondage." Brother Chuck.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

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

Thank you. Thank you, all. Thank you.

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

Would you like to say a few words? Say who you are so that they'll know who you are.

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

I'm Chuck O'Dell. I was brought into this Organization up in Beverly, Massachusetts, March 23, 1942. My grandfather served in the Navy and was aboard the *USS Congo Perry* and my father was an active member and the Sons and brought me in at the eligible age of fourteen. I went on to join the Navy myself during World War II and have been active in many ways within the Organization ever since. This is beyond my dreams. I wish my dad was here to see this. Thank you one and all.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

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

Thank you, all.

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

Okay. I have several other awards but I'm not gonna do them at this moment. We're going to do them a little later on. I just, for personal reasons, I just wanted to do that one now and get it and honor my friend in a more singular way. At this time, I'd like to have Brother Norris bring forward the report of the Encampment Resolutions Committee.

**Edward J. Norris, National Encampment Resolutons Committee**

Ed Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Massachusetts. There was three resolutions presented to the Committee. One was a resolution for Don Shaw and the other two, we referred to the C&R Committee.

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

Without objection?

[one rap, \*]

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

Be referred to the C&R Committee. Brother Shaw, would you please present the report of the Officers' Reports Committee.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

Commander, Officer's Recommendations Committee Brothers Steve Michaels, Leo Kennedy, and myself had recommendations from a number of Officers. First set of recommendations came from the Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief's recommendations are found starting on page 7 of the booklet. As to recommendation number one, the C&C appointed Strategic Development Committee be continued and made a standing Committee by this Encampment. This is the Committee which is



overseeing our fundraising efforts as a 501(c)(3) and they are critical to our continued progress and success. The Committee actually recommended that this continue as a C&C appointed Committee for a period of three years. I guess that would be a Special Committee for a period of three years with an expiration date end 2021. And we so recommend.

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

Are there any objections?

[one rap, \*]

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

Recommendation accepted.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

As to the second recommendation, the Fraternal Relations Committee be allocated a small budget, \$500.00 to support its efforts and the FRC job description be modified to show the FRC be allocated a small budget to be used to support its efforts and the job description be modified to include task to correspond and work with all the Allied Orders, veteran service groups, and hereditary societies to further our common goals and concepts of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. The Committee agreed that we should allocate \$500.00 for those purposes to be used to reimburse members who have spent monies and we so recommend. We also note that inasmuch as a change in the job description may be necessary that you may wish to send that portion to the C&R Committee.

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

Can we divide it? I think then we will divide this. As to the first part, the \$500.00 as a budget item in the budget line item for the reimbursement of the Fraternal Relations Committee for their work. Is there any objection?

[one rap, \*]

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

Then that is approved. As to the second part which is that the language to change the job description be sent to the C&R Committee to update the job description of the Fraternal Relations Committee. Is there any objection?

[one rap, \*]

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

So be it.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

Commander, as to the third recommendation, appointed position called Public Affairs Officer be created and that a job description be written that includes the duties of issuing press releases for all national activities and events; working with the Signals Officer to produce fifteen, thirty, and sixty second video ads which can be distributed as PSA's. The Committee recommends that this be referred to the incoming C&C and if he approves than that he may send the matter to the C&R for job description language.

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

Is there any objection?

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

Commander-in-Chief, a question.

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

Brother Darby.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Department of Ohio. Inasmuch as the video or the announcements won't be free, and this is your recommendation, do you recommend a dollar amount be provided to this position that they can produce those audio or video things to be put out?

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

I need to direct another question then to another Brother to get some expertise to answer your question. Brother McGuire, you and I have spoken on this issue. What do you feel would be the cost?

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

For a fifteen, thirty and a sixty? It depends on which vendor your engaging and if you're having an office created to create content then you would almost, I think because of the way we're arranging ourselves as 501(c)(3) than that sort of thing should be done for cost. So that that Officer is not necessarily being compensated. I'm not really sure. I mean, people produce for all prices. So something fair that the Order I would think to produce three videos, and just be fair to the Organization instead of dropping the \$5,000.00 number, you drop the \$500.00 number. And you take it in good faith that the person's going to be able to produce it for that. And if they're not able to, then they need to work within those budget constraints.

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

That sounds in the line what you and I had spoken.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief? This is National Treasurer, David McReynolds, Department of Tennessee. I would suggest that rather than trying to put a dollar amount in front of this rather say that when there are more identifiable parameters around what is to be produced, and that we have a proposal to make those productions that they would be considered to be funded at that particular time.

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

Brother Shaw, are you amiable to some of these changes? What would be the Committee's position?

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

Well, the Committee's position is that it go to the incoming C&C for action. The incoming C&C will have an entire year and resources at his command that he can use to get questions answered and good counsel from the Council of Administration and approval from the Council of Administration as to funding.

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

Is there any objection to the action that is proposed by the Officers Recommendations Committee?

[one rap, \*]

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

So ordered.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

Commander, the fourth recommendation that you had is that a committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspect requirements, facilities requirements, and staffing requirements that are necessary to establish a stand-alone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Headquarters by the year 2022 and which would bring forth our administrative and Quartermaster functions under one roof. The Committee should be tasked with providing a plan to accomplish the establishment of a permanent National Headquarters by the year 2020. I believe this is a necessary step if we are to grow and prosper and be recognized as a legitimate and professional heritage organization in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Committee again recommends that this be referred to the incoming C&C for his action and for the review of the Council over the coming year.

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

Discussion. Any objection?

[one rap, \*]

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

So ordered.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

Commander, your fifth recommendation, the C&C appointed Communications and Technology Subcommittee on Technology needs at the National Headquarters be continued by my successor to complete the work which was begun on updating and enhancing our effectiveness. And again, the Committee recommends that this be referred to the incoming C&C for such action.

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

Objections.

[one rap, \*]

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

So ordered.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

Commander, the sixth recommendation, the National Special Committee on Website Redesign be continued through the year 2021. And again, the Committee recommends that this be referred to the incoming C&C for such action.

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

Objections.

[one rap, \*]

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

So ordered.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

Final recommendation from the Commander, that the C&C Appointed Committee on Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued so it can continue to work with the Allied Orders on joint Encampment agreements. And again, the Committee recommends this be referred to the incoming C&C for action.

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

Objections.

[one rap, \*]

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

So ordered.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

Those complete the recommendations from the Commander. There was one recommendation from Brother Pierson contained in your packet. Brother Pierson, I understand, when we went through Officer Reports withdrew that recommendation; therefore, we took no action on it. There were recommendations from Executive Director, David Demmy, two of them. Those during the Encampment were referred to the C&R Committee; therefore, our Committee took no action. There was a recommendation from Walt Bush, Civil War Memorials Officer. During the Encampment, when it was presented, that was referred to the incoming C&C for action. And finally, we have recommendations from Assistant National Quartermaster, George Shadman, there were three. The first two of those recommendations had to do with Form 7. And Form 7, as we know, was dealt with in the Council of Administration meeting on Thursday night. Those first two recommendations have already been complied with, so we left those alone. The third recommendation reads, "I received many requests from the schools and 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. However, I must rely on contact information on the Department website that is linked to the National website. With that, I begged that each Department please keep the information on your Department website current, especially Officer contact information." The Committee could not agree more. And we are asking this be sent to our Webmaster to contact any Departments that look like they are out of date.

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

Objections.

[one rap, \*]

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

So ordered.

**Donald W. Shaw, Officers' Reports Committee**

And, sir, those are the recommendations that we dealt with.

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

Thank you. That completes the report of the Officers' Report Committee. We've had both the Officers' Reports Committee and the Resolutions. The only Committee action we have remaining will be the action of the C&R Committee which I will give them time to digest what has been received out of these reports and we will move to that business at some point later in the day, hopefully this morning. That completes that section of what we have to do. I will now ask, is there any old business? Old business. Is there any old business, Brother Secretary?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Not of my knowledge.

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

Okay. Seeing no one moving to the microphone, I would assume we have no old business. So that means we will move forward to new business. And I can't imagine there's not someone out there that has something that they want to bring up for this, so the floor is now open for the introduction of new business. Brother McGuire.

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

James McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, National Signals Officer. Everybody, I want to thank you for continually supporting our mission to improve our web presence and to create a tool that can be used efficiently by our members and be something useful to people outside the Order trying to find out more about us and maybe join or use us as a resource for their public programming or education. Last year, this body authorized \$9,000.00 for our Committee to engage in a process of discovery to find out what our members needed in a website. We sent it out to bid. And we did not find anybody who is willing to spend that little on discovery or did not want to do discovery. So over the past year, with talking with many people, we've determined that through the success of several surveys that we've been doing as an Order the past couple years, that we can do that discovery internally. So what I'd like to see is that this body continue to support website redevelopment with the idea that we're going to go forward and start vetting developers to actually redesign our website to bring it up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Use our internal discovery process as what those developers would need in order to give us a quote. And then to start work on a new website in the second half of this year. So what I'd like to see is the \$9,000.00 that this body approved last year for discovery be forwarded to a website development fund so that we would have seed money to start working with the developer. I'd actually like that number to be \$15,000.00. But I know sometimes we're like, "Ahh! \$15,000.00's a lot of money." So, I'm looking for fifteen. If this body would take the \$9,000.00 from last year and agree to that, I'd be happy there. But it'd be a place to start. It would be something I could have to start working with the developer, after we've vetted the developer, and figure out what the next step is from there.

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

Brother McGuire, we will need that to be in the form of motion. We will need that motion in writing and provide it to the Secretary. And we will need that before we can vote so that it can be clearly read to the entire body.

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

Absolutely. While I'm writing it. I move that the National Encampment provide \$15,000.00 for

website development in this budget year.

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

Second.

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

All right. We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Commander, this is David McReynolds, National Treasurer. I'd just like to point out that we do not have \$15,000.00 available in funds in the fiscal year ending 2019 budget. I think that we could fit a lower amount of development funds in the second half of fiscal year ending 2019 and likely any additional funding would be a request for the fiscal year ending 2020 budget. So I would suggest that we start with \$5,000.00 in the second half of fiscal year ending 2019 and the request to consider \$10,000 of additional funding in the first half of fiscal year ending 2020.

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

Brother McReynolds, are you making then as an amendment.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

I would make that as an amendment to the motion.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

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

We have an amended motion. It has been seconded. Let me ask, Brother McGuire, are you able to accept this amendment.

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

I will accept it because we need to get this going.

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

So, Brothers, what we have here for you to be discussing, while Brother McGuire writes this down, we are discussing that we would have a budgetary item that would include \$5,000.00 for discovery in the second half of the budget that we are working with now. And that we would have \$10,000.00 that would be coming for the following year. So we're basically splitting the cost, putting \$15,000.00 into this particular budget and \$10,000.00 in the future budget for next year. Is that clear to everybody? So, is there any discussion? Okay. Sir, please.

**David Krueger, Department of Texas**

David Kruger, Department of Texas. Yesterday in your opening remarks, you indicated that we needed to have a concerted effort to expand and extend membership. It seems to me that an updated website is a key component of that and that we need to do that sooner rather than later.

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

Okay. Thank you, sir. I will take that as a for. Brother Reineke.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Communications and Technology Committee**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department Commander, Department of Illinois. I'm on Brother Jamie's Communication and Technology Committee. I am speaking for his motion. One complaint that we hear a lot is that our website, as currently built, is difficult to navigate. The things that we want front and center, aren't front and center. The things that we wouldn't mind seeing in the background are right up front. So this is an important process. I am one of a handful of millennials. And there's some even younger in this room, and I think everybody in those generations, and I hope in the generations older than me, would agree that our web presence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond is the front door of this Organization. So, improving that website, getting it where it's mobile friendly and easy to access, easy to use, should be a forefront goal of our Order.

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

Now we have had two for. So, if you're speaking in opposition, then go for it.

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

Commander-in-Chief, I have a question. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Right now, we have an amendment on the floor which is talking about the division of the money. That's what should be discussed because you have to pass the amendment before you go to the other thing. So, if we're going to discuss, we need to discuss the division of money, approving it or not.

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

And that's what I just stated what it was. I was hoping that people would understand that.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Communications and Technology Committee**

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island. I'm also on the National Communication Technology Committee. I'm just trying to get a clarification on the \$9,000.00 that was previously...

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

...That money is gone. Brother Pahl.

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

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, speaking at this moment as former National Treasurer for four years. In the four years I was National Treasurer, I brought a budget to the Encampment that was a deficit budget to begin with. Fortunately we ended all four years in the black. But it's disconcerting to me that large budget requests are being made at the last moment without consulting with the National Treasurer well in advance of the Encampment to see if funds might even be available. So Brothers, in the future, if you're going to make budget requests, please consult with the National Treasurer well in advance of the Encampment so this can be considered. And that he can plan for it because a lot of times we're operating right at the edge of what we take in. And we don't want to dip reserves if we don't have to. And that should only be in an emergency. Thank you.

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

Brother McGuire.

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

James McGuire, National Signals Officer. Point taken, Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl. It was my misunderstanding that the \$9,000.00 would roll. So I do apologize. Which is why I am grateful that this body is able to provide something today, if possible.

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

Brothers, so we are actually still debating the amendment, to divide the money into two payments, two sections, one that would come out of the second half of this year and one that would come out of...it would be in next year's fiscal year, and that would be \$10,000.00. And this year's portion would be \$5,000.00. Is there any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing no questions and seeing no discussion on the amendment, we will move to the vote on the amendment. Do we have that written out yet? Could Brother McReynolds please restate his amendment?

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

This is David McReynolds, National Treasurer, Department of Tennessee. The amendment that I proposed is to fund the discovery for web redesign as \$5,000.00 in fiscal year ending 2019 and \$10,000.00 as a request for fiscal year 2020.

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

Clarification, it's development, not discovery.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

Okay.

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

Brothers, you've heard the motion, the amended motion, or the amendment. Time to vote. If you're voting yes, that is to approve the amendment. If you're voting no, that is to deny the amendment. All those who are voting yes, please raise your voting cards. Put them down. All those who are opposed, please raise, same sign. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it, and that amendment passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Now, we will move to vote on the entire motion, as amended. Brother McGuire.

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

James McGuire, National Signals Officers, motion to approve \$15,000.00 for website development for the new National website redesign, with monies to be dispersed \$5,000.00 in the second half of fiscal year 2019 and \$10,000.00 to be dispersed fiscal year 2019-2020.

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

Brothers, we will now vote on that motion. Is there any discussion before we vote? Seeing no discussion, all those who are in favor of the motion, please take your voting card and put it over your head. Put 'em down. All those opposed to the motion, same sign. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Thank you, Brothers.

**Encampment**

(applause)



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

Is there any other new business? I see someone. I see two someones. Three. Brother Concon, what you got out there, sir?

**Darwin F. Concon, Department of Tennessee**

Commander, I would like to bring up for consideration for the National Headquarters to do the same thing that the Daughters of the American Revolution are doing, to basically consider accepting DNA evidence in lieu of missing documents. That's the bottom line. I'll give you an example. Yesterday, I met with my first cousin, who she didn't know she had any family cause she was abandoned in a hospital forty years ago. She took an ancestry test. Contacted me. Make a long story short, I found out who her father was, my uncle. He was a sailor, so that gives you something to go on. The DAR already does accept DNA evidence for, like I say, a missing document. And I think that's something we can do to increase our membership, putting on our website where it says if you have DNA evidence, submit it. You know? And that's something for the whole body here to consider. And that's all I ask.

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

So, Brother Concon, are you making this as a motion?

**Darwin F. Concon, Department of Tennessee**

Yes, sir, a motion to consider.

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

Motion to consider the use of DNA evidence as proof in lieu of missing documentation.

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

Is there any discussion? Brother Pahl has some discussion.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Paul as Parliamentarian.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

National Regulations require that any changes to National Regulations be submitted, by protocol, at least thirty days prior and that several Officers be notified. This proposal will cause the change of not only the Regulations but possibly the Constitution. And further, our Articles of Incorporation of United States Congress require of the blood relationship. This is gonna require legal study Also, I'd ask the Commander-in-Chief to rule this out of order for not being presented in a timely fashion pursuant to regulations.

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

Brother Concon, I'm afraid I have to agree on this with the Parliamentarian. I would suggest, sir, that you have a good idea. But what you will need to do is propose this utilizing the instructions in the C&R to submit this to the C&R Committee within, but no later than forty-five days prior to the Encampment next year so that this could be considered. You do have a wonderful idea. And I don't want to shoot you down. But I have to rule this out of order.

[one rap, \*]

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

Brother McNulty.

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

Even though it's ruled out of order, I would like to make one comment. I'm retired from the biology department in the Pennsylvania State University, and I work with this kind of technology. It is not foolproof and we have to be careful how we implement it. There are many false negatives, many false positives in any kind of DNA research, DNA work. And we can't just accept it without looking at the science behind it.

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

Thank you, Brother McNulty. Brother Darby, I know you've been waiting.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. This has nothing to do with the proclivity of a sailor. I've got a couple pet peeves. One is reports. And as I looked at Brother Faron's report, I see the total reports received for this Encampment was 76%. Of the Departments, 60% turned in a report. Now, as a Department Commander, you got enough time to write a report for what your Brothers do. And I think it's an affront to not only your Brothers and your Department for you not turning in a report, it's an affront to this august body for you not doing it. I would make a motion that if you do not turn in your report, you are not granted an audience before this Encampment to then submit your report verbally. The report is supposed to be in writing. You make your report in writing. And if you put no report, we have no report submitted, then you don't get to talk. That's the first motion. Second motion...

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

Can we do them one at a time? It has been seconded. We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on this motion, which would basically gag the Officers who come to the Encampment and have not filed a report for their Department. They would not be able to speak. I believe that is what you're saying. Is that correct, sir?

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

Correct.

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

Is there any discussion? Sir.

**Bruce E. Fortin, Department of Kentucky**

Commander, Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky. We have to be careful here because we did submit a report but somehow it did fall between the cracks. So it did not make the physical report that everybody had in hand this weekend.

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

I understand that sometimes that does happen, Brother. Brother Tucker.

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

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I'm opposed to this motion just because it doesn't account for extenuating circumstances or as the other Brother said, things falling through the cracks. If a

Department Commander is removed and a new one comes in and is not ready within the allotted deadline date. I just had fourteen circumstances and now I can't think of a one of them. If there is some reason that, you know, illness, whatever it is, I think it should be at the discretion of the Commander to allow this, rather than to make it a regulation.

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

Are you making that as an amendment to the motion that was made? That it would be at the discretion of the Commander?

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

I would make that as an amendment.

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

Brother Darby, would you accept that amendment that would make it at the discretion of the Commander?

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

I'll take that. Yes.

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

Very well. We have an amendment to the motion that would make whether or not a Brother who did not or an Officer who did not submit his report would not be able to report here verbally unless he was given dispensation by the Commander-in-Chief at the meeting. Is there any discussion on that amendment?

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

I thought I heard the second over here from Perley Mellor. I'm sorry. Is there any discussion on the amendment? All those in favor of the amendment, please raise your card over your head. Put 'em down. Those opposed, please raise your card. The amendment is passed.

[one rap, ]

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

We will now move to the main motion. Jerry, are you speaking to the motion?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

In favor of the motion.

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

Okay. Speak.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Two things. First of all, the IRS has never understood why I didn't have my tax returns in on time. I can come up with all the excuses in the world, but that doesn't excuse me from the fact that my report was supposed to be in on time. My taxes were supposed to be filed correctly and on time and I'm penalized when I'm not. That's the IRS. The second is when I stand before the throne of the Lord for final judgment, when did I see you hungry? When did I see you thirsty? I can have all the excuses in the world, but that doesn't work. I am in favor of exactly what Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby says,

that the report is due. You get it in rather than making excuses. However, the Commander-in-Chief should have the authority to do whatever he pleases, which is always been the case anyway.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

And I thank you for that.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Commander, I'm Bruce Amsden from the Department of Vermont, and Past Commander of Vermont. My question is if a state submits a one sentence report, will they be allowed to amend it during the Encampment?

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

The rules of the Encampment say that the reports are as written; however, the Officer presenting the report can put extra information in as long as there is a report. However, I think a one sentence report would be very bad idea.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Oh, I do too. I'm just trying to emphasize a point.

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

Well, I understand what you're saying. I'm going to assume you're speaking for the motion? Is that correct?

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Actually, I'm speaking against it. For that very purpose I believe in communication no matter when it comes. I think people should communicate.

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

Okay.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

I'm just looking at it how everybody could put in at least a sentence and if they were allowed to amend their report at a forthcoming Encampment, then it seems like this is much ado about nothing.

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

The real problem here is that the 40% that did not put in a report did not even write one sentence.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Correct.

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

So therefore we're dealing with human beings. And I suspect that will continue to happen unless we do something to change that. So, thank you. Brother from Michigan has something to say?

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

Robert Payne, Department Commander, Department of Michigan, and I'm speaking in favor of the amendment. I did not even know until the middle of July that I was supposed to submit a Department report and yet I was still able to produce one as you can see in the handout here. And I was able to produce more than just one sentence. And that was still working full time, 60-70 hours a week, be able to put it together coherently and run it by my Chief of Staff. So, I believe that pretty much anybody can produce quantitative... There are special circumstances where the Department Commander is not available. So help me, you've got a Senior Vice Commander who can do that.

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

All right. We've had two for and one against, so we have one more opportunity. Are you for or against? I'm gonna ask you to take your seat because we've already had two for. Are there any others against? Then we will bring the motion to a vote. The motion is that Departments or Officers who failed to submit their reports to the Chief of Staff for publication will not be allowed to speak to it here at the Encampment, unless they are given permission by the Commander-in-Chief to do so. All those who are voting yes, you're voting to approve that. If you're voting no, you are voting not to approve that. All those voting yes, please raise your card above your head. Put them down. All those voting no, please raise your card. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes have it.

[one rap, \*]

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

Commander-in-Chief, I didn't mean for that to take so long. My second motion, we have a portion of the website, and I believe Brother Pahl runs it, about Brothers who are wishing to run for office. I know we have two openings for the Council of Administration. I know we have three Brothers running for it. I know one of those three Brothers has had his name before this body on the website for fifty-two weeks. There's nothing in the C&R that says you can't decide to run for an office the day of the Encampment. But I kind of question the commitment when that happens. I don't even know if I want to make a motion. But I would ask that if you're going to run for an office, you should know at this Encampment what's going to be open next Encampment and get your name out there so the Brothers have more time to investigate how they wish to put their vote out. So, I want to bring that up because it's just another one of my pet peeves. But, thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother Darby. Other new business. Other new business. As the auctioneer says going, going, going, going, going, gone. That's no more new business. I'm going to take a ten minute recess, which was asked for by the C&R Committee so that they can take a look at the things that they need to do. And then we will come back and we will take up the C&R.

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

Commander, Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I'd like for the Encampment C&R Committee to meet with me in the back of the room during the break.

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

Brother Jerry is selling two dollar bills for \$10.00 and the money goes to the Foundation. And if you would like to participate, he can only do this during the breaks. I will not allow him to sell anything during the meeting. So, if you want take a chance on this thing and you want a two dollar bill, see Brother Jerry during the break.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

[recess]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

We found that we had a little bit more new business so we're still on new business Brother Darby.

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

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. When I made the motion concerning reports when it was put before the floor, there was a screw-up.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

No, we added a word that shouldn't of been added. My motion was that if the Officer did not provide a report that he would not be able to stand before the Encampment and provide that report unless he had dispensation from the Commander-in-Chief. The word that was added or detracted, what it came out that you voted was he would not be able to speak at the Encampment. That is not the case. It is he would not be able to provide his report at the Encampment without dispensation from the Commander-in-Chief. So, I don't know whether we have to re-vote on that or everybody just go Domini, Domini and we're good to go. So that's up to the man with the...

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

Brothers, it was my error. I made the error. Brother Darby did not. I stated the wrong word. I am open to my Parliamentarian. What do I do here, buddy?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, Parliamentarian. So the record is clear, we should restate and revote on the motion.

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

I want it in writing this time.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I can do a couple of announcements while we're waiting.

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

The Secretary has a couple of announcements he'll make to fill up the time here.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

These are a couple more photo ops. The Department of Chesapeake will have a photo op at the lunch break in front of the flags. Also the Department of California and Pacific, will have a photo op in front flags at the next break. From Department of the Pennsylvania, any candidates running for National Office are advised to address the Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department at 1:00 p.m. in the private dining room at the Sheraton's restaurant. MOLLUS will also be having a photo op in front of the flags at the lunch break. Ohio is also going to try to have their second photo op in front of the flags at the lunch break.

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

Brother Tucker.

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

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. While we're taking a break, I just want to touch on a few things. For lunch today, we'll have the same thing as yesterday without the hot buffet. They only sold twelve of the hot buffets It killed them and they made all that food, so, we'll have the box lunches again for \$10.00 and the à la carte. Of course, you have the regular restaurant and you have Wendy's and all those other places. There was also a question about tomorrow, some of the folks are leaving, whether or not there'd be a shuttle. And the people at the front desk were not informed that we actually contracted for a shuttle for Sunday. So, there will be a shuttle that takes you to the Logan Express Terminal starting at 7:00 a.m. You have to contact the hotel and make sure that you're on the schedule, if you're going that way. Then check the schedule for the Logan Express, to make sure you can make your plane okay. But there will be a shuttle. I just wanted to clear that confusion.

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

Thank you, Brother Tucker. Parliamentarian.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Paul, Parliamentarian. What we're trying to accomplish is called a motion to reconsider. It does require a second. It is debatable but not amendable and can be a passed with just a majority vote. So we need to do, Brother Darby, is you have to make a motion to reconsider and then restate the correct version of that motion for the Brothers to consider here.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I would make a motion for the Encampment to reconsider the vote taken right before the break regarding reports filed by the Officers or Departments or Committees. The motion is "Officers, Departments, Committees not submitting reports to the Encampment will not be permitted to read said reports to the Encampment without the dispensation of the Commander-in-Chief."

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

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

Is there any discussion or debate? Seeing no discussion or debate, Brothers, all those in favor of this motion to reconsider, raise your card over your head. And put them down. All those opposed. Put them down. The ayes win. The motion is passed.

[one rap, \*]

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

Thank you.

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

Commander-in-Chief, one more thing. When I was up here before and I made a statement concerning questioning the commitment of Brothers who kind of decided to run today for an office, I offended a Brother. That was not my intent. I should not have made that comment. And I wish to personally apologize to that Brother for throwing that out. So, Brother, you have my personal apology. Thank you.

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

Thank you for that very fraternal act, Brother Darby. All right. Now we have a report that I'd like to have from the Foundation at this time. Brother Houston, report of the Foundation, please.

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Brothers, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, I'd like to advise you on the key activities that the Foundation undertook in the past fiscal year. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, 2018, this year. The Foundation's annual meeting last year was held in Lansing, Michigan on August the 10<sup>th</sup> and Henry A. Shaw, Junior and Donald E. Darby were reelected to three-year terms. We also accepted the resignation of Ken L Freshly as a member of the board. This year, at the meeting on August the 9<sup>th</sup>, we elected a new director, James P. McGuire. As far as Officers go for the 2017-18 year, the following were elected: Chairman, Robert M. Petrovic; Vice Chairman, Henry Shaw; and myself as Secretary/Treasurer. The Foundation to Abraham Lincoln Contribution Program is now in its 12<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 provide funds for current price of projects and activities. Several individuals have increased their original contributions in the last year. These include Brothers Jim Floyd, Tom Schmitt of the Department of Indiana, and Brother Bob Wolz of the Department of Ohio. I'd like to just have all the Lincoln contributors, whether they contributed last year and previous years, just stand up for a minute so we can recognize you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Thank you. The Foundation, through the grants, continues to financially support related 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 SUVCW. Two significant grants made in the past year were to the refurbishment of the General Joshua Sill Monument in Chillicothe, Ohio and providing of flagpoles at the Stephenson Monument in Petersburg, Illinois. Should your Camp or Department be planning a Civil War related project, consider applying for funding through the Foundation. We welcome contributions to the Foundation in any amount. And the Foundation is a tax-exempt organization as established under Section 501(c)(3), which you've heard a lot about. As such, your gift is fully deductible on the code if you itemize. And details for contributing can be found on the Foundation's website and in literature distributed in various places. And we have a brochure like this that's on the table back here where we're showing the Foundation's



merchandise. So you can pick that up and find out how you can do that. There are various programs that you can do. There's various levels of contribution to the Foundation, to the Lincoln Program. You can do that under an installment program, which we'll work with you to program that out. And two other things that I might mention are going on. One, we have the last Logan Medal. We've sold all the rest. It was limited-edition, as you may know, of 350. We have number 350 numbered one that is on auction right here at the table. And you can write your bid down on the auction. And that will close at 12:15 today. So the highest bidder will get the number 350 medal. Also want to mention that Brother Jerry has, you probably all know, he's been selling the two dollar bills on behalf of the Foundation. And we have already recorded about \$330.00 in sales there. So, there are some of the projects. Also want to mention too that we've established a connection with Amazon called the Amazon Smile Program, which provides funds to the Foundation based on your Amazon purchases. You're encouraged to sign up for this. And it's a no-cost program. It doesn't cost anything more than when you regularly buy an item on Amazon. So, we'd like you to continue on that. And we thank you for your continued support and the Foundation.

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(applause)

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

And we will also here now from the Rituals and Ceremonies Committee.

### **Brian C. Pierson, Rituals and Ceremonies Committee**

Commander, Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina dual Oklahoma, Chairman of the Encampment Ritual Committees. No resolutions or recommendations came before the Committee and we discharged our duties accordingly. Thank you.

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

And now I would like to ask one last time, is there any other new business that needs to come? Then I have a pleasant duty. Thank you, Department of California, for bringing the Commander-in-Chief to the rescue. I've been asked to perform an initiation today of the newest member of the General Stoneman Camp #18 of Riverside, California, Department of California and Pacific. The gentleman's name is Kelvin Doyle. And he will be starting high school in two weeks. He is the grandson of Camp 18 Commander, Steve Doyle. And this has been requested by the Department Commander of the Department of California. It will be my pleasure to acquiesce and perform that duty. If the people involved will please come forward. I will need the Guide and the Color Bearer as we did yesterday. I would like you to bring them out there. I am going to stay here at this station. Chaplain, you ready?

### **Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Not yet, but I will be.

### **(Initiation Ceremony of Kevin Doyle)**

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

We will now call forth the Committee on Constitution and Regulations to give their report. We will work until 12:00. And we will then break for the lunch; come back and take up where we have left off. This will be of the report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations. And then after that is complete, we will have the report of the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

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

Bob Grimm, Chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Ohio. If you turn to page 36 in your booklet, you will find the report of the Standing Constitution and Regulations Committee. The changes made to the Regulations at the 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C&R. The updated C&R with a table of contents has been posted on the website. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this Encampment. Proposed changes to the Regulations by this Encampment are noted in bold type, this new language, and strikethroughs of language that's being eliminated. Proposal number one on page 36, this is a proposal from the Department of Michigan that affects Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5. And if you have the C&R, it's on page 27. This proposal clarifies the process for turning over Camp property to the National Organization when a Camp gives up, it's there, you see the changes that we're recommending. And rather than read all that to you, you can look through. See the bold print, the strikeouts. And it's the recommendation of the Committee that we approve this change.

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

Brothers, this comes to you as a motion made and delivered by the Committee. Is there any discussion?

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Brother Commander-in-Chief. Name is Bruce Amsden. I'm from the Department of Vermont. I'm a Past Commander. In so many ways, this takes money away from the Departments for a failed Camp. And it takes it directly to the National. If you look at Camps like H.E.K. Hall Camp, which was founded in 1883, one of the oldest Camps in New England, that Camp almost failed a year ago. There was \$2,500.00 that was left in their treasury. They had no Treasurer, no Secretary. The Commander had resigned. If it had failed, the \$2,500.00 instead of going to the Department of Vermont, it would go to National. Now, that money was raised by members by having chicken pie suppers, by having pancake breakfasts, by having raffles. It was in Chelsea, Vermont that this money was raised, locally to support the Sons of Union Veterans in Civil War efforts in Vermont. It would only seem fair that that money should remain in Vermont and be used for the purposes that the Department of Vermont would seek to have. In a way, this amendment diminishes the chain of command. The chain of command is National, Department, and Camps. And I really understand the desire to have a (c)(3) designation, but I don't think it should be at the risk of losing this important part of the chain of command. And also I think if Departments or Camps desire to have the (c)(3) designation, I don't think this is a way to do it. They should do it on their own. If you're saying that the only way it can be done Nationally is to remove funds from the Departments and give it to National, I think they should do it on her own. You're still going have to do the 990N no matter what designation we have. And basically that's my comments. I am opposed, as is the Department of Vermont, to this amendment.

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

Brother Pahl.

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

James Pahl, I'm gonna ask to step out of my role as Parliamentarian for a moment and comment. I am the author of this particular provision, number one, on behalf of Committee of the National Organization. And this is done in response to an issue that was created by General Order number 18. I hate to disagree with the Brother that just spoke, but the money does not leave, in your case, the State of Vermont. If you look at it, what it proposes is it goes to the National Commander-in-Chief via the

Department Commander of the affected Camp to collect and hold all such property entrusted to the National Organization. All the Department funds are held in trust for the National Organization so this in effect accomplishes the goal of satisfying I.R.S. regulations for a 501(c)(3) and yet the Department acts as the agent of National to actually collect and hold the money. So the money will stay in the Department under this new proposal. It does not go to National. It goes to the Department. That was done deliberately to try to overcome the issue that was created by General Order 18.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Commander, Bruce Amsden, Past Commander...Okay. I understand what Brother is saying. However, the money becomes the property of National. Is that not correct?

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

It always has been.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Okay, then at that point if that's taken correctly, the money in the Department treasuries is also National's property.

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

It is being held in trust for the National Organization. That is correct.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

So, at any time National could just dip into any treasury of a Department if need be and remove money.

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

This body would have to act to do that. But it is possible, yes.

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

The National Encampment is the only body that could take that money, not the Officers or the elected Officers of the Organization.

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

It would take action of this Encampment to do that. And yes that is possible today.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Okay, then why change the Regulation at all? The Constitution?

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

Well, again to answer the question, the current Regulation turns the property over to the Department. The Department is not 501(c)(3). To comply with I.R.S. regulations, it has to be turned over to the National. But we're designating an agent to collect and hold i.e. the Department, acting under charter, so they're acting as our agent. It's a legalese thing. I grant you that. Shows why law school takes three years. It has to twist your mind in weird ways. But it accomplishes the goal of satisfying I.R.S. regulations while still doing what we're currently doing.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

So, the Constitution, which probably's been in effect for 130 years, because I.R.S. is telling us to

change it, we're gonna change it.

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

This is National Regulations, not the Constitution. And yes, to change tax status, did create a small conflict in Regulations. And that's why this is there to correct it.

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

We cannot, as a National Organization, continue to operate as a 501(c)(3) and have you as subordinate units if we do not control the subordinate units. So it really comes down to we must have this language throughout all of our documentation in order to sustain 501(c)(3) and to gain 501(c)(3) for all of the other subordinate units, SVR units, SUVCW Camps, all totaled. So, as Brother Jim says, it's legalese, perhaps. But we're not really changing anything from what it was. We're just clarifying that the Constitution and Regulations had always said, that the money was held in trust for the National. So we're not really changing anything there.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Well, I sort of disagree with that because we are changing the Regulations to say that it's no longer the property of the Department if a Camp is disbanded or the charter is removed.

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

If at some point in the future, the Departments and Camps become 501(c)(3)'s, then that can be changed again. Once you are a 501(c)(3) as a Department, then you will be eligible to receive the money from the Camps. But I doubt that will ever change the fact that should you fail as a Department, that money does then transfer to us because it is, always been, and will be in the future held in trust for the National.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Did I hear you correctly when you said as a Department fails, it would become the property of National?

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

If a Department goes defunct, Department property and all of its monies do transfer to National.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

True. True. And that, to me, supports the chain of command.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. The Brother in question is beyond his five minutes and also he's went over his two limit reply...

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

Thank you, Brother Secretary. I will have to end your comment at this point and take up comment from the Brother who's standing behind you, sir.

**Charles L. Worley, Department of Michigan**

Charles Worley, Department of Michigan, PDC. Just seeking clarification from Brother Pahl. For the floor here, what is the definition of "collect and hold?" Does "hold" mean those funds are now restricted? Are they at the disposal of the Department for future use? Or are they forever restricted?

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

James Pahl, to respond to the question. The funds are not restricted. They are held by the Department the same as any other funds are held by the Department, subject to the same level of...so they're free to use at the Department level for the purposes of the Order, the same as any other Department asset. That's not a restricted fund.

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

Does that answer your question, Brother?

**Charles L. Worley, Department of Michigan**

Yes, it does.

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

Are there any other people who'd like to come to the microphone? Is there any other discussion? Then we will move to vote. Yes is to approve the change; no is to deny the change. All those who are voting yes please raise your cards. Put them down. All those who are voting against please raise your cards.

[one rap, \*]

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

Motion passed.

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

All right. Proposal number two on page 36, this is a proposal also from the Department in Michigan. It affects Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 3. If you have the C&R, it's on page 34. And this proposal will allow a Camp Officer to be installed during the month of September rather than November. And the Committee recommends approval. The only change you can see is a strikethrough for the month of November and inserting the word "September."

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

Is there any discussion? All right. I see no discussion. We will move to vote. All those in favor of this change to the Constitution please raise your card. Put them down. All those opposed, like sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Done. Passed.

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

All right. On page 37, we have proposal number three. This is a proposal from the C&R Committee. It affects Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2 and Section 12 on page 50 in the C&R. This proposal will correct an error discovered in these two Sections. Section 11 makes reference to Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 3(a). If you had C&R, that would be on page 49. The topic referred to is not in that Section of the C&R. We have the same problem in Section 12, which makes reference to a topic in Section 2, Article 1, Section 3(b), which is on page 49 of the C&R, which is not in that Section of the C&R. This change did not affect the subject matter of the two Sections. And the Committee recommends approval.

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

Is there any discussion?

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

Don Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary/Treasurer. I'm not speaking against or for this motion. I just need some additional information. I'm a little bit confused maybe because I'm suffering from lack of sleep, like yourself. But it seems to me that we have a problem, and the problem is that we have an incorrect reference. And we're correcting it by eliminating the reference altogether. And I don't understand why that's a good correction. Why don't we just correct it and correct the reference?

**Dennis J. Duffy, Department of New York**

Dennis Duffy, delegate, Department of New York. I have a question. What is an EIN report?

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

That will take a little bit of time to explain. And I would suggest that you come up here and speak with the National Treasurer just as soon as possible when the next break or when we go to lunch. It's where you report your number. But is there a bigger question here when we're talking about EIN's?

**Dennis J. Duffy, Department of New York**

I didn't know whether this was a Son's report or something we filed with the federal government.

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

No, this is a Son's report.

**Dennis J. Duffy, Department of New York**

It's a Son's report so I think that answers the question. Thank you.

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

Any further discussion? Then we'll move to the vote. All those in favor of the change, please raise your card. All those opposed, like sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passed.

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

On page 37 of your booklet, proposal number four. This proposal is from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Ed Norris, who is also Chairman of the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation. It affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 1. And if you have the C&R, it's on page 96. Now there is one clerical error in our note here. As you go down, it says, "This proposal will eliminate the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation. If this proposal is adopted," the proposal number four, that should be five in this report, "if adopted, will create the position of National Battle Flag Preservation Officer who will assume the duties of this Committee." Also, a grammar correction is made by inserting the word "and" in the last line of this section. And the Committee recommends approval.

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

Any discussion?

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

Commander, Don Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary/Treasurer. I realize this may be out of order, but I did not hear an answer to the question that I had.

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

And I'm sorry. We will answer the question.

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

Thank you, sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl acting as Parliamentarian and a member of the C&R Committee. To answer your question of why wasn't it referenced to the proper Section, because there is no other Section. When you try to find something in the C&R where it said, "as required in Section 3(a) of this Article," there's nothing in the Article that refers to the consolidated report anywhere. So there's nothing else to correct it to. It's just eliminate the language because there is no other Section that refers to...

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

Then my understanding then is that the reason is that there is no other reference anywhere else in the Regulations.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Correct.

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

Okay. Thank you, sir.

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

So is there any discussion on the one that we just went through? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor of the change, signify by raising your card. Put 'em down. All those opposed. Motion passed.

[one rap, \*]

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

At the bottom of page 37 in your booklet, proposal number five. This proposal is from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Ed Norris, who is also Chairman of the Battle Flag Committee. And it affects Chapter 3, Section 4 or Article 4, Section 1(a) and on page 76 of the C&R, if you have it. And this proposal will create the position of Battle Flag Preservation Officer. "If this proposal is adopted, the proposal will affect," and here again is a clerical error should be number six rather than five, "and will describe the duties of this new Officer position." And there's also a grammar correction made by inserting the word "and" in the last line of this section. And the Committee recommends approval.

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

Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, let's move to the vote. All those in favor, raise your card. Put 'em down. All those opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passed.

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

On page 38 of your booklet, proposal number six. This is a proposal from Junior Vice Commander, Ed Norris, who is Chairman of the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation. Affects Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 32. And on the C&R, if you have it, it's page 91. And this proposal adds a new section to this Article which describes the duties of the National Battle Flag Preservation Officer and renumbers the current Sections 32 to 33. And the Committee recommends approval.

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

Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, we will move to the vote. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your card. Put 'em down. All those opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Passed.

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

On page 38, proposal number seven. This is a proposal from the Department of Vermont. It affects Chapter 5, Article 5. And if you have the C&R, it's on page 122. And this proposal will limit the type of property a Camp or Department that ceases to exist will be obligated to turn over to the National Organization. The Committee does not recommend approval of this proposal. And if you note, the proposal is to strike out "as the all real intellectual and other property," and we think that should be left in the section as it currently is written.

**Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont**

Commander-in-Chief Mark. My name is Bruce Amsden. I'm from the Department of Vermont. I'm a Past Commander of the Department. Vermont would at this time like to withdraw the amendment as written in the interest of harmony for this Encampment.

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

And the chair recognizes the Brother and it appreciates his sincere and honest feelings with regard to this issue and thanks him for the withdrawal of the motion.

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

All right. Proposal number eight is on page 39. And this proposal is from the C&R Committee. Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 3(u)(b) is affected. And if you have the C&R, it's on page 129. And there are some clerical mistakes in the note here. "This proposal will clarify the time period during which the Commander-in-Chief and Department Commanders may award the Dr. Mary Walker Award. It will eliminate any confusion that might arise between" and the word "calendar" is misspelled, the year and a Commander's term of office." And the Committee recommends approval.

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

Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, let us move...Brother Paquette.



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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake. Just clarification on this. If a Department Commander is reelected, is he serving a subsequent term or is it a continuation of his existing term?

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

Brother Pahl, would you like to answer this?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, that's a new term. It's not a continuation of the old term.

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

Thank you very much.

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

Is there any other discussion? Seeing no further discussion, we'll move to the vote. All those in favor of the amendment, raise your card. Put 'em down. All those opposed, same sign.

[one rap, \*]

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

Done. Passed.

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

All right. On page 39, proposal number nine. This proposal is from the Military Affairs Committee. It affects SVR Regulation Article 10, Section 1. Chapter 2, Article 14, Section 3 of the SUCVW Regulations incorporates the SVR Regulations by reference into the SUCVW Regulations. And these are available on page 70 of the SUCVW Regulations. This proposal divides Section 1 of Article 10 of the SVR Regulations into four sections and transfers the purchase of SVR badges from the SUCVW Quartermaster to the SVR Quartermaster. And a new Section 5 and 6 and 7 authorize three new SVR badges for the SVR Unit Commander, Past Unit Commander, and Past District Commanders. And the remaining Sections of this Article are renumbered 8-18. And the newly renumbered Section 8 authorizes safety clasp for the Past Commanding Generals Badge. The Committee recommends approval. General Shaw showed you a picture of the badges. What this does, it simply gives a description of those badges.

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

Is there any discussion? Brother Norris.

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

Edward Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Massachusetts. I'm not for or against this. Actually, I'm for it. I need to point out in Chapter 3 of the Regulations, Article 7, Officer Job Descriptions and Duties is the list of Quartermaster duties. And I know we gave special permission to the Foundation to sell merchandise. Section 7 says the National Quartermaster shall have the responsibility of maintaining an inventory of supplies; procuring sufficient inventory to meet the needs of the National Organization, Departments and Camps, and the Brothers in the filling of orders for supplies. He shall receive payment for inventory sold, and shall forward the same to the National Treasurer. I'm not gonna read the rest. So if we create this, we're sort of splitting the duties of the

Quartermaster. Do we have to grant special permission to do that?

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

Well, this Regulation here gives the SVR Quartermaster permission to sell SVR material.

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

Brother Norris, do you have any further things that you'd like to say?

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

No.

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

Is there any other discussion? Brother Danny.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

As National Quartermaster, Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, I'd just like to say that I think this should've happened a long time ago. And I'm all for whatever the SVR needs. They had their own Quartermaster. I think will be real good for the next Quartermaster coming up to relieve them of some of the products that we sell. And it also will give them an opportunity to grow with their Quartermaster. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother Danny. Is there any other discussion? Seeing no further discussion, we'll move to the vote. All those who are voting in favor, please raise your card over your head. Put 'em down. All those opposed, same sign. Motion passed.

[one rap, \*]

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

Proposal number 10 on page 40 of your booklet. This is a proposal from the Department of Michigan and it's a Constitutional amendment rather than a change to the Regulations. And this would affect Article 5, Section 2(b) of the Constitution, found on page 20 of the C&R booklet. And this proposal clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's authority to take action to suspend or delay implementation of an action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment and includes state laws as well as United States laws. And the process for taking such action by the Commander-in-Chief remains the same. The Committee recommends approval. And if you'd read through there, you can see you have a line out of one thing and it's the last procedure. And we've inserted the word "any." And then we've added "and" and "or state laws." This requires 2/3.

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

This will require 2/3 vote, just so everybody knows.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl as Parliamentarian. This will also require then each Department to review this at their next Department Encampment and will require approval of a majority of the Departments before it can become effective as an amendment to the Constitution.

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

Brother Darby.

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

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. One thing that should be mentioned in regard to this specific Article, the current C&R was incorrectly changed when this was put in. The term "last..." was it "previous" or "last" Encampment was put in there and it shouldn't of been. So when you're doing your deliberations back at your Camps and Departments to approve this, what was put in the Constitution was incorrect. And if you go back, I can't remember which proceedings it's in, but it states what should have been put in there I think almost ten years ago. So this error has been around for ten years where the strikeout is and then just the addition of what Michigan put in the black line. So if your trying to explain that to your Camps and Departments, we screwed up eight years ago.

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

And I believe that General Order 33 also states that particular fact, so you can refer back to General Order 33 of this year. Is there any discussion? Brother.

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

Sir, Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, Senior Vice Commander. I have a question of whether any state law may actually conflict with our Congressional charter and then the situation, if we have any situations arise that way.

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

The situation that drove this arose out of the fact that we were in violation of Federal tax laws. We may be at some point in violation of state tax laws. The question is, is allowing the Commander-in-Chief to delay an action that was taken by a National Encampment that would put us in violation of said laws and to delay the action of the Encampment until we can come back and take a look at how that, we can talk about it and fix it.

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

Thank you very much.

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

Is there any other discussion? Then Brothers, as I said, this will require 2/3 vote. If you are in favor of this Constitutional amendment, please raise your hand with your card. Put 'em down. If you are opposed, raise the card.

[one rap, \*]

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

The Amendment passes.

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

Commander, this concludes the report of the Standing C&R Committee. And since it is 12:00 o'clock, I would recommend that we postpone the Encampment C&R Committee report until later.

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

And I concur. Gentlemen, the hour of 12:00 has arrived. We will now recess for lunch.

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

Commander, announcement. The Quartermaster store will be closed at the beginning of lunch. It should be back open maybe about a half hour before we reconvene.

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

Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break for lunch)

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Commander-in-Chief, I have a message from Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson. He says, "Thanks Jerry, blood pressure normalizing and feeling better. I pray for the Brothers at the Encampment and for all the souls of the Boys in Blue." May I have your permission, sir, to take a photograph of the Encampment and send it to him by email?

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

You have my permission.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, I have two messages. Would the Maine Department meet in front of the flags at the next break? And would the Pennsylvania Department meet at the next break in front of the flags for a photo?

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

Brother Grimm, are you ready to continue? Brothers, this will be the report of the Encampment C&R Committee.

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

Okay, the Encampment C&R Committee has five items that were referred to us. If you look on page 7 of your booklet under the Officers' Reports for the Commander-in-Chief, item number two and item number three of his recommendations on page 48, or page 7 rather. Both of these involve job descriptions. And it's the recommendation of the Encampment C&R Committee that these two things be referred to the Program and Policy Committee. They're the ones who normally write job descriptions. And if the job description requires a change in C&R, then it comes to us. And we would recommend that the P&P Committee get their work done and sent to us no later than the Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting.

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

Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, let us move to the vote. All those who agree, who are voting yes for this action of send this to the P&P Committee, please raise your cards. Take them

down. All those opposed, same sign. Passed.

[one rap, \*]

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

This is a recommendation from the National Treasurer. It's found on page 13 of your booklet. It affects Chapter 3, Article 9, Section 7(a) of the existing Regulations. He would like to add a new paragraph 10 to that Regulation. And I'll read that change that he would like. "Requests for reimbursement of expenses must be made and submitted to the National Treasurer no more than thirty days after the expenses were initially incurred. Exceptions must be approved by the National Treasurer or the Council of Administration. All expenses incurred in one fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year must be submitted to the National Treasurer no later than July 31 of the same year. Advances of expenses are discouraged. If an advance of otherwise reimbursable expenses is made, a reconciliation of expenses incurred, including the repayment of any overage of the advance must be submitted to the National Treasurer within thirty days of the date the expenses were incurred." And the Committee recommends that the Encampment adopt that change. Then at the end of that same section of this is part b. There's an *a* and a *b* to that Article. He would like to add the additional sentence, "The time frames for the submission of expenses for reimbursement to the National Treasurer are the same for National Committees as they are for National Officers." And we recommend that of these changes be approved.

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

Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, All those voting yes to approve this change, signify by raising your card now. Put them down. All those opposed, by same sign. Passed.

[one rap, \*]

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

The last item for the C&R Committee to consider is on page 17. This is from the Executive Director. He has item one, recommendation one and recommendation two. Involves requiring penalties for Champ Commanders and Department Commanders and Secretaries who don't get their reports in on time. Or he wants an Assistant, I guess it is, an Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and some penalties for those people who don't have this. This requires a little more study. And it's the recommendation of the Encampment C&R Committee that these two items be referred to the Standing C&R Committee for study.

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

Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, those who are voting to approve this, raise their card. Put them down. Those who are opposed, raise the card. Passed.

[one rap, \*]

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

Commander, that concludes the report of the Encampment C&R Committee.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Well, Brothers, I'm not sure I've ever seen us accomplish and getting through the C&R resolutions that fast. But we're doing really well. And I'd like to take this time to do some awards. So if I could have my Chief of Staff and his able minions I'll take these first.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. While Commander-in-Chief and his minions are handling this, I still have these pair of glasses that were left out at the table this morning. I assume they're reading glasses. No one's picked them up yet.

**W. Faron Taylor, National Chief of Staff**

Are those your reading glasses?

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

Mine are setting on my desk in Lynchburg.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Well if so, then I have a new pair of reading glasses.

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

So Brothers, I have several awards that I'd like to do. I'm going to start out with the Meritorious Service Awards without Gold Stars. And the first one that I'm going to present, the gentleman is not here to receive it but I'm going to ask if a representative of the Taylor-Wilson Camp from the Department of Chesapeake would come forward to accept this award. They want an appropriate background, Charlie. This is Charles Driscoll of the Taylor-Wilson Camp down in Lynchburg, Virginia. This award is going to Dr. Clifton Potter Junior for Meritorious Service Award. This is in recognition of exceptional service and upholding the mission and objectives of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Dr. Potter is personally responsible for the installation of five bronze plaque markers, and one state highway marker in the city of Lynchburg marking the sites of Union units that fought in what they call down there a skirmish because they don't want to talk about this battle. But there was actually a battle in Lynchburg with 33,000 men engaged. And Dr. Potter's been doing serious work there to mark the significant Union sites. He is also writing a book that will document the lives of the more than three hundred Union prisoners who died in the transfer prisoner of war camp and military hospitals that were in Lynchburg, Virginia. So Charlie, I would like you very much to take this and accept it in Dr. Potter's behalf and to ensure that that is delivered to Dr. Potter. Let's have a handshake. Thank you. And Brother Freshly can speak to this 'cause he's been down there and participated in some of the things that we've done. Next one is not with us either, would like a representative of the Department of Tennessee to come up here and receive his award. This Meritorious Service Award is being presented to Ernest Bacon. Ernie Bacon is one of the significant moving forces in restoring the battlefield in the city...in the city of Franklin, Tennessee. He has been a member of several of the commissions that have done fundraising, done the work, and worked with the state to take care of making sure that this all works out. I don't know if any of you have ever been to Franklin, Tennessee. I took the C of A down to Franklin, Tennessee, in March to show them what had been going on. They were very impressed as I was. And so this award is for Brother Bacon. You might want to hang out down here for a little while. This third one is for Timothy Beckman. I believe that's the Department of Indiana. So if I could get a representative of

the Department of Indiana? And the reason that I selected Brother Beckman is when I was in Indiana for their midyear meetings, I was incredibly impressed with the work that they were doing with their database for registering and recording not only their monuments but also recording their Last Soldier gravesites. And this so impressed me that I felt that such a significant amount of energy had been applied to it. I asked him to send me a copy of a book of instructions for it, which he has recently done. And which I will be offering to the Brotherhood here to perhaps put on our website so that people can emulate him. But I would like very much to present this in lieu of all that work that is being done in Indiana.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

It appears I've picked a lot of people who aren't here. This gentleman is also a hard worker behind the scenes. Does a lot of stuff that you won't necessarily know he's done. Recently, he took it upon himself to request of me and the C of A if he could set up a recruiting booth for the Sons of Union Veterans at the Gettysburg reenactment that took place about a month or so back. At that time, they spoke to over 850 potential Brothers. They provided information that was individualized so that information would be if the potential applicant, was from Indiana, they gave him all the information for Indiana. This was a National recruiting effort. It was not for any particular Department. And this was an initiative that was put together by this particular gentleman. And so, if someone from the Department of New Jersey. This award is going to David Hahn. Many of you may know him. He is the man who is the provost for the Remembrance Day Parade. He is doing much more than just being the provost. He is truly a dedicated Brother of this Order and was well-deserving of this award. This next one is going to another Brother from the Chesapeake. I did not deliberately go out to look for Brothers in my own home Department. I don't want you to think, "Oh, I was being nepotistic." This particular Brother has been a mover and a shaker in getting our ROTC experience in his home Department. And I know he has personally presented, I believe, on average fifty or so ROTC awards. And he has spearheaded the Department of the Chesapeake's efforts. And I believe that last year or from the report that I got, the Department of Chesapeake only was behind the Department of California in the number of awards that were given. And that was about a hundred awards, a hundred ROTC awards, that were given last year by the Department of Chesapeake. Brother Paquette, if you would come up here and receive this for Roger, Brother Roger Leturno.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

This one, another Meritorious Service Award. A Brother, who is another quiet man working behind the scenes, who I have come to deeply respect. And he's not flashy. But he's always steady. And I think sometimes as the old Aesop's Fable goes, slow and steady often wins the race. Is Fred Lynch in the room? Fred Lynch, will you come forward? Brother Lynch of the Department of Ohio, thank you for your silent efforts behind the scenes. Believe me, everyone knows who knows you, understands and knows what you're doing and how important you are. So, thank you very much. If we'll turn around, we'll let that guy from your take a picture.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

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

The next set of awards I will give out will be additional Lifetime Achievement Awards. These are additional Bud Atkinson Awards. I gave the one this morning because I was concerned that over the course of the day my dear friend might tire and not be here this afternoon. He might be up taking a nap and that's why I gave the other one earlier. There are three more gentlemen who are going to get Lifetime Achievement Awards here this afternoon. The first of these, I think, goes to an incredible man who is more than highly deserving of a Lifetime Achievement Award. The members of his Department who nominated him incessantly pushed and told me and gave me a lot of impetus to make sure that this happened. And so, it would my great pleasure that I would ask Robert Grimm to come forward.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

General Grimm here, and I'm going to call him General, cause actually as soon as I take this hat of CinC off, I go back to being under him again in the SVR. You do a great deal of service for this Organization. You've been the Commander-in-Chief. I've come to these things, what, fourteen years now? And you're the only man I've ever seen to have the courage to stand up there and do the Constitution and Regulations Report. And you do it with magnificent grace and style. The members of your Department when soliciting me to award you this, you are a beloved figure, Bob. I don't know if you know that. But your Brothers in your Department love you and they wanted you to have this.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

I want to thank not only the members of the Ohio Department, but all those people that I've had an opportunity to learn from and appreciate all the services that you've helped me accomplish. Thank you.

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

You're welcome, Bob.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

I don't know if this gentleman is with us here today or not. This award is going to be another Lifetime Achievement Award. It is to a Brother from the Department of Iowa and so if he is not here, I would like a representative of that Department to come forward. This award is being presented to Michael Friedel. From the paperwork that I received, Brother Michael must be an extremely active member in the Department of Iowa and has been doing good work for this Order for more than thirty years. And is probably very, very deserving. Do you know can you tell us a little bit about him?



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

I can, sir. He is actually in my Camp, the Camp Grenville Dodge Camp in Des Moines, Iowa. He has been very helpful to me. I've been a member about 2½ years. I'm now Camp Commander. And he's been instrumental in helping me learn the ropes along the way and not let me step in the big hole. So he's been very helpful.

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

So obviously, the gentleman is a mentor and he's been not only in his Camp and in his Department and is highly deserving. So, if you will accept this award on his behalf.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

The final Bud Atkinson Award that I'm gonna give, you know, Brother Chuck, my dear friend, has been a member for seventy-six years. And I didn't think I'd ever find anyone who had been a member longer. But there is a gentleman in the Department of Pennsylvania, and I know he's not here. And I will need someone from the Department of Pennsylvania to come up here and accept the award. This award is going to a gentleman who is put much effort into historical education. He has been a hard-working member of his Department in Pennsylvania and he has been a very diligent Brother. I have run into him at every possible kind of event that you can go to. He has portrayed Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania for more than thirty years. And he has been a member for 77½ years. And his name? David J. Klinepeter. And some of you may know him. He is a great person. Brother Demmy brought him to my attention and I felt very, very strongly that, as I did with Chuck, anyone who has given ¾ of their long lives, seventy plus years to this Order, should get something more than a piece of paper and a handshake. They should have something they can at least look at and be proud and know that their Brothers love them. So, if you'll take this, David, and make sure that he gets it.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**David Demmy, Department of Pennsylvania**

Thank you very much.

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

You're welcome, David. This is the box.

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

This one is the Marshall Hope Award for most outstanding Department newsletter during the year 2017-2018. And it is being presented to *The March*, the publication of the Department of South Carolina and Georgia, or Georgia/South Carolina.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Thank you very much, sir.

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

You're welcome. And that was the Department level Marshall Hope. This is the Camp level Marshall Hope. And it is being presented to the publication called *Camp Orders*. It is the publication of the C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Department of Wisconsin.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Department of Wisconsin**

Thank you.

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

You're welcome.

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

The next award will be the Department Horace Greely Award. This will go to the Department of Nebraska and Dakota. Is there a representative of the Department of Nebraska? We'll ensure that this is received by them. We will take care of delivery. The Under Forty Award. This is in recognition to a Department recruiting the greatest number of new members under the age of forty. This award is going to be presented to the Department of North Carolina.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

It was very difficult for me to make this choice. I had seven new Camps that came in during my time. And I kind of tried to find out what they were doing. I looked to see if they had Facebook pages. I kind of delved around; looked to see what was going on with them. And I chose this one. This is a Joseph S. Ripley Award, most outstanding new Camp formed. And I am giving it to the Calhoun Camp #2, Department of Kentucky.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

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

Okay. We will now do Meritorious Service with Gold Star. I just need one of those Gold Stars. Meritorious Service with Gold Star requires not only my looking at it, but it requires a vote of the Council of Administration to be presented. The two gentlemen that have been awarded this high honor this year have undoubtedly been great Brothers who are very worthy. Is Robert Rogers of the Department of Illinois present?

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

No, he's not here.

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

Then Harry, if you would come here. This award is recognition by the Council of Administration for his long term exemplary service and extraordinary accomplishments in upholding the mission and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And Mr. Robert Rogers of Department of

Illinois. So if you'll accept this in his name.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

The next fellow I've known for a long time. He's an interesting character. He means what he says. He says what he means. But at the end of the day he has in fact done good work for the Order. I know he always has the best interests of the Order at heart. If I could have Brother Bruce Frail of the Department of Rhode Island please come forth.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brother Bruce, I imagine this must be a surprise.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Communications and Technology Committee**

It is.

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

Well, here you go. Here's your award and here's your gold star. I want you to the next time I see you, I want to see that gold star where it belongs. And I want you to just keep doing what you do. And if you make people angry, well dammit then you just make people angry. Right?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

The next award will be for outstanding efforts in recruiting at least six new members. Okay? In this case, I met this Brother in Ohio and he said to me, "I was a little under this year. I didn't get my normal quota." And I said, "Well gee, did you still get the award?" And he said, "Yup! Got enough to get the award." So if I could have David Rish come up here, if he's in the room. I'd love to give him this award. And if he's not in the room, I need somebody from Ohio to come up here and get it.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

All right, Kerry. You take that. And you make sure that Brother Rish gets his award. I know the next gentleman is not with us. This is a National, another National Aide. In this case, this gentleman did a pretty stellar job. This gentleman brought in fifteen new members in this past year. And so this award, National Aide Recognition will go to Eric D. Richhart of the Department Colorado and Wyoming. Is there someone here who could accept this? Then I will accept this in his name. And we will send it to him and ensure that it arrives.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

What've we got left? You know we have an award called the John Klem Award. This is for the most outstanding Junior member during a year. This particular award is going to be presented this year to Joshua J. Casio of the Department of Ohio. So if there is someone could please come and receive this award for young Mr. Casio.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

This next award is also going to someone who's not here. It appears that Brother Eric Richhart's fifteen also qualified him for the David R. Medert Award. And so the first...I want to say something about these awards just quickly. There are pictures on these awards now, these men. This particular photograph of Dave was basically approved by the family. We wanted to make sure that we were doing the right thing. And so we asked and this is the photograph that they preferred and wanted on this. So this is what the Dave Medert Award will look like. So, this'll go to Richhart. And we will deliver it.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Every year, we get to pick the Brother who has done the most good for our Organization over the previous twelve months. I get to do this. And as I put a lot of thought into it. This is a very important award. You're singling out somebody for something very prestigious. And so, without further gilding of the lily...

**Unknown**

...(laughter)...

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

...the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for the most outstanding member of this Order for the year 2017-2018 will go to Mr. David McReynolds.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

You earned it.

**David McReynolds, National Treasurer**

I just want to say, you know I love the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And this job is one that takes a lot of hours; involves a lot of things. But I love doing it, and it probably keeps me going. So, thank you. Thank you, Mark, for the recognition. And I just loved working with every one over the last year. And I hope that I answered your questions and provided the help that you needed as best I could. Thank you.

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

Brother Jerry. Jerry has a Chaplain's Award. I am going to defer to Jerry at this time for the

awarding of the Chaplain's Award.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

There are two recipients of the Chaplain's Award. And I'm not going to tell you what they did because this is what it says. "The Chaplains Award. Jesus told his followers not to hide their light under a basket, but to let it shine from the mountain tops. He also told them not to let the right hand know what the left hand is doing when it comes to doing good works. Well, your light has been noticed by your Brothers. They have asked that you be told that you have done an extraordinary job as Chaplain. You will receive the appropriate reward from the Lord; not now, but later." There's an arrow pointing up there. "On behalf of all your Brothers, thank you. Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Given this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 2018." It's signed by myself and the Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day. The first one goes to Clark Borcht.

**Encampment**

(chatter and applause)

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

The second one goes to Chaplain Charles Buckhan.

**Encampment**

(chatter and applause)

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

Well, Brothers, we've done the awards. And we've come to the point where the only thing left for us to do is good of the Order. And so the floor is open at this point for anyone who wants to come to the mic with something for the good of the order.

**D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake**

Commander.

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

Michael Beard.

**D. Michael Beard, Department of the Chesapeake**

Michael Beard, Department of Chesapeake. I'm coming for good of the Order to inform the Encampment of the very harmonious work performed by the Department of the Chesapeake with the Virginia Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Together, we erected a stone in Chesterfield County, Virginia, commemorating the dead that were buried there at the site of a U.S. Army field hospital, 1200 Union soldiers, fifty Confederate soldiers. This Organization, four years ago, donated \$1,000.00 to that event. The stone was erected in June. We had a joint ceremony where the UDC and Sons of Union Veterans sat down. Merged their two rituals together for a really cool ritual. The speakers of that event that did the speaking parts were the Commander of the Department of Chesapeake and the Commander Virginia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. They were joined in laying wreaths by the President of the Virginia Division of the UDC and the President of the Elizabeth Van Lew Tent of the Daughters of the Union, who by the way, with their \$1,000.00 contribution that matched ours, put the \$7,000.00 cost over its goal back then. The impressive thing about this stone, on the front it talks about Union and Confederate that are buried there. But carved in stone in the back is the harmony. It was erected by the Chesterfield Historical Society; the Daughters of the American Revolution, Chesterfield

Courthouse Division; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; Elizabeth Van Lew Tent; the Virginia Commandery; Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; the Order of the Southern Cross; the Sons of Confederate Veterans National Organizations; and A.P. Hill Camp; Charlotte County Camp; Chester Station Camp; Dinwiddie Grays Camp; and General Robert E. Lee Camp; the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Department of the Chesapeake; the Army of the James Camp; the Brady Camp; the Irish Brigade Camp; the General Alfred Torbert Camp; the James A. Garfield Camp; and the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; the United Daughters of the Confederacy National Organization; the Virginia Division of UDC; the Carolyn Grays Chapter; Chesterfield Chapter; the City Point Chapter; the Elliot Grays Chapter; H.A. Carrington Chapter; the Great-granddaughters Club of the UDC; and the Great Great Great Granddaughters Club of the UDC. That harmony is carved in stone in Chesterfield, Virginia.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother.

### **Kurtis Dunphy, Department of California and Pacific**

My name is Kurt Dunphy. I am the Senior Vice Commander at Las Vegas Camp #12, California and Pacific Department. I would like to speak for a moment on the fact that the Mormon Church has decided they're going to go their own way as far as scouting. I'm sure all of you know that two of our main charters are JROTC and Courts of Honor for Eagle Scouts. I think it's going to hit a lot of us, particularly in the west, but I'm sure in the east as well, as far as our activities. Last year, we went to sixty in Las Vegas alone; went to sixty Court of Honor, of which about 60% were Mormon. We issued about three hundred certificates this year, where last year we had about eighteen certificates issued. We've had two. It's changing. And I'm wondering if that somewhere in the National leadership we might be taking a look at communication with the Mormon Church to see if we can still participate at least in that area. Thank you.

### **Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir. Brother.

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

Commander, Bill Fischer, Department of Pennsylvania, Graves Registration Officer. Yesterday, Brother Pierson put forth a proposal from the Committee to have the National Organization help issue grants for the Last Soldier Project. I assume the reason that was done was because they believe in the value of that project. And that it was voted down as irrelevant in this case. We also heard a tragedy that Shakespeare could not have written yesterday when the Commander-in-Chief spoke about the gal in Gettysburg. The Last Soldier Project is an opportunity for this Order to reach the grassroots level in every county of this nation. The project does not cost much. It's an opportunity for you to go out meet the county commissioners; speak at county commission meetings; partner with small businessmen and women; the Rotary; the Kiwanas; veteran's organizations because you're not asking for tens of thousands of dollars. Everybody could chip in a handful of bucks to provide for that plaque. And it gives us an opportunity to meet folks and to show our relevance to them in every county of this nation. I know having been a member of the Department of Ohio in the past, what a great job that they've done. But we don't get there until we have a proper accounting of the Boys in Blue in each one of those counties. And that's why we need to support the Graves Registration Project that we have. If we don't do it, nobody

else will. We have a tremendous National Graves Registration Officer providing direction. This is also an opportunity to get out and partner with your local historical societies; with your genealogical chapters; with the Boy Scouts; with the Girl Scouts, you name it and show them the relevance and the sacrifice that our Boys in Blue gave. It's not some distant memory. It's what we're living today. So I was the Graves Registration Officer in the Department of Kansas for four or five years before I moved to Pennsylvania. The Ladies of the GAR Livermore Circle 66, I believe it was, they provided me with hundreds, if not several thousand, graves from sparsely populated counties in north central Kansas that I could never get to; that we had no real presence. This is the opportunity also for us to really forge an Allied Orders. So, I implore all of you to make the Graves Registration a priority because it's that opportunity to show our relevance locally and that correlates to that Last Soldier Project. Thank you.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**J. Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana, Past Department Commander. This is an invitation to everyone who lives in the central part of the United States. I'm representing the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Central Region Association, better known as the CRA. And we are having a conference in Valparaiso, Indiana, which is up near the tip of Lake Michigan on October 6<sup>th</sup>. It's our annual conference. I can look around this room and see many Past Commanders of that conference behind me, beside me, and in front of me. I would invite all of you to come. We'll probably have all five Orders there represented. And it's a time for Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and a time to get to understand what some of the other Orders are looking at, and talking about, and think about. And you can read page twelve of the current *Banner* and find out all about it and find a registration sheet for it. Thank you.

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

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Harry.

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

Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. Just an update on a project that the Encampment provided funding for in Illinois, in Richmond, I believe at that Encampment. In Aurora, Illinois stands a GAR Hall which is a copycat building of the GAR Hall in Foxboro, Massachusetts so it's kind of appropriate that this project came to fruition, completion for this Encampment. In Richmond, the Encampment provided a grant to Sheridan Camp #2 in Illinois to pass on to the Aurora Public Arts Commission to get the angel statue in the GAR Hall restored and replaced. That money got the statue cleaned. It got a new base, made from Italian marble. It got it replaced to get in the hall so the angel, Gabriel, now gazes his eyes upon the tablet blank except for the words "to the unknown dead" recording the names of those known only to God who lost their lives in the American Civil War. As an invitation, if any of you are

ever in northern Illinois, one of our Brothers curates that Hall. We can get you in for a tour. And another quick Rah! Rah! The state of Illinois finally opened up the grant so we can finish the building. So, thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brother Freshley, it's your turn.

**Ken L. Freshley, Department of Ohio**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley, Department Ohio. Department Ohio wants to invite you all to the 2019 National Encampment. It's gonna be held actually just a little bit south of Cleveland, about fifteen minutes in a place called Independence. Independence is a very wealthy corporate area. And you go about five ten miles away and you're in multimillion dollar houses, so it's a pretty nice area. Yeah, we're going to stay in one of those homes.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Ken L. Freshley, Department of Ohio**

Lots of tours we got planned. We got more details on that. We will be setting up a website. Look forward to all you guys coming. And the Ohio Host Committee thanks you. And I would also, you know, I point out that Brother Jim Crane is our co-chair also, so I have a great mentor to help me on this one.

**Unknown**

...(laughter)

**Ken L. Freshley, Department of Ohio**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brother Danny.

**Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. I just wanted to let the people that wanted the Mary Walker Award that they can come now and pick 'em up. And if anybody wants one, just see me in the next ten fifteen minutes. Thank you.

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

Brother Jamie.

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

James McGuire, National Signals Officer, just another reminder, everybody, about the social



media and all that. We do have the active social media accounts now for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. If you're even remotely interested in following these things and seeing what social media is all about, we can help you get there. If you're already on social media and you're not following, please do. And if you know young members who you want to tell them more about our Organization, find a way to engage them, we're going to try to be that gateway for a new generation. So, I encourage you to explore it. Explore it further if you're already there. Look at it if you are new if you have access. And reach out to us with questions. And don't forget that email address for this Encampment and for the rest of the year, signalcorps@suvchw.org.

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

Thank you. Brother Wesley, you have something?

**Wesley Mumper, Department of the Chesapeake**

Commander-in-Chief, Wesley Mumper, Patriotic Instructor, Department of the Chesapeake. One of the things, one of the awards that was given a little while ago to Brother Roger Leturno, I wanted to be able to say that it's very great to be able see what great work at the Department of Chesapeake has been doing when it comes to the ROTC Award. I know my particular Camp has done twenty this past year. And I had my son, Yo, who is a Junior member of our Camp and a Junior member of the Department, help me with a couple of the awards. And then I've also been very close with Roger about with a lot of the awards that he was able to give out. And he was able to get up to about forty this year, just from the Irish Brigade Camp. And we have a number of other Camps who are already looking into the possibility of creating their own programs; getting with those who have already had established programs and doing ROTC Awards. We had more Camps within the Department of the Chesapeake to do the ROTC Award, which will also help get us out there into the community. Go to the schools and get with the ROTC Commanders so that they know that there is a new organization and they don't have to get directly. They can come to us and we'll be able to get them the awards and have representatives there at their schools and their award ceremonies. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Brother Wesley.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brother Jim.

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Commander, as Secretary/Treasurer of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, we have decided on an end of Encampment special. All these polo shirts over here are now reduced from \$45.00 to \$40.00. So, come and get yours before you leave.

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

Is there any other individual who wishes to speak for the good of the Order? Anybody? Then Brothers, my intention is to do is take a ten minute break because after an hour a half of being in here, I'm sure some of you are probably needing to go.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

So we will take a ten minute recess. We will come back and then we will proceed to beginning the nominations process.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

[recess]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

Brothers, first thing I'd like to do is say thank you for such a harmo... And I hate that word. Well, let's go ahead and make it hurt all the way then. Thank you for such a harmonious Encampment.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

I think that we have done great things today and yesterday. I think we have moved this thing very effectively and very efficiently. That is only because of the work you have done. That has nothing to do with the Officers at this table. I think that we have done good service to the Order. And I hope that when you leave from here you will feel like you accomplished much. We will now move to open for nominations. So, I will turn this to the Secretary. We're going to conduct a roll call of the Departments for the purpose of nomination.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Okay. For the office of Commander-in-Chief, Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

The Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Michigan.

**James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

Brothers, I am James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan, here to place into nomination a Brother of our Department. You should have received as you're coming back from lunch a flyer, Brother Don Shaw of the Department of Michigan, so I have no need to go into all the qualifications listed on this form. But, you know, this reminds me of a story...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

...that I heard. Years ago a French Foreign Legion Officer, newly assigned to the remote outpost in the far reaches of the Sahara desert, and he's given a tour of the post. And the sergeant points out the post camel. And the officer, "What in the world is this?" "Well, sir, this is for the men's sex life." And the officer's thinking, "Ain't no way." But as time goes by and needs and urges grow, he finally instructs the sergeant to bring the camel around behind his quarters one night. And he goes outside, takes down his pants, and does his business. "Sergeant, what do you think?" "Well, sir, not bad. But most men ride it over the hill to the whore house."

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

So like the sergeant, I am nominating a man who knows what the tool is for. He knows how to use it and where to go.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

Donald Shaw for Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause, chatter, and laughter)

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

Brother Shaw, if elected, will you serve?

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

Yes, Commander, I will.

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

What other positions do you hold in this Order?

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

My Camp and Department have been very kind to me and cleared the decks so I can do this. I hold no other positions in the Order at this time.

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

Very well.

**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? Not present. Department of the Columbia is suspended. Department of Connecticut is suspended. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Department of Florida passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Florida passes. 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**

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? Not present. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky passes. Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Department of Maine passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Maine passes. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Missouri passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska. Department of Nebraska is not present. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

New Hampshire passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

New Jersey passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

New York passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

North Carolina passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

North Carolina passes. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio passes. Department of Oklahoma is not present. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Department of Pennsylvania passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Rhode Island passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of the Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Tennessee passes, sir.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Texas passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Department of Vermont passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin passes. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

National Membership-at-Large passes. That's the roll call of Departments for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

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

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other

nominations?

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Department of Michigan. I move you that where the roll call of Departments ends and there is only one candidate for office that the Secretary be instructed to cast unanimous ballot and declare that Brother elected to the office.

**Several**

Second.

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

Brothers, is there any discussion? Then we'll move to the vote. All in favor of accepting the motion, raise your card. Lower them. Opposed same design. Motion passed.

[one rap \*]

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

Congratulations, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

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

Thank you, Brothers. I appreciate the trust. And I will do my best to come back to each and every one of your Departments at some point to say thank you again.

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

The floor is now open for nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Roll call of the Departments, please.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to our gracious hosts, Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Yeah, there's no way I can beat Brother Pahl's nominee speech...

**Several unknowns**

...(laughter)...

**Department of Massachusetts**

...so I'm not even gonna try. But I would like to put forward the name of Edward J. Norris for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I've known him for, well since he first join the Order in 2004. He became Department Treasurer in 2005 for the Department of Massachusetts. He's had that office for six years. He's been Department Commander; held various, almost all the offices at Department and Camp level. And I think he'd do a great job as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. So, I

put forward the name of Edward J. Norris.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brother Norris, if elected, will you serve?

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

Yes, I will.

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

And what other offices do you hold?

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

Department Treasurer.

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

Okay.

**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 the Chesapeake passes. Colorado and Wyoming is not present. Columbia's suspended and Connecticut's suspended. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Department of Florida passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Florida passes. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Illinois passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Illinois passes. Department of Indiana.



**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana passes. Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Iowa passes. Department of Kansas is not present. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky passes. Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Department of Maine passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Maine passes. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska is not present. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

New Hampshire passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina passes. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio passes. Department of Oklahoma is not present.

**Department of Oklahoma**

(Indistinguishable)

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable)

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Oh, they are here. Department of Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of the Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee passes, sir.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Texas passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Department of Vermont passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin passes. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

National Membership-at-Large passes. That's the roll call of Departments for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

Congratulations, sir.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Thank you very much...

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

...I wanted to get them up for you but...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yes. You forgot to do any other nominations.

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

Are there any other... Oh, I'm sorry. That's me.

**Unknown**

(laughter)

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

I told you I was tired. Are there any other nominations? Thank you. You was supposed to pull my leg. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Now, congratulations, Brother.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

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

I'm just glad he's going to be up here in about ten minutes. The floor is now open for nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and the Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

The Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

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

Commander, Mark Hale, Past Department Commander, Georgia and South Carolina. And it gives me great pleasure to place the name of Brian C. Pierson as a nominee for the position of Junior Vice Commander. Some of Brian's accomplishments within the SUVCW. He's been on the Council of Administration from 2014-2018. He's a Past Department Commander of Georgia and South Carolina. He's a Past Camp Commander for the Charles Devens Camp #10 Columbia, South Carolina. He's a member of the National Military Affairs Committee. He's chair of the Vision and Strategic Planning Committee; chair of the Monuments Grant Committee; Special Committee for the SUVCW Bench at the Stephenson Memorial; Department newsletter editor, *The March*, which I might add won us the award this year. He led the 2014 National Encampment Host Committee in Marietta, Georgia. He's a dual member of the Departments of Georgia and South Carolina and Oklahoma. His accomplishments. He's updated the Ritual and Ceremonials; created the SUVCW recruiting brochure; proposed and designed the Eagle Scout patch; initiated Flag Certificate Program; proposed and designed the Mary Edwards Walker Award; assisted the National Patriotic Instructor in rewriting the Patriotic Instructor handbook. He led the SUVCW monument in Panama City, Panama; and assisted the Commander-in-Chief on Good Citizenship Award proposal. And in private life, Brian is retired in 2014 with twenty-eight years of service in the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Panama Invasion, the Gulf War, the Kosovo Campaign, and Iraq War. And he's currently employed at Boeing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. So, it is my great pleasure to nominate Brian C. Pierson for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

Brother Pierson.

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

Sir.

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

If elected, will you serve?

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

I will.

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

What other offices do you hold in this Organization?

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

Apart from the Council of Administration, Chief of Staff for the Department of Oklahoma; Chief of Staff for the Department of Georgia/South Carolina; Graves Registration Officer for the Department of Oklahoma.

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

Very well.

**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 the Chesapeake passes. Colorado and Wyoming is not present. Department of Columbia is suspended. Department of Connecticut is suspended. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Department of Florida passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Florida passes. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Illinois passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Illinois passes. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

(Indistinguishable) pass.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana passes. Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Iowa passes. Department of Kansas is not present. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky passes. Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Department of Maine passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Maine passes. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts passes. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska is not present. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

(Indistinguishable)

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina passes. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio passes. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Rhode Island passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

The Department of Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Sir, the Department of Tennessee passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

(Indistinguishable) passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Department of Vermont passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin passes. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large Passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

National Membership-at-Large passes. That's the roll call for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

[one rap, \*]

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

Congratulations, Brother Pierson.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

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

Brothers, we are about to open the floor for nominations for Council of Administration. We have two seats available. The floor is now open for nomination for the Council of Administration.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.



**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Ohio.

**Kenneth L. Freshley, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley. Brothers of the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment, I have the pleasure to be the spokesman to be the one to place the nomination of an Ohio Brother. Most might know this individual due to his National position of the National GAR Highway Officer and also the Ohio Department GAR Highway Officer. He was very instrumental in many dedications and getting many of the missing or damaged GAR Highway signs on the Ohio portion of the GAR Highway either replaced or repaired or fixed, working with the different counties. He does have a pretty extensive resume, which I'm not going to cover 'cause I know he distributed it. But please review it. It is very impressive. The current signs are actually being reproduced with original designs that were actually found at an estate sale. He personally took this information and worked with a company and had these reproduced per those dimensions. He's a Past Department Commander and a very active member of our SVR Ohio Brigade Unit. This Brother placed his name before the Order; announced his candidacy for the office of Council of Administration for the 2018 or the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment. Not only a great and fair man, a gentleman, he's also a freethinker and is not afraid of out-of-the-box ideas. But most importantly, he's a dedicated family man. He's married to a lovely wife, Judy, who is a very active member in the Auxiliary. The Brothers of Ohio and myself would be honored and would like to place a nomination for our Brother and friend, Brother Pete Hritsko.

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

Brother Hritsko.

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

Yes.

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

If elected, will you serve?

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

I will.

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

And what other jobs do you currently hold?

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

I am a Council member for James A. Garfield Camp #142 of Cleveland, Ohio. I'm also Council for Department of Ohio. And also, the GAR Highway Officer for National as well as the Department of Ohio.

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

Very well. Continue.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

The Department of the Chesapeake defers to the Department of Illinois.

**James L. Lyon, Department of Illinois**

James Locke Lyon, Past Department Commander, Illinois. I'm here on behalf of the Department of Illinois to put into nomination a young man, who we've been talking about youth in this Organization days after days here and in the past of getting youth involved. Here's somebody that's a young millennial that wants to get involved; has been involved but wants to get more involved. When I first met him when I became Commander of my Camp, or the Department, I needed somebody on the flag. And he went up to the flag. I said, "Would you do this?" And he went up to the flag, and as he stood at the flag, he addressed that flag. As a past member of the Illinois Honor Guard for firefighters, it meant a whole lot to me that a young person could dress a flag and properly do that. And I said, "How'd you know how to do that?" "I was in military school when I was younger." So, I was impressed from the beginning. And he was always willing to step up and do what was needed and coming up with ideas. He is community active. He belongs to his local management agency. He should get an award for this because I did it for a number years. He drove a school bus. You should get an award for doing that alone 'cause you learn how to deal with children and their parents. He's very active in the Sons. He's active in the SAR. He is very willing to step up and do things. And he's also willing to take suggestions from older members or, you know, run the ideas by them before he gets too involved in them. Here Nationally, he's on the National Committee for the Communications and Technology and Social Media. He authored the social media policy and he's on the current Credential Committee here. Also he has a flyer that you should've received. I would like to place into nomination the name of Harry W. Reineke, IV for the position of Council of Administration.

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

Brother Reineke, if elected, will you serve?

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

Yes, sir.

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

What other jobs do you hold currently?

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

Department Commander, Department of Illinois.

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

Very well.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming is not present. Department of Columbia is suspended. Department of Connecticut is suspended. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Department of Florida defers to the Department of Rhode Island.

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

Jimmy McGuire, Department Commander, Rhode Island. I stand here on behalf of my Department to place one of our Brothers into nomination for Council of Administration. This Brother was Department Commander when I became a part of this Order. And he has been a guiding force in my Department for the ten years that I've been around. This gentleman is a man whose actions speak louder than his words. I know that might be hard to believe for many of you, but his commitment to this Order is unquestioned. His passion to stand up for the principles of this Order are unquestioned. And his devotion to his Department, his Brothers, and his friends are unquestioned. His work in our state and in this Order on graves registration have been talked about at this Encampment. What he has done with our database over the past years to help preserve the memory of Union soldiers is something that is a monumental task, an accomplishment of which we are very appreciative. In the state of Rhode Island, his work as our Department Historian and Archivist has helped us get closer to attaining a goal of reclaiming our Department archives for the first time in decades. And we are very grateful for his work and for his commitment to this Order. And we would be honored to place the name of Brother Bruce Frail into consideration for Council of Administration.

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

Brother Frail, if elected, will you serve?

**Bruce D. Frail, National Communications and Technology Committee**

Yes, sir, I will.

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

What other jobs do you currently hold?

**Bruce D. Frail, National Communications and Technology Committee**

Currently National Graves Registration Officer Archivist and Historian for the Department of Rhode Island.

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

Very well.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana passes. Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Iowa passes. Department of Kansas is not present. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky passes. Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Department of Maine passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Maine passes. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts passes. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska is not present. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina passes. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Oklahoma passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of the Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Sir, the Department of Tennessee passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Texas passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Department of Vermont passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin passes. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large passes.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

National Membership-at-Large passes. And that's the roll call for the office of Council of Administration.

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

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Okay. We are closing the nominations at this time. Brother Hall, do you have a report of the Committee on Credentials?

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

Yes, sir, I do.

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

You may use my station.

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

When I call your Departments, please stand. California and Pacific. You have one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, ten delegates. Total strength, fourteen.

**Department of California and Pacific**

We have thirteen present.

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

Voting strength, thirteen. Chesapeake, you have one Commander-in-Chief, one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, six delegates for total of twelve.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

We've got twelve present.

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

PDC's are three. Are there twelve?

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Yes.

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

Colorado and Wyoming. You have one. Stand and be counted.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

They're not present.

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

So zero. Colombia and Connecticut suspended. Florida. One. Is Florida present?

**Department of Florida**

One.

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

One. Georgia and South Carolina. You have one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, and one delegate for a total of four.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

We have four present.

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

Voting strength, four. Illinois. You have one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, and five delegates for a total of ten.

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

Ten.

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

Thank you. Indiana. You have one Past Department Commander and four delegates for a total of five.

**Department of Indiana**

Five.

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

Five. Iowa. Are you here?

**Department of Iowa**

Present.

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

One. Kansas is not here. Kentucky. You have one Department Commander and one Past Department Commander for a total of two.

**Department of Kentucky**

Past Department Commander is not present.

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

Okay. So, a total of one. Maine. You have one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, and two delegates for a total for four.

**Department of Maine**

Four present.

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

Four. Massachusetts. You have one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, seven delegates, and ten alternates for a total of twenty-four.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Eighteen present.

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

Voting strength eighteen. Michigan. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, six delegates for a total of thirteen.

**Department of Michigan**

Thirteen.

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

Missouri, two Past Commanders-in-Chief, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, two delegates for a total of six.

**Department of Missouri**

Six, yes.

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

Nebraska is not here. New Hampshire. One Department Commander, one Past Department Commander.

**Department of New Hampshire**

One present.

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

One. New Jersey. One Past Department Commander, two delegates for a total of three.

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

Three.

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

New York. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, one delegate for a total of three.

**Department of New York**

Three.

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

Three. North Carolina. Two delegates.



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

There's two.

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

Two. Ohio. You have four Past Commanders-in-Chief, one Department Commander, six Past Department Commanders, seven delegates for a total of eighteen.

**Department of Ohio**

Seventeen.

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

Seventeen. Oklahoma, you still here? There you go.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

We missed you the first time. Pennsylvania. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, four delegates for a total of seven.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Seven.

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

Rhode Island. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, five delegates, four alternates for a total of fifteen.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Twelve.

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

Voting strength, twelve. Southwest. You have one Department Commander and three delegates for total for four.

**Department of Southwest**

Four.

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

Four. Tennessee. You have two Past Department Commanders and one delegate for a total of three.

**Department of Tennessee**

Yes, sir. Three.

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

Three. Texas. Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders and one delegate for a total of for four.

**Department of Texas**

Four.

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

Vermont. One Past Department Commander, one delegate for a total of two.

**Department of Vermont**

Two.

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

Two. Wisconsin. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, four delegates for a total of eight.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Eight.

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

Eight. Adam, you here?

**Adam W. Gaines, Members-at-Large**

Yeah, right here.

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

One for Camps-at-Large. And that, gentlemen, is your report. Any questions?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

I have a total of 156.

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

Sounds good to me, 156.

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

Brother Tucker.

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

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. You counted Massachusetts as having eighteen voting strength, but some of those are alternates. I believe our voting strength is fourteen.

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

You are correct. I said twenty-four. Right?

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Yes.

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

No.

**Department of Rhode Island**

You also did the same thing with the Department of Rhode Island. You gave us a voting strength of twelve...

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

...Right, so fourteen...

**Department of Rhode Island**

...and while I would like to have them...

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

...Yes...

**Department of Rhode Island**

...we don't have them.

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

Fourteen for Mass. And Rhode Island's what?

**Department of Rhode Island**

It should be ten.

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

Eleven, actually. Rhode Island should be eleven.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Could you go over that for us, please?

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

One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Okay.

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

Five delegates.

**Department of Rhode Island**

All right. For a voting strength eleven, not twelve.

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

Correct.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Okay.

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

So that...

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

So now I have a total voting strength for the Encampment of 151.

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

One fifty one. Total strength 151. Any other questions? All right. Thank you.

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

Gentlemen, we're gonna move to finish this thing up. The doors are now sealed. No one shall enter or leave. If you leave, you've lost your vote. Okay? I am going to give you ten minutes. That's probably too long but we'll do that. Five minutes probably is best.

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

Five minutes? We will give you five... Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake. Commander, are we voting once or are we voting once for each position?

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

I will explain that in a second. I will give you five minutes to caucus. This is how this will proceed. All the names will be in on the first vote. The person getting the highest number of votes shall automatically take the seat. Then we will conduct a second vote. The person who gets the highest number of the remaining two in the second vote will take the second seat. Does everyone understand the process?

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

Don.

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

Commander-in-Chief, are both seats three year terms?

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

Yes.

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

Okay. That's all I needed.

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

So everybody understands. We're going to put all the names are in on the first go around. Whoever gets the highest total will get the first seat, the first of the of the two seats. Then we will take the two names that remain and we will go around and vote again. I will give you a second chance to caucus before we take the second vote. So, you have five minutes to caucus.

[caucus]

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

Brother Secretary, please call the role of the Departments for the voting.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific casts thirteen votes for Brother Hritsko.

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

That is thirteen votes for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is thirteen votes for Brother Hritsko. Department of Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Commander, the Department of the Chesapeake casts nine ballots for Brother Reineke, three ballots for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is three votes for Brother Hritsko, nine votes for Brother Reineke. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Department of Florida casts 1 vote for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brother Frail. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts three votes for Brother Hritsko and one vote for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is three votes for Brother Hritsko, one vote for Brother Reineke. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

The Department of Illinois casts nine votes for Brother Reineke, and one vote for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brother Hritsko, nine votes for Brother Reineke. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

The Department of Indiana casts five votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is five votes for Brother Frail. Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa casts its vote for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brother Reineke. Department of Kentucky

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky casts one vote for Brother Pete Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brother Hritsko. Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Department of Maine, four votes for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is four votes for Brother Hritsko. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts, fourteen votes for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is fourteen votes for Brother Hritsko. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan casts thirteen votes for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is thirteen votes for Brother Hritsko. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts six votes for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is six votes for Brother Hritsko. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire casts one vote for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brother Hritsko. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

The Department of New Jersey votes three votes Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brother Reineke. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York has three votes for Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brother Reineke. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina casts one vote for Brother Hritsko and one vote for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brother Hritsko, one vote for Brother Frail. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio has seventeen votes for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's seventeen votes for Brother Hritsko. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma votes one vote for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brother Reineke. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

The Pennsylvania Department casts seven votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is seven votes for Brother Frail. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island votes ten for Hritsko, one for Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is ten votes for Brother Hritsko, one vote for Brother Reineke. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest votes one vote for brother Frail and three votes for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is three votes for Brother Reineke, one vote for Brother Frail. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Sir, the three Brothers from Tennessee vote for Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brother Reineke. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Commander, the Department of Texas casts four votes for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is four votes for Brother Reineke. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

The Department of Vermont votes two votes for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's two votes for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Wisconsin votes four votes for Harry Reineke; four votes for Bruce Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is four votes for Brother Reineke; four votes for Brother Frail. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Brother Hritsko.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is one vote for Brother Hritsko. On tabulation of the votes, I'd like to congratulate Brother Hritsko for Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

My congratulations to Brother Hritsko on his election. We will now proceed to the second vote with only the two names that remain. Once again, I will give you five minutes to caucus.  
[caucus]

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

As we're all seated, we will begin taking the second vote. Brother Secretary, when you're ready.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific casts twelve votes for Brother Reineke, one vote for



Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's twelve votes for Brother Reineke, one vote for Brother Frail. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

The Department of the Chesapeake casts ten votes for Brother Reineke, two votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That is ten votes for Brother Reineke, two votes for Brother Frail. Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

The Department of Florida casts one vote for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brother Frail. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Georgia and South Carolina casts three votes for Brother Reineke, one vote for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brother Reineke, one vote for Brother Frail. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois casts ten votes for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's ten votes for Brother Reineke. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana again casts five votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's five votes for Brother Frail. Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa casts one vote for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brother Reineke. Department of Kentucky

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky casts one vote for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brother Frail. Department of Maine.

**Department of Maine**

Department of Maine casts four votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's four votes for Brother Frail. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts casts fourteen votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's fourteen votes for Brother Frail. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

The Department of Michigan casts nine votes for Brother Reineke and four votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's nine votes for Brother Reineke, four votes for Brother Frail. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Missouri casts five votes for Bruce Frail and one vote for Harry Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brother Reineke, five votes for Brother Frail. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire casts one vote for Brother Bruce Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brother Frail. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

The Department of New Jersey votes three votes for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brother Reineke. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York votes three votes for Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brother Reineke. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina casts two votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's two votes for Brother Frail. Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio has fifteen votes for Brother Frail and two votes for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's two votes for Brother Reineke, fifteen votes for Brother Frail. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma votes one vote for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brother Reineke. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department casts seven votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's seven votes for Brother Frail. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island casts eleven votes for Brother Bruce Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's eleven votes for Brother Frail. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest votes three votes for Brother Reineke, one vote for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brother Reineke, one vote for Brother Frail. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Sir, the Department of Tennessee votes its three votes for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's three votes for Brother Reineke. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Sir, the Department of Texas casts its four votes for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's four votes for Brother Reineke. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

The Department of Vermont casts its two votes for Brother Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's two votes for Brother Frail. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin votes seven votes for Harry Reineke, one vote for Bruce Frail.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's seven votes for Brother Reineke, one vote for Bruce Frail. National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Brother Reineke.

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

That's one vote for Brother Reineke. I'd like to congratulate Bruce Frail for the office of Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

Brother Frail, my congratulations on your election to the Council of Administration. Brothers, in order to prepare for the installation of the new Officers, I'm about to put us on about a ten minute recess so that we can get ourselves organized and ready to go. Brother Chaplain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

[recess]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

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

Brothers, we're about to install the new Officers. I'm not going to make a big speech or say anything much. I just want to say thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hooray!

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hooray!

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Hip! Hip!

**Encampment**

Hooray!

**Encampment**

(applause).

[one rap, \*]

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

You're gonna make me blush.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

It can happen. Brother Shaw, who will be your Installing Officer?

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

Brother Don Palmer.

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

Brother Palmer, I stand ready to turn the program over to you. Please come forward.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief Day, in relieving you of the command of the National Organization on behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interest in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who will still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

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

I am. My list has already been provided to the Secretary.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Installing Officer**

Very good. Secretary, call the role of Officers Elect and Staff Appointments who, as their names are called, will rise.

[one rap, \*]

**Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, Donald W. Shaw; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Norris; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brian C. Pierson; 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, Kevin Tucker; Council of Administration member, Peter Hritsko, Jr.; Council of Administration member, Bruce Frail; Council of Administration member and Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day; Banner Editor, James P. Pahl; National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire; Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Sr.; National Aide-de-Camp Dean Lamphere; National Aide-de-Camp, Faron Taylor; National Aide-de-Camp, Charles W. Lewis; National Organization Expansion, Eric D. Richhart; National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski; National Chief of Staff, Terry McKinch; National Memorials Officer, Walter E. Bush; National Color Bearer, Edgar Dowd; National Counselor, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Counselor, Leo P. Kennedy; Assistant Counselor Blue Book, James P. Pahl; National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James L. Lyon; National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.; National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin; National Battle Flag Preservation Officer, Edward Norris; National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail; National Guard, Adam Gaines; National Guide, Brian McManus; National Historian, Robert J. Wolz; National Liaison to the Cathedral in the Pines, Perley E. Mellor; National Liaison to MOLLUS, Joe Coleman; National Membership-at-Large, Alan L. Russ; Parliamentarian, Donald Darby; National Patriotic Instructor, William McKone; National Legislation Officer, Daniel Earl; Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond; Washington D.C. Representative, Lee D. Stone; National Webmaster, Harry Reineke, IV; Assistant National Webmaster, Ken L. Freshley; Assistant National Webmaster Quartermaster Store, Ken L. Freshley; Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Secretary Camp-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Secretary Proceedings, Edward J. Krieser; Assistant National Treasurer #1, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Treasurer #2, D. Michael Beard; Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs; Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max L. Newman; and Assistant National Quartermaster, George Shadman. That's the roll call of Elected and Appointed Officers.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Installing Officer**

Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., 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.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Installing Officer**

I'm gonna ask the Guide to present these Brothers before the Altar for installation. Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interest for the National Organization and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of these duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you will remember that upon the manner in which you discharge your duties for your respective offices will depend very largely on the success or failure of the administration of the National Order. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

**Officers (in unison)**

I am.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Installing Officer**

You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine. I, Don Palmer...I (officers' names)...having been regularly chosen... as an Officer of the National Organization...Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War...hereby renew... the sacred obligation...given at the time of my initiation...and in the presence of all mighty God...and the members of this Encampment here assembled...do furthermore... solemnly and sincerely...promise and declare...that I will... to the best of my ability...in word and deed...and without fear or favor... to faithfully...honestly...and impartially...perform all the duties of the office...upon which I am about to enter...so help me God.

Please drop your hands. Encampment, attention.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Installing Officer**

Guide, conduct the Officers to their respective stations, acting Officers vacating. Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is in evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trust and great cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., 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**

Amen.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am about to place you in full control. But first, I give to your care the Charter of the National Organization. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I place in your care, the Ritual of our Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing (\*); two raps calls the Officers to their feet (\*\*); and three raps calls up the entire Encampment (\*\*\*). And now, by the virtue of the authority invested me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this National Organization legally elected, installed, and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending in August 2019 or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. Now, I am pleased to present you with the badge of the office of the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty, and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness, and may your administration be successful.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

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

Thank you, Brothers. We have one more unfinished piece of business up here before I have a few words. I would now call on Barbara, Commander Day's lovely wife, to perform one more service.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Take as long as you need.

(Mark Day's wife Barbara pinning Past Commander-in-Chief Badge on Mark)

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations...

**Unknown**

...Commander, going ashore.

(boatswains whistle blowing)



[one rap, \*]

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

Sit down, guys.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Did somebody just blow ashore?

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You see this smile?

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

I do have a couple of words. First, I want to thank you. This is a terrific honor. It's one of the best honors I've had in my life and it wouldn't have happened but for all of you and all of the men through the years that I worked with in the Sons of Union Veterans. Give yourselves a hand.

**Encampment**

(applause)

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

When I was Senior Vice Commander, a couple of you have already heard this speech. I've been to a lot of Encampments and I've heard a lot of final speeches and incoming speeches from new Commanders. And over all that time, I can barely tell you who the Commanders were and I can't tell you a thing they talked about. So realizing that this is not going to be memorable, I'm going to make it short.

**Encampment**

(applause and laughter)

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

I am going to invite you to hold me to account. There are five things that I really want to see move this year. And we're going to state them now and we're going to report on them again, a year from now in Cleveland. And it's not that I'm not going to move anything else, but I would like to see these projects rolled up and satisfied, finished. First I would like to see the 501(c)(3) process completed. I'd like to see it extended to all the subordinate units in this Order. And I intend to work very hard on that. I wish to do something about our visibility. Brother Day was absolutely right. When somebody can live in Gettysburg for forty years, watch forty parades, and not know who we are, we must be the best kept secret in America. That's gotta stop. We have to be more visible. We have to let people know who we are and what we do. I am also going to ask that all of you, within your Departments, work on recruiting and retention. And I'm going to work very well with our new incoming Junior Vice, who is our Membership Officer, to see that whatever assistance you need in that regard, you get. I'm going to work on our relationships with our other Allied Orders. We've made a lot of progress under Commander Day.

I intend to continue that. And one other thing. Sometimes, the best thing a Commander can do is to be seen. I'm going to try to make it to everybody's Department at least once. Now some of you hold Encampments on the same day and I can't split myself in two and go two ways. So, if I don't make your Encampment, I'm gonna make something in your Department. Every department is going to see me once, at least once, during this coming year. I got that idea when I was actually looking at my campaign literature. The young guy on there really is me.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

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

So, when I show my face, unfortunately, what you're going to get is what you see now. Brothers again, it is an honor. I told the Color Sergeant that if I took more than five minutes, he had my permission to come up here and kick my butt. And I see he's already to go down there so I'm not going to give him the chance to do that. Brothers, I am going to at this point ask our Color Sergeant if he is ready to retrieve the Colors. Sergeant, retrieve the Colors.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[drum cadence]

[retrieving the colors]

[drum cadence]

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

Brothers, there being no further business to come before this National Encampment, we will proceed to close. You'll 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 Encampment as You deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength, and integrity while we remain here. And when our mission on earth has ended, take us to a better world. If you agree with me, say Amen.

**Encampment**

Amen.

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

Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment and retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit to the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other and unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity, and an unswerving Loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the Altar and Station Banners. Attention. I now declare the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause)

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Attendees of the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
137<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment  
Attendees by Department**

**Department of California and Pacific**

Frank C. Avila	Tad D. Campbell	Kelvin Doyle	Stephen Doyle
Curtis Dunphy	Daniel R. Earl	Dean A Enderlin	Kenneth Felton
John Gilman	Thomas T. Graham	Linn Malaznik	Donald E. Menzies
Glen L. Roosevelt	Rudy E. Velasco III		

**Department of Chesapeake**

D. Michael Beard	Mark R. Day	Charles E. Driscoll	Kevin L. Martin
Timothy S. McCoy	Eugene G. Mortorff	Wesley Mumper	Charles Odell
Michael A. Paquette	W. Faron Taylor	Larry Vance	Lawrence E. Slagle

**Department of Florida**

Larry E. Oppenheimer

**Georgia and South Carolina**

David Beam	MarK A. Hale	Thomas A. Biederman	Brian C. Pierson
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**Department of Illinois**

John M. Bigwood	Robert Hauff	Thomas Hauff	Leonard C. Cassaro,Sr.
Jerome W. Kowalski	James L. Lyon	Nicholas H. Kaup	Harry W. Reineke IV
Jerome H. Smith	Steven J. Westlake		

**Department of Indiana**

John K. Eger	James M. Floyd, Jr.	Dennis C. Hutchinson	Thomas L. Schmitt
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J. Alan Teller

**Department of Iowa**

Don R. McGuire

**Department of Kentucky**

Bruce E. Fortin	Robert A. Jones		
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**Department of Massachusetts**

John W. Bates, III	Dexter A. Bishop	Stuart H. Chambers	Richard A. Cultrera
John J. Dupre	Rodrick J. Fraser, Jr.	Daniel j. Geary	Paul V. Grady
Donald P. Hayes	Maurice Healy	Edward T. Knight	Iain Knight
Nathaniel Knight	Charles W. Lewis	George Maple Jr.	Perley E. Mellor
Daniel W. Murray	William Naughton	Edward J. Norris	Peter Preble
Stephen J. Twining	Albert Smith	Kevin P. Tucker	John Wilder

**Department of Maine**

Wayne Bennett	James W. Bonney	Larry Bonney	David W. Sosnowski
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**Department of Michigan**

Dale L. Aurand	Paul Davis	Richard W. Denney	Edgar J. Dowd
Ronald G. Shull	James B. Pahl	Lloyd D. Lamphere, Sr.	Loyd D. Lamphere, Jr.
Terrance McKinch	Robert R. Payne	Donald W. Shaw	Charles (Chuck) L. Worley

Neal N. Zabicki

**Department of Missouri**

Dale E. Crandell	John Palmer	Sumner G. Hunnewell	Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
Robert M. Petrovic	Edward J. Krieser		

**Department Of New Hampshire**

Michael Shklar	Gary A. Ward		
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**Department of New Jersey**

Ronald L. Brower	Bruce L. Sirak	William J. Locke	
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**Department of New York**

Dennis J. Duffy	Leo McGuire	Danny L. Wheeler	
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**Department of North Carolina**

Henry C. Duquette	James R. Johnson		
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**Department of Ohio**

John Black	James T. Crane	Donald E. Darby	Johnathan C. Davis
Kenneth L. Freshley	Robert E. Grim	Frank R. Hillard	James H. Houston
John M. Huffman, Jr.	James G. Hilton	Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.	Fred C. Lynch
Kerry L. Langdon	Donald L. Martin	Henry E. Shaw, Jr.	Shane L. Milburn
Robert J. Wolz	Michael A. Spaulding		

**Department of Oklahoma**

Kevin D. White			
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**Department of Pennsylvania**

Alfred C. Carty	David W. Demmy Jr.	David W. Demmy, Sr.	William E. Fischer, Jr.
James P. Jones	John M. McNulty	George L. Powell	

**Department of Rhode Island**

Michael N. Alves	Robert C. Bromley	John A. Connor	John T. Dushesneau
Joseph A. Faiola	Benjamin Frail	Bruce D. Frail	Geoffrey Gardner
Joseph S. Hall, Jr.	Leo F. Kennedy	Darryll McCaffrey	James P. McGuire
Kenneth L. Pike	Scott A. Reese	Andrew R. Whipple	

**Department of Southwest**

Ken Hooker	David R. Jackson	Christopher C. Beisner	Robert D. McCord
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**Department of Tennessee**

Darwin F. Concon	Douglas K. Fidler	David H. McReynolds	
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**Department of Texas**

Donald L. Gates	David Krueger	Thomas F. Coughlin	William Swafford
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**Department of Vermont**

Bruce Amsden	William L. McKone		
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**Department of Wisconsin**

Thomas J. Brown	Brian R. Craig	David D. Daley	Patrick L. Fallon
Kim J. Heltemes	Robert Koenecke	Brian D. McManus	Stephen A. Michaels

**National Membership-at-Large**

Adam W. Gaines			
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Total Attendees	170		
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1 CinC	14 PCinC's	17 DC's	45PDC's	80 Delegates	13 Alternates
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**APPENDIX 2**  
**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
2017	Mark R. Day	Chesapeake

### **HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

1883	A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	R.J.M. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	Albert Woolson	Minnesota

### **SONS OF VETERANS**

1881	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

### **THE POST SYSTEM**

1889-90	George W. Marks	New York
1890	George T. Brown	New York

### **PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS**

Isaac S. Bangs	Maine
A.V. Bohn	Colorado
Frank Challis	New Hampshire
Charles S. Crysler	Missouri
A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
H.P. Kent	Massachusetts
William Maskell	Illinois
Walter S. Payne	Ohio
R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
William Ross	Maryland
Raphael Tobias	New York
Leland J. Webb	Kansas

**APPENDIX 3**  
**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

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
115th	1996	August 8-11	Columbus, Ohio
116th	1997	August 7-10	Utica, New York
117th	1998	August 6-9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19-22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17-20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10-12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9-11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8-10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12-15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4-7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
126th	2007	August 9-12	St. Louis, Missouri
127th	2008	August 7-10	Boston, Massachusetts
128th	2009	August 13-15	Louisville, Kentucky
129th	2010	August 12-15	Overland Park, Kansas
130th	2011	August 12-15	Reston, Virginia
131st	2012	August 10-12	St. Louis, Missouri
132nd	2013	August 9-12	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
133 <sup>rd</sup>	2014	August 14-17	Marietta, Georgia
134 <sup>th</sup>	2015	August 19-23	Richmond, Virginia
135 <sup>th</sup>	2016	August 11-14	Springfield, Illinois
136 <sup>th</sup>	2017	August 10-13	Lansing, Michigan
137 <sup>th</sup>	2018	August 9-12	Framingham, Massachusetts

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## National Encampment Report

### August 10 - 11, 2018

### Framingham, Massachusetts

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## 1.0 Preface

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, and Department reports to the National Encampment for their August 10 - 11, 2018 meeting in Framingham, Massachusetts. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

## 2.0 National Elected Officers

### 2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Mark R. Day, CinC

As I appear here before you at the end of my term as Commander-in-Chief, I first want to tell you that our great Order is strong in terms of its finances, has taken the required steps to implement a strategic plan for taking advantage of our 501c3 tax status, and is making progress on becoming more efficient at its National Headquarter by updating our technical infrastructure.

However, I would be remiss to not also state that our efforts at membership growth have proven to only maintain the status quo regarding our total membership numbers, even though we have gained seven (7) new camps and are on the verge of establishing several more. We are simply treading water and the Order must find a way to bring in new members both hereditary and associate. Membership must continue to be a major focus of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the next year and

those following it. In my talks with many of the Department Encampments and in several addresses to other bodies, I have related a story about a woman in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania who called me and asked if there was a heritage group that honors the Union Soldiers. Those that have heard me tell this story know that this lady lived on Middle Street a few houses from the G.A.R Hall, had witnessed many Remembrance Day Parades but still did not know we exist. For me this is a symptom of our greater identify and membership problems. If a woman from Gettysburg doesn't know we exist, then we have real identity issues, which must be immediately addressed.

I also regret to say that our relationship with some of the other Allied Orders is not as strong as I would wish it to be. In April we learned that the L.G.A.R would not be joining us this year, and this deeply saddened me, but on a positive note the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 – 1865 almost simultaneously approached our Son's Fraternal Relations Committee with a query about a co-located National Encampment and Convention sometime in the next five years. Brothers we are stronger as a unified voice seeking to fulfill the goals we aspire to for keeping the memory of the men who sacrificed so much to preserve the Union and free a people in bondage. We must find ways to preserve and strengthen our fraternal ties with the L.G.A.R., the DUVCW, the WRC, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We must solve the issues that have arisen and not allow our organizations to be drawn into differences that arise from instances of individual interpersonal interactions or relationships, or they shall become a plague which threatens to cripple all the Allied Orders and effectively end our ability to work cooperatively in accomplishing the mission we all share and hold dear. Last August, the CofA tasked me to form a committee to work with those Allied Orders, who traditionally hold their national meeting with the Sons, and to establish formal agreements with them. Such an agreement has been made with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans for the 2020 Encampment and it is hoped that other agreements can be made with the L.G.A.R or WRC in the future.

As you remember, I became Commander-in-Chief on August 12<sup>th</sup> last year and that on very day a situation in Charlottesville, VA brought the issue of Monuments to the forefront. In the first several months of my term, I spent a great deal of time on the issue of monuments. I first issued GO #2 to clarify who the official spokesperson of the Sons of Union Veterans to ensure we did not have a mixed set of messages being put forward. I was interview on talk radio in the Detroit, Michigan area and I was interviewed by the Associated Press. As the year proceeded the monuments issue became less and less of a news item and has generally remained so to this time. However, it is too soon to believe this issue will not return to the forefront as the anniversary of the events in Charlottesville occurs in the coming weeks.

I have sought to fulfill my promise to communicate with the membership more regularly through a CinC message. I have written four such messages but since the last one in March my schedule has been very demanding, and I have not been able to follow through with additional messages but will provide one last message containing the information in this report. In doing so, I hope to let the Brothers not in attendance at the National Encampment also have access to my report.

This past Spring, I issued General Order #18 at the request of the National Treasurer. I am pleased that the Departments have acted so quickly to complete the by-law requirements found in General Order 18 and I have complete confidence that all the Camps and Departments will have complied with its provisions by the June 2019 deadline. To date, I have approved and signed the by-laws of more than 10 Departments.

On a more personal note, I thank all those who have contributed to my initiative to complete the memorial plaza for Dr. Stephenson in Illinois. Getting the names of those Camps and Department who have so generously given has proven to be quite a task. I have given out many streamers, but I know there are others who gave and have not been awarded the streamer. If there is a Department or Camp that has not been recognized, I would appreciate that they contact me directly and I will ensure that they have their streamer. In April it was my great pleasure to attend the annual ceremonies at the Stephenson Plaza and see the raising of two beautiful Bronze lighted flag poles which have greatly increased the beauty of the site, and I encourage all the Brothers of the SUVCW to stop by and see the gorgeous Marble Benches, provided by each of the Allied Orders and individual pavers that have been installed. I think you will be proud of the work that has been done.

Before going on to my recommendations and other administrative matters, I wish to commend those who were involved in accomplishing some of the very significant actions, I have previously mentioned. First, I would ask that Brother David McReynolds, our National Treasurer, and his Strategic Development Committee be commended for the work they have done to move the Sons of Union Veterans forward along the path to attaining and utilizing the 501 (c) (3) tax status, which we were granted in February 2017. I would also wish to thank Brother Michael Paquette for his efforts to survey and recommend technological updates at the National Headquarters which were sorely needed. I would like to take a moment to recognize PCinC Mortorff for his selfless dedication to manning the National Headquarters and maintaining it during the illness of Executive Director Demmy; we owe Brother Gene a lot for stepping up and keeping the Order running as normal through some of its busiest month. Brothers, we are in the end, as an organization, the sum of our parts. These Brothers are just a small sample of an amazing body of men who are striving to make the SUVCW viable. God Bless all of them for without them, I know not what we would be or do.

I will never forget the great honor and privilege that you have afforded me as your Commander-in-Chief over the last year. This will undoubtedly be the highlight of my life and I am forever in your debt.

May a gracious providence grant grace and peace to this order and may it ever be loyal to its credo of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation #1:** The CinC Appointed Strategic Development Committee be continued and made a standing committee by this encampment. This is the committee which is overseeing our Fund-raising efforts as a 501c3 and they are critical to our continued progress and success.

**Recommendation #2:** The Fraternal Relations Committee (FRC) be allocated a small budget (\$500) to support its efforts and the FRC job description be modified to show the FRC be allocated a small budget (\$500) to be used to support its efforts and the job description be modified to include a task to correspond and work with all the Allied Orders, veterans service groups, and Hereditary Societies to further our common goals and the concepts of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

**Recommendation #3:** An appointed position called Public Affairs Officer be created and that a job description be written that includes the duties of:

- issuing Press Releases for all National Activities and Events.
- Working with the Signals Officer to produce 15, 30, and 60 second video ads, which can be distributed as PSA's.

**Recommendation #4:** A Committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspects requirements, facilities requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to Establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National headquarters by the year 2022, and which would bring both our administrative and quartermaster functions under one roof. This committee should be tasked with providing a plan to accomplish the establishment of a permanent national headquarters by the National in 2020. I believe this is a necessary step if we are to grow and prosper and be recognized as a legitimate and professional heritage organization in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Recommendation #5:** The CinC Appointed Communications and Technology Sub- Committee on technology needs at the National HQ be continued by my successor to complete the work which was begun on updating and enhancing our effectiveness.

**Recommendation #6:** The National Special Committee on Website redesign be continued through the year 2021.

**Recommendation #7:** The CinC Appointed Committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued so that it can continue to work with the Allied Orders on Joint Encampment Agreements.

### **Significant Administrative Actions taken over the year:**

1. New Camps Chartered in the Departments of New York (1), Tennessee (1), North Carolina (1), Missouri (1), Kentucky (1), Indiana (1), and Texas (1)
2. Disbandment of Camps in the Department of New York (2), Georgia and South Carolina (1), Missouri (1), Chesapeake (2)
3. General Order (#2) clarifying who is the official Spokesman of the SUVCW on Monument Matters.
4. General Order (#18) IRS Language to be added to Department and Camp By-laws
5. General Order (#3) Ruling on appropriate camp names when applying for a new camp
6. General Order (#6) Ruling on status of life members paying department Per capita
7. General Order (#24) Ruling affirming the power of a Department Encampment to direct a Department Commander to appoint committees and to delineate the membership of committees as the Department Encampment sees necessary.
8. General Order (#32) Suspension of Department of Columbia and Department of Connecticut
9. General Order (#33) Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Regulations
10. Negotiation and Approval by the Council of Administration of a 2020 Joint Encampment Agreement with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

### **Travel and Activities of the CinC: 2017**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> attended the Sons of Spanish American War Annual Congress  
September 30<sup>th</sup> Speaker for Medal of Honor Ceremony Lexington Park, MD  
October 6<sup>th</sup> Attended and brought fraternal greetings to the Central Region G.A.R. Allied Orders in Cleveland, OH  
October 28<sup>th</sup> Attended and brought greetings to the MOLLUS and DOLLUS Annual Congress in Gettysburg, PA  
November 4<sup>th</sup> Attended and brought greetings during the Testimonial for the President ASUVCW in Alliance, OH  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Attended, brought greetings, and placed a wreath during the Veterans Day Ceremonies in Charlottesville, VA  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Attended Antietam Camp Veterans Day Dinner in Frederick, MD  
November 18<sup>th</sup> Attended and spoke during Remembrance Day programs in Gettysburg, PA  
December 10<sup>th</sup> Attended the annual ceremony for the Irish Brigade at the Battle of Fredericksburg and placed a wreath  
December 21<sup>st</sup> Attended the funeral for Brother David Demmy's wife Marilyn in Harrisburg, PA

### **Travel and Activities of the CinC: 2018**

January 27<sup>th</sup> Attended the Mid-year meeting of the Department of Indiana in Greenfield, IN  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> Attended the Mid-year meeting of the Department of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee, WI  
February 12<sup>th</sup> placed a wreath for the annual Lincoln Birthday program at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC  
March 16-17 Attended the Department of California Annual Encampment in Bakersfield, CA  
March 24-25 Attended Spring CofA Meeting in Franklin, TN  
April 6-8 Attended Department of Rhode Island Annual Encampment in Providence, RI  
April 13-15 Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies in Springfield, Ill, spoke and placed wreath (also attended Stephenson ceremony)  
April 20-21 Attended Georgia / South Carolina Department Annual Encampment in Lexington, SC  
April 27-29 Attended Department of the Chesapeake Annual Encampment, in Ellicott City, MD  
May 4-6 Attended the Department of Michigan Annual Encampment in Lansing, MI  
May 28<sup>th</sup> Attended National Observed Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery and placed wreath  
May 30<sup>th</sup> Attended Traditional Memorial Day observances in Arlington National Cemetery and place wreath  
June 1- 3 Attended Department of Missouri Annual Encampment in Bennett Springs, MO  
June 8-10 Attended Department of Ohio Annual Encampment in Columbus, OH  
June 28-30 Attended Pennsylvania Department Annual Encampment in Williamsport, PA  
July 17-18 Attended and brought greetings at the opening ceremonies of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Cool Springs, TN

July 25<sup>th</sup> Attended and brought greetings at the Daughters Union Veterans of the Civil War Convention in Bloomington, MN

May God Bless each of you, our organization, and our nation.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Your Brother and servant,



Mark R. Day  
Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## **2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Donald W. Shaw, PDC**

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels these last few months, I have also been busy with Senior 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. In this regard, I have had the pleasure of meeting with my brothers from the Departments of Florida, Rhode Island and Wisconsin as the representative to those Departments for their Encampments. In all instances, I thank the brothers of those Departments, and, where they were present, the Ladies of the Auxiliary, for the courtesies shown me. I also served as Master of Ceremonies for the program at the Lincoln Tomb this past April. My thanks and congratulations to the people who put this ceremony on year after year. It was a job well done once again this year.

I assisted the Department of Michigan by serving on its special committee reviewing the Standard Operating Procedures used in that Department.

I continue to work as chair of the Programs and Policies Committee. We have addressed forms the majority of the form revisions on our list and expect to have even more to report out by the encampment. This has not been easy. One form in particular that we had difficulty making a self-calculating form required 11 separate revisions before a correct copy could be presented. It also required the efforts of Alan Russ, who is remarkable in being able to work with these forms, but two individuals who do computer form fixes as part of their regular jobs. One of them was a brother of the Order, the other was not. Both were given letters of thanks from C in C Day for the assistance they provided the committee in this regard. For additional information see the Program and Policy Committee Report.

Additionally, I have fielded various emails and telephone calls with questions regarding membership. These are matters being finished from my time as JVC in C. Also in this regard, I have had discussions, which I hope will come to fruition next year, to streamline the membership application process so as to bring a prospective member into the Order much more quickly.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Order's SVC in C this past year. I thank you for having given me the chance to so serve.

## **2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Edward J. Norris, PDC**

As of July 28, 2018, I processed 92 Internet Applications. The Department of The Chesapeake received the most with 10 new applicants. I tried something new by contacting the Department Junior Vice Commander requesting which Camp the applicant was going to be assigned to. Then I sent the application directly to that Camp's Junior Vice Commander. Some Departments participated and some

didn't in the new process. We achieved an average of 12 days for the application being in my hands to being mailed to the Camp. Five applications were forwarded in one or two days. This not a formalized practice at this point. And I caused some hic-ups along the way, but we learned a lot by trying this process. Improvement was the goal.

Another way to speed up the application process would be to send incomplete applications along to the Department or Camp. We would get the potential Brother into the loop faster. Seventeen applications were not completed or lacked the documentation required. Putting the applicant in touch with a Camp may energize the potential Brother to work with more diligence to join. Some applicants still haven't completed the process. I did send those incomplete applications to the Departments with the hope they will continue to assist in the completion process.

I attended all of the Council of Administration meetings and voted in most of the electronic boardroom voting.

It was an honor to serve my Brothers and look forward to working with the next Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief on the transition of duties.

## **2.4 National Secretary; Jonathan C. Davis, PDC**

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings:  
Council of Administration meeting, Brentwood, Tennessee, Saturday, March 24, 2018.

### MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.

The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since March 2018. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below.

- **Motion 15      Motion Passed April 1, 2018**

Motion by Brother Jonathan Davis that the CofA increase the Quartermaster's reimbursement limit from \$3,000 to \$5,000, inclusive to this current budget year, seconded by Brother Edward Norris.

- **Motion 16      Motion Passed April 29, 2018**

Motion by Brother Tucker and seconded by Brother McReynolds, that the Council of Administration approve the Letter of Agreement with the Covenant Group.

- **Motion 17      Motion Passed June 13, 2018**

I move that the Assistant Executive Director be reimbursed through August 2018 for his expenses not to exceed \$250 per month. Further discussion regarding the future of the Assistant Executive Director position will be put on the agenda of the first Council of Administration meeting at the National Encampment in Boston during August 2018. The Treasurer should budget \$250 per month for the entire fiscal year to end 30 June 2019 in the account for "other Executive Director Expenses." Motion by Brian Pierson, seconded by David McReynolds.

- **Motion 18      Motion Passed July 4, 2018**

Motion by National Secretary Davis, seconded by CofA Member-at-Large Tucker that the minutes of the Spring CofA meeting held in Brentwood, Tennessee be approved by the CofA.

- **Motion 19      Motion Passed July 5, 2018**

Motion made by Brother McReynolds to approve the Proposed Auxiliary Addendum document, which was seconded by Brother Lynch.

- **Motion 20      Motion Passed July 21, 2018**

MOTION by Brother Tucker and Seconded by Brother Martin, to allocate the remainder of the funds, originally allocated to purchase a new computer for the National Headquarter, to install a wireless network (router) at the national headquarters.



### CAMP CHARTERS.

The following applications for permission to form a new camp has expired since March 2018:

- Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54, Department of Massachusetts. Expired March 19, 2018
- Florence Burke/William Haste Camp No. 37, Department of Massachusetts. Expired June 10, 2018

One new application for permission to form a new camp was received since March 2018:

- Sgt. George Marion Taylor Camp No. 6, Department of Tennessee. Expires September 10, 2018
- Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5, Department of Texas. Expires October 23, 2018
- Col. Reuben F. Maury Camp No. 61, Department of CO/WY. Expires December 8, 2018
- Thomas D. Osborne Camp No. 43, Department of CO/WY. Expires December 9, 2018
- Capt. Francis Emroy Warren Camp No. 44, Department of CO/WY. Expires January 16, 2018

The following charters have been issued by CinC Mark Day since March, 2018:

- (2018-03) President Andrew Johnson Camp No. 70, Department of Tennessee. Date of ranking: March 27, 2018
- (2018-04) Lillie Camp No. 8, Department of Missouri. Date of ranking: May 12, 2018.
- (2018-05) John Auten Camp No. 8, Department of Indiana. Date of ranking: June 9, 2018.

### NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

April 7, 2018 – National Representative during the Department of Tennessee Encampment Meeting in Knoxville.

June 2, 2018 – National Representative during the Department of Indiana Encampment Meeting in Kokomo.

### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Have not yet received the National Encampment Proceedings for 2015, 2016 & 2017 for printing and distribution.

## **2.5 National Treasurer; David H. McReynolds, DC**

First, it is an honor for me to serve the second year of my three-year term as your National Treasurer. The work of the Office of the Treasurer is substantive and provides little, if any, break.

Following is a summary of key parts of my work for the Order this year:

- Many are unaware of the basic duties of the Treasurer. Each month, I receive checks in the mail, predominantly but not exclusively from Headquarters. Our process of numbering the envelopes has assured no loss during mailing and provides an opportunity to reconcile any differences promptly. I then prepare the cash receipts, 99.9% checks, for deposit to the bank. Afterwards, I code the deposit for entry into Quickbooks. I also receive all the Sales Receipts and Postage and Supply Receipts from the Quartermaster. They must also be entered to Quickbooks. Once entered, the two deposits (one made by the QM and one a check sent to the Treasurer) must be reconciled to the receipts with any difference falling to cash over and short. I also write checks to pay the bills received at the Treasurer's office. Not only are the checks written but each invoice is coded for proper entry into Quickbooks. For the first seven months of this fiscal year, I performed all data entry. I have now started to outsource about six hours per month.
- At the end of each month, I review all entries made to all companies. We keep six separate company files on Quickbooks: the General Fund, the Preservation Fund, the Headquarters Fund, the Permanent Fund, the Lincoln Tomb Fund, and the Life Member Fund. Last year at the Encampment, we voted to consolidate the GAR Fund, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund and the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund into the General Fund. I made these entries as directed effective June 30, 2017. Based upon my review of the month's transactions, I make needed journal entries to correct any errors or to tweak the repeating Journal Entries established at the beginning of the fiscal year.

- Next, I must reconcile all bank accounts in all funds. If I find errors, I make the correcting journal entries. I bring to each Council of Administration meeting the reconciliations of the main General Fund operating account and all credit card transactions for review by any interested CoA member.
- Next, I make one more review of each company and reconcile the intercompany accounts. Afterwards, I print a standard balance sheet and income statement for each company. From these statements, I begin entry to an Excel file to produce a Consolidating Balance Sheet and Consolidating Income Statement. Each month through April, I have sent these statements to the Commander-in-Chief for his review. I am now in the process of finalizing May and June.
- Each quarter, I take the process forward one more step to produce Consolidated Financial Statements for the three-month period. Accompanying these statements are notes of explanation. Statements for the quarters ended September 30, 2017, December 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018 have been distributed to all members of the Council of Administration.
- The June 30, 2018 quarterly statements will be released as soon as May and June are finalized. I expect May 2018 to be closed by July 27, 2018 and June 2018 by August 6, 2018. Our monthly closings have been slowed down at the end of the year due to my vision loss as a part of my own illness that has required outsourcing a portion of the data entry. Until everything has been entered, the final reviews can not take place. My wife's illness also interfered with the schedule of the individual helping with the data entry.
- Regardless, we did update Quickbooks to the 2018 version since the 2013 version is no longer supported. I am also looking at data repositories in the Cloud since the online version of Quickbooks does not work well with our organizational configuration unless we spend too much money – money we need to spend on other things.
- Also, I want to make it clear that delays in data entry did not stop me from keeping deposits going into the bank as soon as received and payments going out for services as soon as documentation was received.
- In addition, the Treasurer files Sales Tax Returns for the states of Pennsylvania and New York. All sales taxes have been paid on time. The Treasurer is also responsible for preparing and filing the required 1099s. Also, the Treasurer must work with the Insurance Broker to negotiate appropriate coverage with the Underwriters at the Insurance Company each year. This process basically starts over each year because of the lack of continuity at the Broker and Insurance Company.
- And if all that wasn't enough, the Treasurer must manage the investments of the organization to not only provide for safety of principal but also to work toward maximization of income. We may begin to see some relief from the low rates of return we have had to work with as interest rates begin to rise. On the other hand, rising interest rates may have a negative impact upon the costs of operation.
- At the CoA meeting at the August 2017 Encampment, the 2018 Budget, as prepared by the Treasurer, for the SUVCW was adopted. The budget for 2019 will be presented at the August 2018 Encampments meetings of the CoA.
- In late August 2017, I began the first work toward the audit of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Work continued on the audit through October with the report released in time for the November CoA meeting at Gettysburg. For the first time in many years, no Management Letter was issued meaning that the auditors found no material weaknesses in internal control in the management of our books and records. This result was made possible by the work of the Treasurer with the Policies and Procedures Committee to issue several necessary policies for our organization, some of which were required when we became a 501c3 organization.
- According to the C&R, the National Treasurer is to "Arrange for an annual audit of the National Organization's financial condition to be prepared and presented to the National Council of Administration and the National Encampment." As such, a copy of last year's audit is made a part of my report.
- To continue to receive a "clean audit", it is necessary for the National Treasurer to review financial policies on a continuing basis. One such policy that was found to need updating and clarification is the policy dealing with the reimbursement of expenses. As an internal control issue for the current year, the National Treasurer adopted the following policy:

- “Requests for the reimbursement of expenses must be made and submitted to the National Treasurer no more than 30 days after the expenses were initially incurred. Exceptions must be approved by the National Treasurer or the Council of Administration. All expenses incurred in one fiscal year (ending June 30 of each year) must be submitted to the National Treasurer no later than July 31 of the same year. Advances of expenses are discouraged. If an advance of otherwise reimbursable expenses is made, a reconciliation of expenses incurred including the re-payment of any overage of the advance must be submitted to the National Treasurer within 30 days of the date the expenses were incurred.”
- I have continued to work on what is necessary to assure approval by the IRS of changing the SUVCW's Group Exemption from 501c4 to 501c3. The biggest obstacle is to present evidence to the IRS that every entity in the Group Exemption is operating as a 501c3. To do this, certain language must be in the bylaws or official operating document of each entity. This work resulted in the Commander-in-Chief's General Order No. 18 ordering that language to be adopted into the bylaws of every camp and department no later than June 30, 2019. It is planned to further address this issue at the Encampment with certain changes to the C&R. Early this Fall, I plan to release a form letter for each Department to complete for attesting to compliance with the requirements of GO 18. This form, which I will prepare and send through committee to the CoA, will provide the documentation needed on our next application to change this exemption. If all the changes to the bylaws are made prior to June 30, 2019, then I may proceed earlier with the next application.
- As Chairman of the Strategic Development Committee, I oversaw a process of reviewing consultants who had the attributes we were looking for in order to help us develop a fundraising culture and begin the journey toward receiving enough donations to create an endowment to ensure the future of our organization. After an extensive review of the finalists, we selected to work with The Covenant Group, an organization based in Louisville, KY. One of the first pieces of this project is to conduct a Strategic Development Survey with a sample of our organization's members to try to get an honest appraisal of where we currently stand. The responses go directly to the Covenant Group and are kept confidential. A summary of the findings will be shared.

Finally, I just want to share that I personally responded to over 500 telephone calls and e-mails asking for help on a variety of issues, mostly tax. I hope that I got a good answer to each person in our Order who reached out to me for help. I tried to do my very best and go beyond the minimum required.

## **2.6 National Quartermaster; Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC**

The quartermaster store is doing well, we have had six new products which has helped sales which is \$3,000 over last year. with 963 pkg. sent. I have made a decision that age is catching up with me. and it time to let go. I have one more year so 2019 at the next convention will be my last day in this office. This will bring my total years served to 15 years as your quartermaster. It is not because I don't enjoy it hearing from fellow brothers etc. is the best part. I feel at my age I don't want anything to go wrong during my term in office that would leave the order hi and dry.

At this time we need a fellow brother come forward and take over. If this does not happen then we would need a company and their goes most of excess income. If anyone is interest please let me know and I will work with you to make it a lot easier.

## **2.7 Council of Administration – 2020; Kevin P. Tucker, PDC**

It has been my honor to be elected and to serve the Order as a Member of the Council of Administration for the past year. I have endeavored to represent the Members of this order with the utmost attention and thoughtfulness, while maintaining proper respect and decorum for my Brother Councilmen and the others allowed to opine on various issues coming before the Council of Administration.

I did not always agree with my COA Brothers on issues, but I always tried to keep my opinions and input gentlemanly and respectful. Although I argued my opinions courteously, but always strove to make sure my points were expressed effectively and succinctly. My votes for motions have resulted in both successful and unsuccessful outcomes during the past year, but I believe every Member of the Council of Administration voted only with the best interest of the Order at heart, and stand behind all decisions.

I had the privilege of serving on a committee appointed by Commander-in-Chief Day, along with Brothers Pierson, Taylor and PCinC Johnson to develop and document protocols for the organization. Some of those protocols will be implemented during this National Encampment. I am proud of the document that the Committee produced, and will continue to improve and add to it, moving forward.

I look forward to a successful Encampment in Framingham, and to a successful and harmonious year for the organization and the Council of Administration.

## **2.8 Council of Administration – 2018; Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

1. Per the action item from the November C of A meeting, I chaired the special committee to draft language to codify protocol guidance and the procedures for fraternal greetings to official delegations from the other Allied Orders at Encampments. The other committee members, Brothers Kevin Tucker and Faron Taylor are to be commended for their outstanding work and insight work in this endeavor. Special thanks to PCinC Andy Johnson for graciously providing the greetings he presents each year from the National Encampment to the delegations from the other Allied Orders. The draft language was provided to the C of A at the spring meeting in Franklin, TN.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation #1:** The Committee recommends this language be included in the Order's Ritual & Ceremonies via the appropriate process.

2. I assisted the Commander-in-Chief to develop preliminary guidelines for an SUVCW Good Citizenship Award to be provided to Programs and Policies for consideration and adoption.

3. Attended all C of A meetings in Gettysburg and Nashville, TN.

4. Represented the Commander in Chief at three Department Encampments, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Illinois.

5. Discussed issues and voted on motions to come before the C of A.

## **2.9 Council of Administration – Donald L. Martin, PCinC**

1. Serving on the National Military Affairs Committee.

2. Participated in Memorial Day service at Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe, OH.

3. Voted on 18 of 19 motions. Out of country and missed one vote.

## **2.10 Council of Administration – 2019; Paul Davis, PDC**

Since the last report, several motions have come before the Council Of Administration for discussion and voting. Some of these issues to come before the Council have been minor and were dispensed with in a relatively easy manner.

There have also been a number of other items of business to come before the Council which have significant ramifications. Discussions on these items have been both lengthy and contentious at times. I have participated in these discussions and have provided a significant amount of research and evidence to support the position which best represents the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a whole. I have voted on some of these motions and abstained on others as they were either

not clearly stated, improperly put forth for a vote and/or contained provisions that I could not support as they were not in the best interests of the Order. On some of these issues I voted not to support them.

I attended the Lincoln Birthday Services in Washington D.C. on February 10 -12, 2018. 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 also regularly attend Sons events and Memorial Services and public events to promote the identity and work of our Order.

In March, for the tenth consecutive year, I participated in educational presentations at the Freeland Middle School, which our Camp has adopted, engaging five 8th Grade history classes of approximately 150 students during their Project Base studies of the Civil War.

Memorial Day/week 2018 was a busy time. I attended three different services traveling approximately 360 miles though out the state to participate in four separate events.

I will be at the National Encampment in Massachusetts and have submitted recommended changes to the Bylaws Committee for their consideration. These recommended changes are for the purpose of rectifying certain recently passed Bylaw changes from the last National Encampment that are flawed and without merit.

I will be attending the Gettysburg Remembrance events this November and will be at the CofA Meeting there as well.

## **2.11 Council of Administration – 2019; Michael Paquette, PDC**

Since my last report, I have participated in the following SUVCW related events and activities;

- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadets Aiden Critchfield and Matthew Pritchard-Hayden at Massaponax High School annual award ceremony – 8 March, Spotsylvania, VA
- Commander-in-Chief Testimonial Dinner – 10 March, Frederick, MD
- Council of Administration Meeting – 24 March, Franklin, TN
- Department of Rhode Island Annual Banquet and Encampment – 6 & 7 April, Providence, RI
- Department of the Chesapeake 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Encampment – 28 April, Ellicott City, MD
- Represented the Commander-in-Chief and installed the Department Officers for 2018 at the Department of North Carolina Annual Encampment - 5 May, Morehead City, NC
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Samuel Watkins at Quantico High School annual award ceremony – 9 May, Quantico, VA
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Christopher Mullins at Liberty High School annual award ceremony – 18 May, Bealeton, VA
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Joseph Worden at West Potomac High School annual award ceremony – 23 May, Alexandria, VA
- Irish Brigade Camp #4 Decoration Day Dinner – 30 May, Fredericksburg, VA
- Presented SUVCW ROTC medal to Cadet Paige Doerfler at Mountainview High School annual award ceremony – 7 June, Stafford, VA
- Represented the Commander-in-Chief and installed the Department Officers for 2018 at the Department of Colorado and Wyoming Annual Encampment – 16 June, Grand Junction, CO
- Point of Rocks Cemetery Monument Dedication – 23 June, Chesterfield, VA
- Camp meetings of Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake – 22 March, 26 April, 24 May and 28 June, Fredericksburg, VA
- Monument Grant Committee voting sessions
- Council of Administration voting sessions

National Encampment Site Selection Committee discussions for 2021 National Encampment

## **2.12 Council of Administration – 2018; Fredric C. Lynch, PDC**

- On behalf of CinC Day, presented SUVCW Founder's Award Certificate to American Veterans Heritage Center Board of Directors December 2017.
- Delivered PowerPoint presentation entitled "Why Union Soldiers Loved their Flag" to the Lincoln Society of Dayton. January 2018.
- Served as CinC Day's representative at the Department of Kentucky 2018 Encampment April 2018.
- Represented National Order at:
  - Patriot Freedom Festival, Dayton, Ohio VA Center - May 2018
  - Miamisburg, Ohio Bicentennial Celebration – June 2018
  - Centerville, Ohio Americana Festival – July 2018
- Voted on resolutions and awards recommendations sent to COA.
- Provided input to Strategic Development Committee selection of Covenant Group for fund raising firm contract.

## **2.13 Banner Editor; James B. Pahl, PCinC**

The Summer edition is at the printer as of this report and should be in the hands of our brothers by mid-July. Deadline for the Fall Banner is August 31.

I hope each of you is enjoying the Banner. It is my pledge that my brothers will receive four Banners a year – on schedule.

## **2.14 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC**

Statistics from latest full year available, 2017:

1470 Form 30s processed

541 form 3s and form 60s

414 telephone calls

12 visitors to headquarters

57 BSA queries and/or applications

88 ROTC queries and/or applications

1960 hours logged in office

92 death notices processed in 2017

88 death notices so far this year 2018.

Life Memberships:

Processed 22 life membership applications during 2017

Processed only 9 life membership applications to date this year 2018.

Annual reports, forms 35 accompanied by forms 27, submitted for 2018 were superior to 2017. During 2017, multiple membership applications were indicated on form 35 for the individual brother

being initiated into a local camp; however, the applications were not submitted with the form 35 and many departments were contacted to submit missing documents. Few such requests to the departments were issued this year 2018.

2018 Form 49s have been timely filed, scanned and shared with appropriate national officers or committee heads. One form 49 remains outstanding. Two departments have been suspended for neglect to file their annual report form 35.

Once again, I am expressing public thanx to PCinC Gene Mortorff, Asst Exec Dir, for keeping headquarters open and operating during my 2017 recuperation from quad muscle repair, bereavement period for my late wife and another recuperation period in February following removal of a tumor upon pituitary gland.

I implore all camps and departments to assign at least an assistant treasurer, if not an assistant secretary too. In recent years there have been too many camps and departments that lacked an assistant treasurer and/or secretary and the individual brother became, ill, went thru a divorce or other major concern and could not perform his SUVCW duties, all to the headache and heartache and suffering of the operation of the camp or department. Case in point, 2 departments are currently suspended for nonfiling of their annual report form 35. If an assistant was on board, the assistant could take over the responsibility and carry out the duties for the camp or department.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation # 1:** Change C&R to require all camps and departments to have an assistant treasurer and/or secretary to carry out duties of the office in lieu of the primary treasurer and/or secretary.

**Recommendation # 2:** Change C&R to invoke strong disciplinary action against Department Commanders and the Department Secretary who neglect or refuse to file form 35 on time! Currently the department and each brother within the department is suspended, but no forceful action is invoked against the commander or secretary for neglect or failure to file. Why should a whole department suffer for the failure of 2 or 3 officers that do not carry out a once a year responsibility.

#### **2.15 Assistant Executive Director; Eugene G. Mortorff, PCinC**

No report received.

### **3.0 National Appointed Officers**

#### **3.1 National Aide-de-Camp, Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

Coordinated with the National Chief-of-Staff, W. Faron Taylor, to complete tasks as assigned by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day.

#### **3.2 National Organization Expansion Officer, Eric D. Richart, PDC**

No report received.

#### **3.3 National Chaplin, Jerome W. Kowalski**

Since the last National Encampment in 2017 I have participated in meetings of Camps 1, 2 and 61-65 in the Dept. of Illinois. I have also participated in that Department's Mid Term and Annual Encampments. I have conducted and participated in two Veterans Day Programs and seven Memorial Day Programs. Have given first person presentations in Schools, at Civil War Round Tables, Libraries, and other groups. Have narrated Civil War Skirmishes and conducted Sunday Morning Church Services at Re Enactments throughout the country. Have written articles for various publications, been active in

my Blue Lodge, sung in my parish choir; went to the Departments of Columbia and Texas representing Commander in Chief Day. Gave Invocations and Benedictions at CofA meetings in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

Am an active Member of the Lincoln Tomb and Lincoln Death Day Committees, have spent time visiting with officers of the other Allied Orders, encouraging them to rejoin in actions and direction. Have made myself available to other Heritage Societies for support, involvement and participation. Have visited the sick, buried the dead, baptized infants and adults, as well as officiated at marriages. I am engaging in a new course of studies in the area of Ecumenism. Have prayed for the success of the Allied Orders, for the health and safety of its members, and have asked the Almighty to Grow our Orders, heal our sick and show His mercy on our deceased Brothers and Sisters.

### 3.4 National Chief of Staff, W. Faron Taylor, DC

In addition to assisting the Commander-in-Chief with the remainder of his travel and visitation schedule, I completed routine assignments and provided editorial commentary with his correspondence and other communications. Additionally, I was privileged to accompany him to the Rhode Island Department encampment. Over the past year I have participated in over 2,350 email exchanges with the Commander-in-Chief and those having questions, concerns or issues of national scope. Countless phone conversations and personal visits to our respective homes on these and other matters displayed the commitment to service of the man you wisely chose to lead our Order.

As COS I provided input and assistance in pre-encampment planning for the Joint Memorial Service, Allied Orders Banquet as well as other scheduled activities. A special word of thanks for their efforts is in order to the host committee and in particular the chair, Brother Kevin Tucker. Thank you, Kevin!

Of particular importance and regarding the submission of reports for future National encampments and COA meetings, please make every effort to submit them in a timely fashion and in the format requested. **(Of note, the body of this report reflects the response to the call for reports issued to those officers and committee chairs of record as of the most recent listings available.)** As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. An analysis of report submissions by type reveals the following:

Report Type	Number of Officers	Reports Received	Percent Complete
National Elected Officers	15	14	93%
National Appointed Officers	35	26	74%
National Standing Committees	18	15	83%
National Special Committees	8	8	100%
Department Reports	30	18	60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76%</b>

Regarding the submission of periodic reports, I completely understand and empathize with those who find such requests a technological challenge. However, the future and hoped-for growth of our Order will undoubtedly depend in part on accommodating the expectations of prospective members and those in positions of authority must possess the basic technological skills I respectfully feel essential to accomplish their duties.

### 3.5 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

1. Working with the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee is going very well and is helping us add monuments to our files on a regular basis.



2. I have not had any updates from our signals personnel regarding a database for monuments so no action has been done on that this again this year.
3. **I have all the monument files on Google Drive as a backup to my files, but also I have made a decision that I can share specific states with specific Monuments Officers, the Memorial Grants Board, and Council of Administration if desired. That should be all the people who need access to the files. To have access to your state's files, you must e-mail me at [wbusch@suvcmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcmo.org)**
4. **Missouri has completed its initial inventory of monuments recording 535 monuments; three that have disappeared with time; and four Last Soldier Markers. All Form 62s are posted on their website.**
5. The St Louis Soldiers WW1 Memorial is being refurbished and I discovered that they were going to permanently remove an LGAR plaque honoring the GAR posts of Missouri. I contacted the people in charge and after some discussion they agreed to repost that plaque (but not necessarily other ones from DAR, etc).
6. Someone sent me info on a LGAR/WRC monument being removed from Kimmel Park in Vincennes, IN and not being replaced. I contacted the WRC and Indiana SUVCW. I also wrote a letter to the Vincennes Sun-Commercial Newspaper editor asking why and asking if the removal of a monument to WW2 Nurses or Rosie the Riveter would be tolerated like this one appears to be.
7. Rec'd a communiqué from a master's degree student in Quebec wishing to develop a database of Illinois & Ohio Soldier & Sailor Monuments as part of his thesis. This could be a help to us for those states.
8. **Tom Gaard, Iowa SUVCW, has once again submitted the most monuments and Last Soldier projects of any member this past year. A total of 85 Form 61's have been submitted.**
9. I've personally recorded 34 monuments this past year in Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana, Michigan, Arizona, and Tennessee.

## RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS

STATE/LOCATION	July 2017 on file	July 2018	Gain / Loss	Last Soldier Markers	Notes
Alabama	0	1	1	0	
Arizona	2	3	1	0	
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	Note 1
Australia	1	1	0	0	
<b>California</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Colorado	4	4	0	0	
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	
Delaware	1	1	0	0	
<b>Florida</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Georgia	7	7	0	0	
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Illinois	133	134	1	0	
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	
Iowa	44	97	53	47	15 Last Soldiers in 2017
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

Kentucky	10	9	-1	0	Note 5
Kazakhstan	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Maine	5	5	0	0	
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Note 2
Massachusetts	45	45	0	0	
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Michigan	221	222	1	0	
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	0 Last Soldier in 2017
Mississippi	1	1	0	0	
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	3 Last Soldier in 2017
Nebraska	6	6	0	1	0 Last Soldier in 2017
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	Note 5
New Hampshire	18	18	0	0	
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
New York	28	29	0	0	Note 3
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
North Dakota	2	2	0	0	
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	Note 4
Oklahoma	4	4	0	0	
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Pennsylvania	28	28	0	0	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
South Carolina	1	1	0	0	
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Tennessee	6	7	1	0	
<b>Texas</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	Note 5
Utah	1	1	0	0	
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
Vermont	1	1	0	0	
<b>Washington</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Washington DC	1	1	0	0	
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Wisconsin	32	34	2	0	
Wyoming	1	1	1	0	
Total	1312	1408	96	67	32 Last Soldier 2017
Records Not Monuments	0	5	5	0	Note 5

**NOTES:**

Note 1: A spreadsheet of known monuments has been created for these states. 254 Monuments in Arkansas.

Note 2: 1995 Maryland Governor's Comm on Monuments report digitized

Note 3: 1992 New York SUVCW Monuments Book Digitized In addition to files

Note 4: Ohio Last Soldiers in Database came from a listing of markers that had no Form 61 or Form 62 filed for them but with enough info to digitize

Note 5: Files sent in that were determined not to be monuments removed from state database and kept in misc file.

Mullins Company Monuments Catalog of 1913 digitized

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation # 1:** A certificate or award for this type of continued activity should be presented to Tom Gaard. This is the second year in a row in which he has submitted 'volumes' of records. He rec'd a certificate last year, but has exceeded last year's work this year.

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

I attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL in April, 2018. Additionally, I will be attending the 2018 National Encampment, and will perform the duties as National Color Bearer.

### **3.7 National Counselor, Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC**

No report received.

### **3.8 Assistant National Counselor, Donald E. Darby, PCinC**

I have continued to assist the National Counselor and the Commander-in-Chief in regard to issues of the Order and how those issues relate to the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations. As Assistant National Counselor I felt that I could not and did not issue Official Opinions on any matter.

### **3.9 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

The proceedings of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 National Encampment have not yet published as of the date of this report. I am therefore not able to incorporate the annotations from those years in the Constitution and Regulations. The current edition of the C&R on the web site includes a hyperlinked index.

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

As the Coordinator of the National Eagle Scout Certificate Program, it has been my honor to serve you and the brothers of the SUVCW. It also gives me great pride to be able to Honor my fellow Eagle Scout with a Certificate from the SUVCW. I had the grand honor to meet Scouter E. Urner Goodman who was the founder of the Order of the Arrow in the BSA, but more important her served as one of the 14 Scoutmasters at the 1913 Gettysburg reunion.

Executive Director David Demmy and PCinC Gene Mortorrrff have been a great deal of help to me with keeping up with the applications for certificates that they recieve and changes in Department Coordinators. Executive Director Demmy has created a redirection letter to our website foam for those requests that just send in a request letter. This has worked fantastic and I have not heard any negative feedback from anyone.

I believe we need to look into some changes in our certificate as the Boy Scouts of America are now allowing females to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. Also the name at the bottum of certificate should read Coordinador rethere than Commander. I would like to contact our department coordinators to see if they might have and additions to a new form.

I also believe we need to have some type of reporting form Camps to Department and then to the National Coordinator so that he can give a truer number of certificates given out. We have no idea how we are doing each year. This should be part of our IRS giving back to the people and communities.

So far for 2018 I have mailed out 18 certificates, forwarded 6 to Department Coordinators, and waiting to hear back from 4 with no request form or missing information. I have given out 15 as Illinois Department Coordinator.

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

I sent out an email to all State Department GAR Highway Officers introducing myself to all new Dept. GAR Highway Officers. I mentioned if you don't have anything to report please just say I don't have anything to report. No response from Andrew C. Adams of California, William R. Brown of Indiana, Steven Haight of Illinois, Harley Lofton of Nebraska, Dane A. Difebo of Pennsylvania, Matthew J. Hereford of New York.

Respectfully submitting my report as Department of Ohio GAR Highway Officer:

Looking to incorporate a QR reader into the GAR sign that will direct information about our Dept. of Ohio and the National SUVCW websites.

I was in the process of contacting the City of Vermilion, Ohio reporting I have noticed the sign in the West bound direction of US 6 is missing. The metal sign post was cut off along with another sign that was adjacent with the GAR sign. I will enquire to see if the sign can be salvaged or in need a total replacement. In the last two weeks the City of Vermilion place a new pole with the original sign back in place. I will be following up with a letter to the city thanking them for the efforts they have made in getting the sign back up again.

I have inspected the GAR signs that were placed in 2014-2016 2 signs in Bay Village, 2 in Avon Lake, 4 in Sheffield Lake, 2 in Lorain and 2 in Vermillion all appear to be in excellent shape.

I am in still in contact and discussing placement of GAR signs in the Cities of Rocky River and Huron. Now that there are signs that border these cities I will use this in our advantage to continue our effort of having these signs placed in other cities hopefully soon. I will continue to reach out to other Cities heading east and west.

I am happy to report the Dept. of Ohio James A. Garfield # 142 Camp has made a GAR sign for educational purposes that is posted and presented for display every chance we have at Library meetings or event. We feel we are getting the word out by advertising The GAR sign every chance we can.

We must continue to show our full support to these communities and our appreciation of recognizing the cities who are taking their time and paying the cost of placing these signs up within their city limits. I will update the Dept. Ohio with dates and time and location of future dedication ceremonies for GAR signs.

### **3.12 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

Commander-in-Chief Day and Brothers of the 137th 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 2017-2018 administrative year. This is my eighth consecutive term serving in this appointed office, and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

The amount of interest in our program continues to be strong. Since 1 August 2017, I have received 178 emails regarding GAR records (compared to 291 the previous year). I have fallen behind a

bit in answering some of the inquiries, which accounts in part for the lower number of emails received, compared to last year. I expect to catch up on responses by the time of the National Encampment.

The number of known and uniquely named/numbered GAR Posts in our catalog has risen to 10,808, up 76 from last year's count. This number reflects new additions to the catalog, as well as the removal of several duplicates and misidentified Posts. The majority of the most recently identified Posts were short-lived ones that existed prior to 1870. There are hundreds of these early Posts that are still not identified.

At least fifteen of our Departments have a Department GAR Records Officer or the equivalent, which is a very satisfying development. The program is slowly expanding throughout the SUVCW, and I have high hopes more will soon appoint a member to the office. Special recognition goes to Brother Richard A. Davis, PCC, GAR Records Officer for the Department of Ohio, who furnishes the National GAR Records Officer with an annual report. He's the first to provide the National Organization with annual reports, and his efforts deserve to be recognized.

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

### **3.13 National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

No report received.

### **3.14 National Guard, Charles F. Lewis**

No report received.

### **3.15 National Guide, Robert F. Koenecke**

I attended the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing MI

I attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in 2018 in Springfield, IL and visited the grave of B.F. Stephenson in Petersburg, IL.

I will be present at the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, MA.

### **3.16 National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

Thank you for allowing me to serve another year. I hope you have enjoyed the stories about our Order's history and about its badges and artifacts as printed quarterly in The Banner.

Brother Demmy has forwarded requests for information coming into National Headquarters and hopefully our Brothers have found my replies meaningful.

On a personal note, I live in Key West, Florida an island only 90 miles from Cuba and 130 miles southwest of Miami. I was touched by the number of Officers and Brothers who reached out following our near miss by Hurricane Irma in September... even to the point that Bro. Roger Heiple in Orlando allowed me to stay in his home several days. Fraternity may be our watchword, but these examples prove even today Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty can be of substance.

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

The REAL Memorial Day, May 30th, 2018, 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.

This year started with the rededication of the Women's Memorial Bell Tower.

As we walked down the path, I gave thanks that my National Commander-in-Chief had asked me to represent him and gave me this opportunity to be liaison for this quiet, but special event.

The ceremony lasted about an hour and a half, but was a moving experience, we stood in proud recognition when our organization was called and placed flowers on the altar. A POW/MIA chair was set up in front of the altar in tribute and memory to those who have never returned.

The outside organ, surrounded by donated stones, played "National Anthem; "In Memoriam"; new song called "Trumpet of Freedom" " by Jennie Aho; "One Hundred Years Later and "Battle Hymn of the Republic". As it resounded off the mountains and through the valleys of this beautiful place, the feeling of serenity in our hearts overflows in tears of peace and happiness. Jenny Aho's "Stand Tall Soldier", prayers firing squad tribute and "Taps" brought this fantastic tribute to a close.

We were thanked by several of the trustees for our donations. They survive on donations only and are pleased and honored to receive ours each year.

Besides myself, attending this year were representatives from NH camps.

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

No report received.

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

The membership of the NMAL currently stands at fourteen, including brothers in Canada, Spain, Australia, Switzerland, and Germany.

### **3.20 Parliamentarian, Kent M. Melcher**

At the 2017 National Encampment I received requests from delegates for handouts to help them in understanding parliamentary procedure. In response, I prepared and sent to Commander-in-Chief Mark Day two documents. These documents, which I brought to the Council's attention last August will, I think, accomplish two primary objectives.

First, a "Standing Rules" document can establish at the beginning of each Encampment some rules for debate. For our brother delegates who have little or no formal experience with Robert's Rules of Order, setting some "ground rules" at the outset should help to orient them to the formalities of parliamentary procedure. Those of our Order who do have experience with Robert's Rules want to know the limitations placed on debate (e.g., number of speeches for and against, length of speeches, etc.) and the process for suspension of the rules, among other details.

Second, a simplified "primer" on the types of motions, how they are made, seconding required, votes required to pass, and order of precedence of main, subsidiary, incidental, and privileged motions can provide guidance for all, and smooth the process of debate.

It is my pleasure to submit these two documents for your review, anticipating that the Council may at its discretion, amend any portion as required to conform to the Constitution and Regulations, and to fit with accepted practice of the SUVCW.

### **3.21 National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French, PDC**

No report received.

### **3.22 National Legislation Officer, Daniel R. Earl, PCC**

The duties of the National Legislation Officer are to keep Brothers apprised of federal and state legislation affecting the welfare of the Order, or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. This report includes an analysis of such legislation.

This report includes federal legislation that has been introduced or passed by Congress from 3 January 2017 through 20 July 2018. No state legislation is included at this time.

- ❖ H.R. 88 - Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation
  - Author: Rep. Marsha Blackburn [R-TN-7]
  - Summary: This bill modifies the boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi to include the Fallen Timbers Battlefield, the Russell House Battlefield, and the Davis Bridge Battlefield. It also would establish the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield in Tennessee as an affiliated area of the National Park System.
  - Status: Introduced 1/3/17. Passed the House on 2/27/17 and sent to the Senate. Passed Senate with amendments on 6/6/18 and returned to the House.
- ❖ S.100 – Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation
  - Author: Sen. Lamar Alexander [R-TN]
  - Summary: This bill modifies the boundary of Shiloh National Military Park to include the following areas: (1) Fallen Timbers Battlefield, (2) Russell House Battlefield, and (3) Davis Bridge Battlefield. It also would establish the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield in Tennessee as an affiliated area of the National Park System.
  - Status: Introduced on 1/11/17 and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- ❖ H.R. 504 – To require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property.
  - Author: Rep. Leonard Lance [R-NJ-7]
  - Summary: The bill changes the days on which the POW/MIA flag is required to be displayed at specified locations to all days on which the U.S. flag is displayed.
  - Status: Introduced 1/12/17 and referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on 2/6/17.
- ❖ H.R. 506 – Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017
  - Author: Rep. Thomas J. Rooney [R-FL-17]
  - Summary: This bill amends 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.
  - Status: Introduced 1/12/17. Passed the House on 3/14 and sent to the Senate where it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- ❖ S.150 – Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017
  - Author: Sen. Marco Rubio [R-FL]

- Summary: This bill amends 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.
  - Status: Introduced on 1/17/17. No action taken.
- ❖ H.R. 558 – Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act
    - Author: Rep. Barry Loudermilk [R-GA-11]
    - Summary: This bill modifies the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Georgia to include approximately eight acres of land or interests in land identified as Wallis House and Harriston Hill.
    - Status: Introduced on 1/13/17. Passed the House on 1/30/17 and sent to the Senate. Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar with a substitute amendment on 5/16/17.
  - ❖ S.136 - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act
    - Author: Sen. Johnny Isakson [R-GA]
    - Summary: Summary: This bill modifies the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Georgia to include approximately eight acres of land or interests in land identified as Wallis House and Harriston Hill.
    - Status: Introduced 1/12/17 and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
  - ❖ H.R. 3099 – Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park Act of 2017
    - Author: Rep. Mark Sanford [R-SC-1]
    - Summary: This bill establishes the Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in South Carolina for the preservation and interpretation of the nationally significant historical values and cultural resources associated with Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, and Sullivan's Island Life Saving Station Historic District.
    - Status: Introduced 6/28/17 and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. No actions taken.
  - ❖ S.1459 – Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park Act of 2017
    - Author: Sen. Tim Scott [R-SC]
    - Summary: This bill establishes the Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in South Carolina for the preservation and interpretation of the nationally significant historical values and cultural resources associated with Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, and Sullivan's Island Life Saving Station Historic District.
    - Status: Introduced 6/28/17 and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Passed as amended and placed on Senate Legislative Calendar on 7/11/18.
  - ❖ H.R. 3121 – All-American Flag Act
    - Author: Rep. Cheri Bustos [D-IL-17]
    - Summary: This bill requires U.S. flags acquired for use by the federal government to be manufactured entirely in the United States from articles, materials, or supplies grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States.
    - Status: Introduced 6/29/17. Passed Committee on 11/2/17.
  - ❖ H.R. 3701 – Confederate Monument Removal Act
    - Author: Rep. Barbara Lee [D-CA-13]
    - Summary: This bill would require the removal of all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the Capitol of the United States.
    - Status: Introduced on 9/7/17 and referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
  - ❖ S. 1772 – Confederate Monument Removal Act
    - Author: Sen. Cory A. Booker [D-NJ]
    - Summary: This bill would require the removal of all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the Capitol of the United States.



- Status: Introduced on 9/7/17 and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.
- ❖ H.R. 3714 – Harriet Tubman Tribute Act of 2017
  - Author: Rep. John Katko [R-NY-24]
  - Summary: This bill would amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the Department of the Treasury to ensure that each \$20 Federal Reserve note printed after December 31, 2019, bears the likeness of Harriet Tubman.
  - Status: Introduced 9/8/17 and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
- ❖ H.R. 5209 – Fort Pillow National Battlefield Park Study Act of 2018
  - Author: Rep. Bobby L. Rush [D-IL-1]
  - Summary: This bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study of Fort Pillow Historic Park in Henning, Tennessee. Fort Pillow is a state park that features American Civil War history and the Massacre at Fort Pillow.
  - Status: Introduced 5/25/18 and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources – Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- ❖ H.R. 5979 – Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act
  - Author: Rep. Harold Rogers [R-KY-5]
  - Summary: This bill would establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System for purposes of preserving and protecting its role in the American Civil War.
  - Status: Introduced 9/8/17 and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources where it was approved unanimously on 7/18/18.
- ❖ S. 3176 – Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act
  - Author: Sen. Mitch McConnell [R-KY]
  - Summary: This bill would establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System for purposes of preserving and protecting its role in the American Civil War.
  - Status: Introduced 6/28/18 and referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- ❖ H.R. 6108 – Preserving America’s Battlefields Act
  - Author: Rep. Jody B. Hice [R-GA-10]
  - Summary: This bill would provide for partnerships among state and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and the Civil War.
  - Status: Introduced 6/14/18 and referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- ❖ H.Con.Res. 12 – “Patriot Week”
  - Author: Rep. Mike Bishop [R-MI-8]
  - Summary: Recognizes that each generation should renew the spirit of the nation based on the first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of the United States.
  - Status: Introduced 1/24/17 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. No actions taken.

### **3.23 Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond, PDC**

I have reviewed activities in the legislatures of the state in the in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont New Hampshire, Maine and West Virginia (I has unable to examine bills in Connecticut and Rhode Island because of security levels). The only activity I noted was that both New York and New Jersey and attempting to strengthen laws concerning vandalizing the graves of veterans on both states.

### **3.24 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

Advice and counsel have been provided to the Ensign John Davis Camp #10. I am not aware of any delegates from the Camp to the National Encampment as of this report.

### **3.25 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), Edward J. Krieser, PCinC**

Nothing to report.

### **3.26 National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire, PDC**

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 and are up to date. The National Officers and Committees list is ever in flux, and I believe I have recently received a request to update it from a committee, but I will hold until after the Encampment. As previously, 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 would like to report on the following four items: the National Organization Website, Social Media, Memorial U and Databases.

**Website:** As ever, 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 taking a firm line that the SUV CW will not extraneously link to 3<sup>rd</sup> party content on our page. This is to both save us the trouble of having to curate every request that we receive, but also to protect us from those that would use our site to advance political agenda that might violate our Charter, but also those who might try to link to our site to infect users with malware or data capture techniques. Ultimately, this led to the informed decision to eliminate 3<sup>rd</sup> party links and keep the website as an internally managed effort.

Brother Harry Reineke was recruited as assistant webmaster and has performed excellently in his duties. He has worked within our current web environment and made a great effort at migrating ages-old content into viable pages on the Wordpress site. He has also managed the posting of General Orders and general updates as directed.

At the 2017 National Encampment, I made it clear that it is my desire for us to move on from this current site. If we are to grow and compete there are certain areas that we need to improve, just as there are areas that need to be improved for our current membership. The Encampment gave me a budget of \$9,000 to engage a firm in “discovery:” the effort to discover what we need in a website. To this date, I have received ONE response to my RFP, and that was \$14,000. I know it is not much to show for a year. But, with this off year and disappointment, I have become much more educated in the world of web development. I am confident that the 2018-2019 term will afford this Organization the opportunity to engage the right vendor to revitalize our website and give us a forward-facing web presence that will benefit the Order. When I approached firms for the RFP, I gave them the full-scope of needs as immediate needs. I know now that the process needs to have scaffolding. I intend to move directly into vetting web developers to reimagine our site. I believe the “discovery” should be done internally at this

point. We had great response success with the Web and Social Media Survey in 2016-2017, so we should deploy a similar tool to pool the membership.

This is a lot of words. The endgame is a website that has everything we need organizationally, but also supports the needs of the membership as far as access to resources, and also hosts our databases. That last is more of a long-term goal, but we need to dial into the correct platform in order to ensure that is a possibility.

Another agenda item from 2017 was using the usmemorialday.org site as a hub for the 150<sup>th</sup>, but I received no data and no information from the Departments or anyone about how to populate the site or repurpose it. Therefore, the site remains as is. I have seen that the Camps and Departments had wonderful Memorial Day observations despite the lack of this page/URL. I like the idea of the SUVCW owning the URL. I would like to see a team come up with an idea for it. If we don't use it, or don't want to use it, we should let it go.

**Social Media:** We are very active on Facebook. We regularly update the page and receive many messages from inside and outside the Order. Many inquiries are about membership, and the FB team generally directs the inquiry to the Department that the individual lives in. We felt that connecting potential members to their local communities as much as possible was the best way to go. At times, being social media managers requires us to deftly navigate online tension, and we do pretty good. Social Media managers are required, by default, to be skilled in Public Relations. I foresee a very different Communications strategy for the SUVCW in the near future. This summer, we made the effort to engage the users with links to historical research sites. This was generally well-received, but we wish that people wouldn't jump on with general complaints about the resources because such commentary misses the entire point. We give the caveat that no historical site is perfect, but we are providing resources for those that may be unaware... Yet overall it has been a positive engagement. The users have also been active respondents to General Orders and CinC Communications as posted. Every year, the Memorial Day photo album is getting bigger and bigger, as more and more camps and Departments send in photos and stories about activities. As with all things, managing the Facebook Page is time-consuming and we wish we could share every bit of info that every Camp or Department sends in, but we also need to curate a LOT of content that gets sent in that has no place on our FB page for a variety of reasons. Overall, Facebook is fine, but it's not reaching the younger generation. We have a Twitter account and an Instagram account, but we are not currently organized to manage these, and it is difficult to generate a plan for these and all SoMe platforms. I will be submitting a flow chart that outlines how I think digital communications should generally operate in the short term so that a legitimate plan for multi-platform social media management can be developed. In short, we need savvy admins on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and emerging platforms. I will gladly accept applicants for these essential communications and public relations roles.

**Memorial U:** I know that many people are passionate about this. The committee has developed a good training program, and that many people love it! I myself am a graduate of Memorial University. This is an essential and wonderful program provided by our Order to promote leadership. But right now, the process is broken. The quiz as currently set up in the Wordpress environment does not do the program justice and needs to be redeployed with a program, site, or app that is better than the forms available on Wordpress. We currently have no ability to capture data or even send quiz results to the NPI. The MemU application needs to be priority in the coming year, aside from the website redesign. I would hope that any MemU program would be internal to a SUVCW website, but if a 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing site needs to be engaged and maintained from year to year in order to make MemU a viable and rewarding program, then I would highly endorse redeveloping it. I commend PCinC Michaels for staying on me, and on this item. We will make Memorial University a turnkey program that is both administrator and user-friendly.

**Databases:** I know that the databases are an issue. We need a Monuments and Memorial Database and a Hereditary Database. The M&M database should run much like our Graves Database. I know that developing this has been frustrating and many of us feel like we are spinning wheels. Building a database is one thing. Having a place to host it is something else. Additionally, the Hereditary Committee is looking to develop a SAR style database. Again, a great idea... But these things need to be hosted someplace and then housed in a skin that is user-friendly. That is the line we are at and we are absolutely not ready to run these databases internally. We need a database manager at the National level and a partner to develop the interface. We can collect all the data in the world, but if we can't host it until further down the road in the website redesign process. At the end of the day, all of this requires third party vendors.

### **3.27 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James Pahl, PCinC**

I assisted the National Treasurer in issuing checks for invoices for the Lincoln Death Day observances in Springfield, Ill.

### **3.28 Assistant National Treasurer #2, D. Michael Beard, PDC**

Nothing to report.

### **3.29 Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs, DC**

Nothing to report.

### **3.30 Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max L. Newman, PCC**

No report received.

### **3.31 National Washington DC Representative, Lee D. Stone, PDC**

Having been re-appointed National Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day in August 2017, I beg to report that I supported the CinC's activities on Memorial Day in the Washington DC region. I ordered wreaths for him to present at both the National Memorial Day ceremony on 28 May, and our own SUVCW Decoration Day ceremony on 30 May, both at Arlington National Cemetery. I also helped coordinate and provide transport for the CinC and party, and assisted my wife in setting up the dinner on 30 May.

Not necessarily part of my official duties, I also voluntarily assisted several of the National Heads of the Allied Orders during the Memorial Day events, including ordering wreaths for the National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, passing along information, and helping coordinate and provide transport.

I regret exceedingly that I will not be able to attend the National Encampment this coming August, to support the CinC there.

### **3.32 National Webmaster, James P. McGuire, PDC**

See 3.26

### **3.33 National Webmaster for Quarter Master Store, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

No report received.

### 3.34 Assistant National Quarter Master, George Shadman

I submit to the National Organization this report covering the period from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 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. I worked closely this second year with Brother Wheeler and received excellent guidance, along with the National Treasurer David McReynolds.

Year 2017-2018 was exceedingly busy with a total of 1189 awards being disseminating within thirty (30) departments and eleven (11) overseas JROTC programs. This was up from 1059 awards that were processed the year before. That is an increase of a little more than 12%.

The top five departments who participated in the ROTC Program deserve a special "shout-out." They are **Texas** which submitted 148 award applications; **California/Pacific** with 134; **Florida**, 129; **Chesapeake** which submitted 100 applications and **Missouri** with 71. 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 February through April which this office processing 986 application requests resulting in nearly daily trips to the post office.

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 my numbers include awards processed directly to the schools and through camps and departments. It is encouraged that camps and departments research on-line what high schools and colleges/universities have ROTC/JROTC programs in their areas and reach out to them and suggest to the ROTC commander that they, the camps/departments, process those applications for them and thereby make that community connection and initiate possible recruiting potential.

Cost for sending an award package increased this past year from \$3.16/unit to \$3.75. That increase by the US Postal Service added over \$700.00 to the operating expenses for this program. This is just "for your information."

It should be, by now, common knowledge that when Brother Danny Wheeler retires as National Quartermaster it is my intent to also turn over this program to another brother. Please keep this in mind as the new administration takes office at the National Encampment this August. That should give the organization a year to find a suitable replacement. I assure you, I will do my best to make the transition as smooth as possible.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation #1:** As the guy who has to process the awards I endorse 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 request as many as 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 to the applicant. 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 and again causes confusion to the applicant.

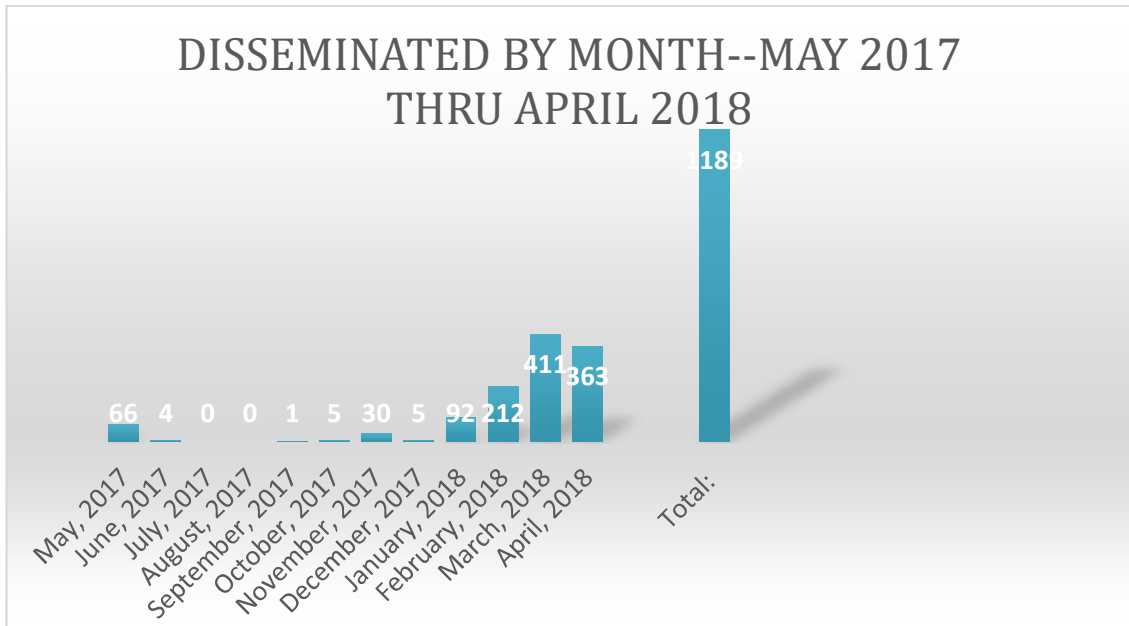
**Recommendation #3:** I receive many requests from schools for presenters from our organization to come to graduations or banquets to personally hand out our awards to the cadet who is receiving it. What an opportunity for our organization! However, I must rely on contact information on the department website that is linked to the national website. With that, I beg that each department please keep the information on your department website current, especially officers’ contact information.

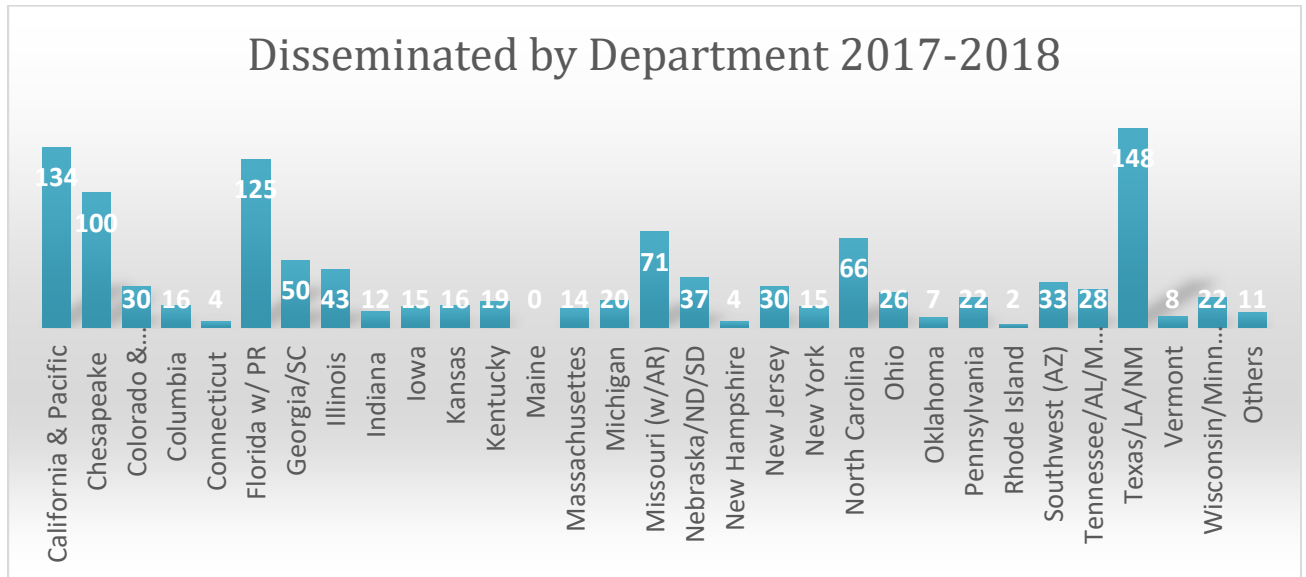
Month/year	Applications processed
May, 2017	66
June, 2017	4
July, 2017	0
August, 2017	0
September, 2017	1
October, 2017	5
November, 2017	30
December, 2017	5
January, 2018	92
February, 2018	123
March, 2018	0
April, 2018	0
Total	326

## ROTC AWARD OUTPUT MAY 2017-APRIL 2018

Department	Applications Processed
California & Pacific	134
Chesapeake	100
Colorado & Wyoming	30
Columbia	16
Connecticut	4
Florida w/ PR	125
Georgia/SC	50
Illinois	43
Indiana	12
Iowa	15
Kansas	16
Kentucky	19
Maine	0
Massachusetts	14

Michigan	20
Missouri (w/AR)	71
Nebraska/ND/SD	37
New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	30
New York	15
North Carolina	66
Ohio	26
Oklahoma	7
Pennsylvania	22
Rhode Island	2
Southwest (AZ)	33
Tennessee/AL/MISS	28
Texas/LA/NM	148
Vermont	8
Wisconsin/Minnesota	22
Others	11





### 3.35 Assistant National Webmaster, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC

No report received.

## 4.0 National Standing Committees

### 4.1 National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation, Edward J. Norris, PDC

The committee was created in the hopes that someday we would have funding available and function as the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund does today. We did not achieve that goal. But, we still have made a positive impact on Union Battle Flag preservation efforts through awareness and letters to state officials about the benefits of funding efforts. Our Facebook page now has 1,657 followers and one post reached 7,137 people.

We asked the National Treasurer if donations to our organization could be earmarked for battle flag preservation. In the end we concluded that this would cause more problems than any positive impact.

The committee has put forth a request to change the Regulations dissolving the committee and creating a National Battle Flag Officer position. One Brother can handle all of the tasks the committee now undertakes. Continued awareness to the general public and decision makers is still crucial. We hope the proposed change has your support.

### 4.2 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Brian C. Pierson, PDC

The purpose of the Memorial/Monument Grant Fund is to assist Camps and Departments in their efforts to refurbish and restore Civil War related memorials and monuments. The grant fund is open to the preservation and restoration of Civil War monuments and memorials as well as supporting the production of new monuments. Priority of funds will be for preservation. Requests for new monuments will be considered between 1 May and 15 June.

Grant requests do not carry over from one year to the next. Those requests that have not been approved by the National Encampment will need to be resubmitted next year.



The Committee commends the Departments for their noteworthy activity to preserve Civil War the monuments around the country and reminds Departments to submit applications as early as possible in the business year.

Twelve grant requests were received the 2017-2018 business year, of which seven were approved. One grant request was not approved. Two have been deferred; one pending resolution of eligibility. Two applications arrived after all of the annual funds had been expended.

- 2017-18-01, Historical Marker, Calvary Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI. \$750. Approved 21 October 2017.
- 2017-18-02, Repair of Concrete Walkway around GAR Monument, Vermont, IL. \$2,000. Approved 25 October 2017.
- 2017-18-03, Iron Brigade Highway Marker, Wisconsin Veterans Memorial, Sauk Prairie, WI. \$1,878. Approved 24 October 2017.
- 2017-18-04, Joseph Willis Historic Home, Atlanta, GA, HQ US XXIII & XIV Corps, Historical Marker. \$2,000. New marker. Deferred.
- 2017-18-05, 1916 GAR National Encampment Historical Marker, Kansas City, MO. \$2,000. New marker. Approved 15 June 2018.
- 2017-18-06, Restoration of the General Curtis Monument, Keokuk, IA. \$2,000. Approved 15 June 2018.
- 2017-18-07, Civil War Monument, Derby, CT. \$300. Not approved due to being a request for reimbursement for a project that had already been completed.
- 2017-18-08, 1866 Peoria Civil War Monument restoration, Peoria, IL. \$2,000. Approved 30 May 2018.
- 2017-18-09, Restoration of Lafayette-Jackson Township Civil War Memorial, Lafayette, OH. \$2,000. Approved 19 June 2018.
- 2017-18-10, Last Civil War Soldiers markers. \$1,743.05 requested. Deferred pending ruling by Council of Administration whether these markers are eligible for grants from the Committee.
- 2017-18-11. 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry Memorial at Middleburg Battlefield Park, VA. \$2,000. New monument. Application received after the Committee had expended all allotted funds.
- 2017-18-12, 1871 Restoration of Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Providence, RI. \$2,000. Application received after the Committee had expended all allotted funds.

In addition, the Committee general inquiries for information from the following:

- Jones Bradbury Camp 149, West Chester, PA. Future monument for an abandoned African-American Cemetery with unmarked USCT and USN graves, among others, Westtown Twp, Chester County, PA. Currently, the cemetery is privately owned and the current owner refuses to allow any grave markers or monuments to be erected. The owner does want to sell the property. The Camp was informed that the committee will be happy to consider a grant application in the future at such time when monuments will be permitted. The Camp was also advised to contact the VA at that time for veterans' grave markers.
- The town of Deer Lodge, Montana. Restoration of the town's Civil War monument. The town was referred to the Department of Colorado for local points of contact.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation # 1:** The Committee requests a ruling whether the standardized Last Veteran grave markers are eligible for grants. Prior to the standardization of these grave markers, the Committee had awarded a few grants for bronze tablet-style markers. With the adoption of the standardized markers, it is expected that demand will grow. The Committee recommends the standardized markers be eligible for grants up to a set limit.

**Recommendation # 2:** The Committee recommends an increase of \$1,000 in its annual budget for a total of \$13,000 per 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 SUVCW policies. The Committee thanks Brother Walt Busch, Chairman of the Monuments Committee for his assistance and advice regarding Monument Assessments. The Committee thanks National Treasurer Brother David McReynolds, for his prompt attention to sending the checks to the applicants.

#### **4.3 National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walter E. Busch, PDC**

See 3.5

#### **4.4 National Committee on Communication & Technology, James P. McGuire, PDC**

See 3.26

#### **4.5 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E Grimm, PCinC**

The changes made to the Regulations at the 136th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R. The updated C&R with a Table of Contents has been posted on the web site. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this encampment. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS BY THIS ENCAMPMENT ARE NOTED IN **BOLD TYPE** for new language and ~~strike throughs~~ of language being eliminated.

##### **PROPOSAL #1**

(This proposal is from the Department of Michigan.)  
Chapter I, Article I, Section 5 (See C&R page 27)

*Note: This proposal clarifies the process for turning over camp property to the National Organization when a camp gives up its Charter.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

Section 5. In case of the surrender or forfeiture of ~~a~~ **the Camp Charter**, all the Camp property and ~~money~~ **assets** shall be turned over to the ~~Department Commander~~ **National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as** ~~or to~~ his duly authorized representative, **to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code.** ~~and become the property of the Department.~~ Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita dues shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its Charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its Brothers.

##### **PROPOSAL #2**

(This proposal is from the Department of Michigan.)  
Chapter I, Article V, Section 3 (See C&R page 34)

*Note: This proposal will allow camp officers to be installed starting in September rather in November.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

Section 3. The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in ~~November~~ **September**, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive,

### **PROPOSAL #3**

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)  
Chapter II, Article 1, Section 11 and 12 (See C&R page 50)

*Note: This proposal will correct an error discovered in these two sections. Section 11 makes reference to Chapter II, Article 1 Section 3(a) (See C&R Page 49). The topic referenced is not in that section of the C&R. We have the same problem in Section 12 which makes reference to a topic in Chapter II, Article I, Section 3(b) (See C&R Page 49).which is not in that section of the C&R. This change does not affect the subject matter of these two sections.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

Section 11. Any Department which fails to file the **annual** consolidated report ~~required in Section 3(a) of this Article~~ by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

Section 12. Any Department which fails to file the annual EIN report ~~required in Section 3(b) of this Article~~ by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

### **PROPOSAL #4**

(This proposal is from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris who is also Chairman of the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation.)  
Chapter III, Article X, Section 1 (See C&R page 96)

*Note: This proposal will eliminate the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation. If this proposal is adopted then proposal number 4 in this report (if adopted) will create the position of National Battle Flag Preservation Officer who will assume the duties of this committee. Also, a grammar correction is made by inserting the word "and" in the last line of this section.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

#### Article X Standing Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, ~~Battle Flag Preservation~~, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, 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, **and** Vision and Planning.

### **PROPOSAL #5**

(This proposal is from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris who is also Chairman of the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation.)  
Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1(a) (See C&R page 76)

*Note: This proposal will create the position of National Battle Flag Preservation Officer. If this proposal is adopted then proposal No. 5 (if adopted) will describe the duties of this new officer position. Also, a grammar correction is made by inserting the word "and" in the last line of this section.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

#### Article IV Officers

Section 1(a). The officers of the National Organization shall consist of a Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, five members of the Council of Administration (of which no two may be from the same Department), Banner Editor, Organization Expansion Officer, **National Battle Flag Preservation Officer**, National Chaplain, National Chief-of-Staff, National Civil War Memorials Officer, National Counselor, National GAR Highway Officer, National GAR Records Officer, National Graves Registration Officer, National Historian, National Legislation Officer, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, National Patriotic Instructor, National Signals Officer, **and** a Washington DC Representative.

#### **PROPOSAL #6**

(This proposal is from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris who is also Chairman of the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation.)

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 32 (See C&R page 91)

*Note: This proposal adds a new section to this Article which describes the duties of the National Battle Flag Preservation Officer and re-numbers the current Section 32 to Section 33.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

**Section 32. It shall be the duty of the National Battle Flag Preservation Officer to watch matters of proposed legislation and funding affecting the preservation of our ancestors' battle flags, write letters in support of preservation and funding, organize and maintain a centralized records keeping system to serve as a resource for cataloging and inventorying all Union battle flags, and to make a written report to the Commander-in-Chief.**

Section ~~32~~. **33** All officers of the National Organization shall promptly turn over to their successors all the property of the National Organization in their possession, taking receipts therefore.

#### **PROPOSAL #7**

(This proposal is from the Department of Vermont.)

Chapter V, Article V (See C&R page 122)

*Note: This proposal will limit the type of property a camp or department that ceases to exist will be obligated to turn over to the National Organization.*

*The C&R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposal.*

(a). All records are the property of the National Organization regardless of the point of origin. ~~As with all real intellectual and other property,~~ Camps and Departments hold records in trust for the National Organization through the authority granted by the corresponding charter from the National Organization.

## PROPOSAL #8

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)

Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3(U)(b) (See C&R page 129)

*Note: This proposal will clarify the time period during which the Commander-in-Chief and Department Commanders may award the Dr. Mary Walker Award. It will eliminate any confusion that might arise between a colander year and a commander's term of office.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

(b) The Commander-in-Chief may present up to three awards ~~in any one year.~~ **during his term of office.** A Department Commander may present up to two awards ~~in any one year.~~ **during his term of office.** It is not mandatory for either the Commander-in-Chief or a Department Commander to present this award.

## PROPOSAL #9

(This proposal is from the Military Affairs Committee)

SVR Regulations Article X, Section 1 (See SVR Regulations page13)

*Note: Chapter II, Article XIV Section 3 of the SUVCW Regulations incorporates the SVR Regulations by reference into the SUVCW Regulations (See SUVCW Regulations page 70.) This proposal divides existing Section 1 of Article X of the SVR Regulations into 4 sections and transfers the purchase of SVR badges from the SUVCW Quartermaster to the SVR Quartermaster. New Sections 5, 6, and 7 authorize new SVR badges for SVR Unit Commanders, Past Unit Commanders and Past District Commanders. The remaining sections of this Article are renumbered 8 through 18. The newly renumbered Section 8 authorizes a safety clasp for the Past Commanding General's badge.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

1. Provision is hereby authorized for a Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership Badge. The badge shall be the SVR logo made of bronze and suspended from a ribbon of red, white, and blue and equipped with a safety clasp. The Commanding Officer's badge will be dipped in gold and members of the General Staff dipped in silver.
2. All SVR Members in good standing may purchase the badge through the ~~SUVCW~~ **SVR** Quartermaster.
3. The SVR badge shall be worn over the left breast of coats, jackets and vests worn as outer garments and shall be at the extreme left of the wearer's right of all SUVCW badges. The order of arrangement shall be consistent with Chapter V, Article 3 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations unless stipulated by these Regulations.
4. The SVR metal cutout is still authorized for wear on the SUVCW badge. A miniature Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership badge is hereby authorized to be worn, however, only on civilian attire, and in conjunction with the miniature Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Membership badge. The miniature Sons of Veterans Reserve badge may not be worn with any full size badge.

5. The Commanding Officer of an SVR Unit is authorized to purchase from the SVR Quartermaster and wear an SVR Unit Commander's Badge, which replaces the SVR Membership Badge. The badge shall have a dark royal blue ribbon drape with a white stripe down the center one-third the size of the ribbon and equipped with a safety clasp. At the top of the ribbon drape there shall be a bronze tone bar with the words "Unit Commander". The drop shall be a brass color SVR logo eagle topped with a curved bar bearing the words "Filii Veteranorum".
6. Any SVR member in good standing who has served honorably for at least one year as an SVR Unit Commander and is no longer serving as an SVR Unit Commander is authorized to purchase from the SVR Quartermaster and wear an SVR Past Unit Commander's Badge, which replaces the SVR Membership Badge. The badge shall have a dark royal blue ribbon drape with a white stripe down the center one-third the size of the ribbon drape and equipped with a safety clasp. In the center of the white stripe shall be a deep red thin stripe approximately 1/8 inch wide. At the top of the ribbon drape there shall be a bronze tone bar with the words "Past Unit Commander". The drop shall be a brass color SVR logo eagle topped with a curved bar bearing the words "Filii Veteranorum".
7. Any SVR member in good standing who has served honorably for at least one year as an SVR District Commander and is no longer serving as an SVR District Commander is authorized to purchase from the SVR Quartermaster and wear an SVR Past District Commander's Badge, which replaces the SVR Membership Badge. The badge shall have a light blue ribbon drape with a dark red stripe down the center one-fourth the size of the ribbon drape and equipped with a safety clasp. At the top of the ribbon drape there shall be a silver tone bar with the words "Past District Commander". The drop shall be a silver color SVR logo eagle topped with a curved bar bearing the words "Filii Veteranorum".
8. Individuals who have served as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are entitled to wear a Sons of Veterans Reserve Past Commanding Officer's badge, which replaces the SVR Membership Badge. This badge shall have the ribbon, one third blue, one third white and one third red with each section trimmed with gold color **and equipped with a safety clasp**. The drop shall be the dark brass color SVR logo with a blue background surrounding the words "Sons of Veterans Reserve, S.U.V.C.W." In the center the letter S shall be white, the letter V shall be red, and the letter R shall be blue. The SVR logo shall be surrounded by a light brass color star-burst.

## PROPOSAL #10

(This proposal is from the Department of Michigan)

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Article V, Section 2 b (See C&R page 20)

*Note: This proposal clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's authority to take action to suspend or delay the implementation of an action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment, and includes State Laws as well as United States Laws. . The process for taking such action by the Commander-in-Chief remains the same.*

*The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.*

Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of ~~the last preceding~~ **any** National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, **and/or any State's Law**, he may

propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert E. Grim, PCinC, Chairman  
Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
Richard D. Orr, PCinC

James B. Pahl, PCinC  
Donald E. Darby, PCinC  
Donald Martin, PCinC, (ex officio)

#### **4.6 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon, CC**

No report received.

#### **4.7 National Encampment Site Committee, Kevin P. Tucker, PDC**

The National Encampment Site Committee has been honored to serve the Order this past year. We believe we have served the Sons of Union Veterans with distinction, and have made every effort to address the concerns and issues of all of Allied Orders, with regard to their wants and needs for the present and future National Encampments.

This past Spring, the Site Committee lost an invaluable member, when Brother Jim Crane, former Committee Chairman, resigned. Brother Crane has been the guru for the Site committee for the past several years, and has rescued more than one host Department from financial ruin by stepping in and renegotiating flawed contracts. The members of this committee have learned a great deal from Brother Crane. We, and the entire organization, owe him a debt of gratitude for his great service.

Fortunately for us, Brother Crane has been kind enough to continue to offer his wisdom and insight, when called upon by the committee, and will continue to serve on the Department of Ohio's Host Committee, as we prepare for Cleveland next year. Also fortunately for us, Mike Paquette, another seasoned and capable former Site Committee member, was available to step in when Brother Crane resigned, and has joined Frank Avila and myself on the Site Committee, with little need for getting acquainted with our processes.

The Committee has performed with as much diligence of which we are capable, in analyzing each proposal submitted to us by Departments vying to host a National Encampment. We have given a great deal of our time, effort, and our own money, in educating Host Committees, carrying out the negotiating process, and procuring the best deals possible for our Membership, whether it be through conferencing with Members to discuss tasks and explain reasons for requirements, flying in to visit proposed cities and hotels to check on the space requirements and condition, or negotiating room rates and banquet prices directly with hotels.

To help facilitate a high level of diligence, we have asked Departments to adhere to the instructions in the Guide Book that the Committee produced last year, when preparing their proposals. The Guide Book touches on all the considerations that must be considered when a Department is deciding whether or not to go forward with a proposal, and, once that determination is made, gives the Department a detailed roadmap to use in the preparation of the proposal itself.

We have tried to make it clear to each prospective host Department that hosting a National Encampment is a complicated process, with many detailed tasks and requirements. This is why the Committee felt it necessary to produce the Guide Book in the first place. National Encampment hosting is

not a project that can be taken lightly, and consideration must lean toward those Departments who show that they are capable of performing multiple detailed tasks by using and following the Guide Book.

The Committee's main focus has not been on just booking conveniently located hotels at reasonable prices, but to make sure Host Departments know what to expect when committing to host a National Encampment, and to make sure they have the knowledge, tools and guidance to make their National Encampment a success.

The following are Encampments in the works, or very nearly so:

### **Framingham 2018**

The Department of Massachusetts welcomes our Sisters and Brothers to the Sheraton Framingham Hotel for the 2018 Allied Orders National Encampment. The Encampment is running from Wednesday, August 8th through Sunday, August 12th, 2018. Rooms are \$109 per night.

The Host Committee is chaired by Dexter Bishop, PDC, with JVCinC Ed Norris, PDC as Treasurer. Also on the committee is National ASUVCW representative Sandra Bates; National LGAR representative Linda Murray; NCOA Member Kevin Tucker, PDC; Department Commander Dan Murray; ASUVCW Department President MaryCatherine Knight; Department SVC Stuart Chambers; John Bates, PDC; Edward Knight, PCC; and Roderick Frazier.

The two Thursday tours include a boat tour of Boston Harbor, with a tour of historic Fort Warren on George's Island, and a roast pork dinner and tour of the Lynn G.A.R. Museum. Buses will take Members to and from the hotel to Boston and Lynn.

Our Friday evening Campfire will feature the Salem Zouaves Civil War era drill team and nationally known Boston based entertainer and musical impressionist, Joey Voices.

Along with our Encampment medal, featuring the Framingham Soldiers Monument, we have recreated a medal from the Minutemen of '61 Association, whose membership included the first regiments from Massachusetts to answer President Lincoln's call for troops following the Confederate attack on Ft. Sumter. One of these regiments was the 6th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, which was attacked by a mob in Baltimore, resulting in the first casualties of the war.

Also available will be a patriotic polo shirt, featuring an embroidered copy of the Encampment logo, and Allied Orders of the G.A.R. tee shirts, with a quote from Gen. Order No. 11 on the back. The shirts and the Minutemen of '61 medal will be on sale in the foyer during registration.

The banquet features a choice of three meals: sautéed breast of chicken, Boston baked haddock and New York sirloin. All reservation forms have been posted on the National Organization's website since the Spring, and reservations have been received at a promising pace.

We have been working closely with the Commander-in-Chief, National President, SUVCW and Auxiliary Chiefs of Staff and Chaplains to develop programs and coordinate joint events. Commander-in-Chief Day has assigned the Site and Host Committees to make every effort to ensure this is the best Allied Orders Encampment ever, and we have been doing so.

### **Cleveland 2019**

The 2019 Allied Orders National Encampment will be hosted by the Department of Ohio. The Encampment will be held from Wednesday, August 7, 2019 through Sunday, August 11, 2019, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cleveland - Independence, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, OH, 44131-2218. The room rate will be \$114.00 per night.

The Host Committee for the 2019 Encampment is being co-chaired by PCinC Ken Freshley and former National Site Committee Chair Jim Crane.



Tours will include a bus tour of Cleveland Civil War Connections (with stops at nine locations), a visit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and downtown shopping.

The Host Committee is also working on obtaining reduced Cedar Point Amusement Park tickets, and Allied Orders recognition at a Cleveland Indians game.

### **Atlanta 2020**

The 2020 Allied Orders National Encampment will be hosted by the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. We signed the hotel contract on behalf of the organization, with the Marriott Buckhead on March 30, 2018. The Encampment will be held from Wednesday, 08/12/2020 through Sunday, 08/16/2020, at the Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center, 3405 Lenox Road NE, Atlanta, GA, 30326-1308. Rooms will be \$115 per night.

The Host Committee for the 2020 Encampment has been established by the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Department Commander Beam has appointed Steve Reilly as Chairman, with Mark Hale as Treasurer.

The Host Committee is working on a medal that will honor the U.S. Colored Troops.

A tour of the Atlanta History Center, with its multiple historic sites and exhibitions, is planned.

### **2021**

Our Committee is currently considering a proposal by the Department of Missouri to host the 2021 Allied Orders National Encampment. Brother Petrovic submitted the proposal on behalf of the Department, and the Committee has been in negotiation with the hotels included therein. Preliminary progress is positive, and we will be scheduling a site visit after the Framingham Encampment.

As you might surmise from the reports above, the trend for room rates is that they are ratcheting upward into the mid \$110s. Some of our negotiations have begun with the hotel offering rooms in the mid to upper \$120s per night, or higher. Food and beverage minimums continue to rise, with some hotels asking for almost double what we negotiated here in Framingham.

The Committee has been successful, so far, in leveraging our strength in numbers of room nights and banquet attendance at Encampments, keeping prices in a reasonably affordable range for our Members. It cannot be stressed enough that we need to keep attendance as high as possible, to have the opportunity to employ that leverage.

Certainly, keeping room rates and meal costs down are important in helping to keep the number of attendees up, but it is most important that Host Committees also make sure that every Sister and Brother feels welcome, and that the needs of each Order are addressed.

As an organization, the Allied Orders must continue to instill in our Sisters and Brothers the idea that attendance at National Encampments, rooming at the host hotel, and attending banquets are crucial in helping us achieve required targets for concessions, like free meeting rooms, suites for the Commander-in-Chief and National Presidents. This facilitates attendance by all of our Sisters and Brothers, the administration of our leaders, and the work of our Orders. We need everyone to understand that their participation at National Encampments is an important way to serve the Allied Orders.

**Proposal:** We propose that a fund of \$1500 per year be established in the National budget, in order to provide funding for Committee site visits as part of the due diligence in considering a proposal to host a National Encampment. Committee Members can usually obtain "comped" lodging in one of the three hotels that we are visiting within an area, but have been funding our own flights, rental cars, meals and other associated costs.

#### **4.8 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

The committee identified the names and addresses to formally communicate with the Executive Officer of each of our kindred Societies and provided this information to the Commander-in-Chief, the National Executive Director, and the Banner Editor. These organizations included the following:

- Civil War Hereditary Organizations
  - Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
    - Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW)
    - Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. (WRC)
    - Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Inc. (DUVCW)
    - Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR)
  - Other Union Civil War Orders
    - Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS)
    - Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (DOLLUS)
    - National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865
  - Confederate Civil War Orders
    - Morgan's Men Association, Inc.
    - United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC)
    - Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
    - Military Order of the Stars and Bars
    - National Order of the Blue and Gray
- National Veterans' Organizations
  - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)
  - American Legion

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, the committee invited representatives from the above organizations to attend the Order's national ceremonies and programs, including: Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield, Illinois; and the 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts.

At the request of the President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW), Caren Cleaveland, and Commander-in-Chief Day, our committee supported the formation of the DUVCW National Fraternal Relations Committee. The Chair of this committee is Sister Eileen Sleckman (esleck57@gmail.com). To quote President Cleaveland, "This committee will be working to help grow the Grand Army of the Republic Allied Orders as they were historically intended."

The DUVCW is currently planning their 2021 National Convention and requested information on the SUVCW 2021 National Encampment. In the spirit of camaraderie, the DUVCW would like to revisit having our Conventions/Encampments at the same time and location.

At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, the committee will also send a special invitation to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief of the 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 brief the Encampment Banquet on Saturday evening.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation 1.** Request the National Encampment Site Committee Chair establish a line of communication with the DUVCW for the formation of joint Conventions/Encampments starting in 2021.

#### **4.9 National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

Commander-in-Chief Day and Brothers of the 137<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 2017-2018 Administrative Year**

**GAR Records Group on Yahoo.com:** Our committee continues to use the *GARRecords* Group on Yahoo as our hub for communications and file sharing/archiving. The Group was created in March 2011, with Glenn Knight, PDC, and Dean Enderlin, PDC, as co-administrators.

**Department GAR Records Officer:** The office of Department 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 activated, 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 is 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. A copy of a proposed revision to the PDF form was provided to the Program & Policy Committee in November, 2017. Its formal adoption is pending.

Beginning this past year, SUVCW Executive Director David Demmy has graciously added the National GAR Records Officer to his distribution list for Form 49's as they are received. This has been a big help in identifying Departments whose officer appointments are not always complete on their websites.

The following table shows Departments that have a confirmed GAR Records Officer either on the Form 49 or on their websites.

<b>Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer</b>					
<b>Department</b>	<b>Reported Form 49</b>	<b>Confirmed Elsewhere</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Reported Form 49</b>	<b>Confirmed Elsewhere</b>
CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC	---	David Davis	MISSOURI	---	Walt Busch
CHESAPEAKE	---	---	NEBRASKA	---	William Dean
COLORADO/WYOMING	---	James Barker	NEW HAMPSHIRE	---	---
COLUMBIA	Not available	Joseph Stevens	NEW JERSEY	---	Robert Wilhelm
CONNECTICUT	Not available	---	NEW YORK	---	Lance Ingmire (GAR archivist)
FLORIDA	---	Roger Heiple	NORTH CAROLINA	Robert Crum	---
GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA	---	Tom Biederman	OHIO	---	Richard Davis
ILLINOIS	---	---	OKLAHOMA	---	---
INDIANA	Bruce R. Kolb	Bruce R. Kolb	PENNSYLVANIA	---	---
IOWA	---	Ron Rittel	RHODE ISLAND	---	---
KANSAS	---	---	SOUTHWEST	David Swanson	David Swanson
KENTUCKY	---	---	TENNESSEE	Not available	---
MAINE	---	---	TEXAS	---	---
MASSACHUSETTS	---	---	VERMONT	---	---
MICHIGAN	---	Gary L. Gibson	WISCONSIN	---	---

**Status of Previous National Encampment and Administrative Actions Relating to GAR Records:** The following table presents the status of National Encampment and administrative actions in recent years. The 2016 recommendation from the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning to "make a more

accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page" is on standby. The matter has been referred to the National Signals Officer/Webmaster, but changes will probably not be made until a third party review of the SUVCW national website (authorized by the 2017 National Encampment) is complete.

Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
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.
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.
2016	Recommendation from the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning: "Make a more accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page."	Pending/Standby	<b>PENDING.</b> Addressed at the 16 Apr. 2016 CofA meeting, and assigned to the National Webmaster/Signals Officer for action. The link is currently accessed using the "Projects & Preservation" tab on the SUVCW website.
2017	Approve new GAR Records Project 5-year Plan.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Approved by National Encampment, August 2017.
2017	Revise the "Officers Installed" section of the SUVCW Form 49 to add the required office of Department GAR Records Officer.	Recommended to the CofA in the November 2017 report.	<b>PENDING.</b> A modified Form 49 fill-in PDF file has been delivered to the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.

#### **GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2017-2022).**

The National Committee on GAR Records is guided by an action plan, which is approved by the National Encampment every five years. The most recent plan was approved by the 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment (August 2017), and is 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:
  - a. Separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts, including but not limited to meeting locations, dates of muster and disbandment, details of consolidation with other posts, and any other noteworthy facts.
  - b. Links to other SUVCW web pages (Camps and Departments) containing GAR Records information.
  - c. Links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections.
  - d. 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:
  - a. Preparation of a handbook to provide guidance in searching for and cataloging GAR records.
  - b. 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:
  - a. Creation and/or participation in an online forum or message board that is specific to the topic of GAR records.
  - b. Encouraging local libraries, museums, genealogical and historical societies, veterans' organizations, and other holders of GAR records collections to index and publish the contents of their collections.
  - c. Support efforts (both within the SUVCW and external to our organization) to digitize and make publicly available collections of GAR records.

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.

For more information, please see the annual report of the National GAR Records Officer.

#### **4.10 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

The headquarters hotel is The Abraham Lincoln hotel at 701 E. Adams St., P# 217-544-8800. The room rate is \$102.00 single, double, triple or quad. We have 50 rooms blocked (25 Friday, 25 Saturday). Meeting space is complementary. This is the last contract with the hotel so we should look into extending our contracts for several more years. The luncheon and price will be decided on at a later date. We have the required permit for the Lincoln Tomb program. The SUVCW SVC in Chief will be the MC for the luncheon program and the Mollus will pick their MC for the Tomb program.

#### **4.11 National Committee on Membership, Edward J. Norris, PDC**

See 2.3

#### **4.12 National Military Affairs Committee, Henry E Shaw, PCC**

This Report will cover the activities of the National Military Affairs Committee from the date of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2017 through and including the date of this Final Report of the National Military Affairs Committee.

- Nine SVR General Orders were issued since Remembrance Day Weekend, 2017, specifically, SVR General Order 2017-07, dated 31 December 2017, SVR General Order 2017-08, dated 31 December 2017, SVR General Order 2017-09, dated 31 December 2017, SVR General Order

2017-10, dated 31 December 2017, SVR General Order 2017-11, dated 31 December 2017, SVR General Order 2017-12, dated 31 December 2017, SVR General Order 2017-13, dated 31 December 2017, SVR General Order 2018-01, dated 06 July 2018, and SVR General Order 2018-02, dated 12 July 2018, and which said SVR General Orders have been published on the Web Site.

The Committee has worked on and prepared a draft to amend portions of Chapter IV, Article X of the current SVR Regulations providing for the authorization of 3 new SVR Badges, specifically, an SVR Unit Commander's Badge, a Past SVR Unit Commander's Badge and a Past District Commander's Badge. The draft was provided to the National Constitution and Regulations Committee for consideration, and if so recommended by the National Constitution and Regulations Committee, said proposed amendments will be presented to the National Encampment in August of 2018 for consideration. The Proposed Amendments are found in the report of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND, 2018

As previously reported, due to the unavailability of the Ball room at the Wyndham, it became necessary to change the situs of the Headquarters Hotel to the Eisenhower Hotel. Five (5) contracts with the Eisenhower Complex (formerly the Eisenhower Hotel) for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 were entered into.

- 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.
- In view of ongoing problems with the Eisenhower facility and a plethora of complaints from the various guests, a decision was made to terminate the contract with the Eisenhower, effective on 18 November 2018, in conformity with the provisions of the Eisenhower contract and without penalty.
- On 24 January, 2018, a four (4) year contract with the Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA was entered into for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, providing for a group rate per night for 2019 in the sum of \$129.00, for 2020 in the sum of \$134.00, for 2021 in the sum of \$139.00 and for the year 2021 in the sum of \$144.00. The contracts with the Wyndham Gettysburg also provide for rooms, built into the contracts and at no additional expense, for the use of the Allied Orders to display and sell their various items, the same also holding true for the National Quartermaster. Additionally, a large room will be available for the SVR Breakfast, a room will be available for the Council of Administration Meeting and for the Church Service on the Sunday morning of each weekend. And, of course, the use of the Ball Room is built into the terms of each of the four (4) contracts with the Wyndham Gettysburg.
- A 4 year contract for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 was entered into with the Philadelphia Brigade Band for purposes of providing period dance music at the Original Civil War Ball to be held in the Eisenhower ballroom. The contract also includes period dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. In addition to playing for the Ball, the Band will also render *The National Anthem* and provide period selections at the Woolson Monument ceremonies on 17 November 2018 and will participate in the 2018 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 2018 ads were distributed at the 155<sup>th</sup> reenactment in Gettysburg in July of 2018.
- 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 2018 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2018 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 2018 events.
- On 26 January 2018, Parade Flyers and Ball Flyers were forwarded, electronically, to the SVR General Staff, to the various SVR Military District Commanders for distribution to the various SVR Units within their respective Military Districts, to the various SUVCW Department Commanders for distribution to the various SUVCW Camps within their Departments and to the various Ladies' Organizations for distribution within their respective jurisdictions.
- Renewed State Auto Insurance Company Bond for purposes of protecting the Original Civil War Ball funds at no cost to the SVR. Funds for policy premium came from an anonymous donor.
- Original Civil War Ball tickets (300) were ordered on 15 January 2018 and were received on 24 January 2018. Total cost, including shipping, was \$125.00. To date, twenty-six (26) Ball tickets have been sold - about average for this time of year
- Arrangements were made, electronically, with All Sound Pro in Chambersburg, PA (Robert Ranalli) to provide Public Address system for Woolson Monument Ceremonies on 17 November 2018.
- 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 17 November 2018.
- 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.
- 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 2018 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.
- An Application for a Parade Permit was made to the Gettysburg Police Department for purposes of conducting the Remembrance Day Parade.
- 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 17 November 2018.
- An Application for a Special Event Permit (Form TE-300) was made to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- Remembrance Day Parade Streamers have been ordered from R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
- Arrangements with Associated Products Services, Mechanicsburg, PA, for purposes of providing 3 portable sanitary facilities at the parade staging area. Presently working on securing 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 on Friday afternoon, 16 November 2018.

- Ordered 13 wreaths from The Floral Boutique in Gettysburg and arranged for the wreaths to be delivered to the Woolson Monument on Saturday, 17 November 2018 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, and had the Dance Cards for the Original Civil War Ball printed and boxed.
- **Of Necessity, Further Tasks In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2018, Will Be Addressed Subsequent To The 137<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 17 November 2018.
  2. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, to present remarks in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, and to lay a wreath on behalf of the SUVCW.
  3. Mail formal personalized letters of invitation to all heads of National Allied Orders, National and Pennsylvania Mollus Heads and all Pennsylvania Allied Orders Heads, requesting each to present a wreath in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
  4. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain, SVR, requesting him to deliver the Invocation and pronounce the Benediction at the SVR Breakfast and at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
  5. Arrange to have the Program for the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument printed and have sufficient copies made for distribution at the site of the Woolson Monument, prior to the commencement of the Memorial Service.
  6. Pick up Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from the R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
  7. Arrange to have the various Certificates of Appreciation/Thanks prepared for the Gettysburg Police Department and the Gettysburg Business leaders.
  8. Arrange ceremony for Friday afternoon, 16 November 2018, with Gettysburg business leaders, for presentation of Certificates in recognition of their \$1,000.00 parade permit donation
- **Schedule of Events for Saturday, 17 November 2018:**
  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 – 2018 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 2022:

The following future dates have been established for Remembrance Day:

- Saturday, 17 November 2018 - - - Headquarters at Eisenhower Complex
- Saturday, 16 November 2019 - - - Headquarters at Wyndham Gettysburg
- Saturday, 21 November 2020 - - - Headquarters at Wyndham Gettysburg
- Saturday, 20 November 2021 - - - Headquarters at Wyndham Gettysburg
- Saturday, 19 November 2022 - - - Headquarters at Wyndham Gettysburg

### 4.13 National Committee on Program and Policy, Donald W. Shaw, PDC

The Committee has been involved in revising forms and working on authoring policies.

To date we have dealt with forms 3, 60, 12, 30, 35, and 27. We have revision work under way on form 49 and the packet of camp formation forms 50 through 55. Form 27 was a particularly troublesome form in that the automatic calculation features of the form were difficult to get to work correctly. After a number of revisions within the committee, we secured the assistance of two computer experts outside the committee to correct ongoing calculation problems in the form. The currently posted form seems to work, but you will note that we took it through 11 revisions to get it to do so. As I said, the final product was made to work by two non-members of our committee. One a brother of the Order, one not. Both donated their time and talent when told that it was for the SUVCW.

As of this writing, we still have forms in progress and expect to supplement this report at the Encampment itself.

### 4.14 National Committee on Scholarships, Eugene G. Mortorff, PCinC

No report received.

### 4.15 National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Donald D. Palmer, Jr. PCinC

The following is a report on the activities of the Committee on Marketing & Promotion for the 2017-2018 administrative year.

#### Advertising

The committee determined that an advertising strategy was needed, i.e., specific advertising and publications, for the next couple of years. We started advertising again back in 2014 after a long period of time where we did not advertise. We started advertising in Civil War journals, which made the most sense. If we use new membership as a key metric in determining the effectiveness of our advertising, then it hasn't helped much. We averaged about 670 new members in the years preceding the establishment of Vision 2020. We have averaged only about 660 new members since 2014. As a follow up, we also need to determine if new membership growth is the best way to measure advertising effectiveness. We may need to rotate our advertising campaign and direct it to other audiences, such as genealogical societies or veteran's organizations. The following is a draft proposal multi-year advertising strategy that encompasses a variety of reader demographics that the committee is currently reviewing:

Journal	Type	Cost	Rationale	Strategy
National Genealogical Society Magazine	Genealogy	\$200 for 1/16" to \$4200 outside back cover	Significant numbers in genealogy and family history community	2018/2019 or mix 6 per year

SAR Magazine	Fraternal/Patriotic	\$400 for 1/6" to \$1500 for full page	Male fraternal society with over \$30,000 members and lineages established	2019/2020 or mix 4 per year
VFW Magazine/American Legion Magazine	Veterans	\$900 for 14 lines, \$3800 for 56 lines, \$24,000-\$32,000 for full page	Based on 2011 survey, about 45% of SIVCW membership are veterans. VFW and American Legion periodicals have circulation between 1.5 and 2 million readers	2020/2021 or mix 2 per year
Civil War News	Civil War	\$85 for 4", \$950 for full page (\$1400 for special issues)	Community with specific interests in Civil War history	2021/2022 or mix 6 per year + 1 special issue

### Display Materials

The first Marketing & Promotion special committee developed display boards for physical displays back in 2012. The committee resurrected these posters (shown below) and attempted to bring them up to current standards. A number of Camps across the country have expressed interest in using them to support their Camp activities. The initial feedback from the Camps that used the first set of display materials produced was extremely positive. It would be cost prohibitive for this committee, or even the National organization, to produce these in large numbers. We need to determine the most effective means of providing these products to the Camps, even if we supply them as electronic files and have the Camps themselves produce them. An updated set of display materials has been developed and will be submitted to the incoming Program & Policy Committee for review.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

We are a Congressionally chartered fraternal/patriotic society founded in 1881 to preserve the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our ancestors who fought to save the Union during the years 1861-1865.

**Our focus:**  
Preservation  
Education  
Patriotism & Citizenship  
Honor

Questions?  
Information on our programs and membership can be found at [www.sivcw.org](http://www.sivcw.org)

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**Preservation.....**

Historic resources are not only symbols of the past, but also integral parts of everyday activity that enhance the education of our children and instill a sense of pride in our community.

The SIVCW is actively engaged in Civil War preservation, developing a database of Union veteran graves locations and raising funds for restoration of Civil War monuments and battle flags to help ensure that the history of this great conflict and the memories of those that fought it never fade.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

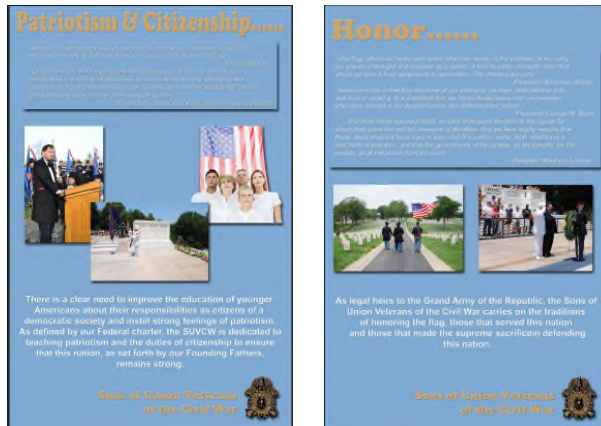
**Education.....**

During the Civil War, 625,000 Americans perished... a number that, in 1965, amounted to 2% of the population.

As a people, America is more divided politically now than at any time since the Civil War. In today's terms, 2% of the population amounts to 7,000,000 Americans. Are we doomed to repeat history?

As descendants of the soldiers, sailors and marines who fought to preserve the Union during the dark years of 1861 - 1865, we are dedicated to educating the public about this defining period in American history...to honor those that fought...and to ensure that history is not repeated.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



### Product Sheets

The committee is encouraging Camps and Departments to participate in activities within their communities, as well as support statewide or national meeting, such as genealogical society events. In 2016, the National organization sponsored a display at the National Genealogical Society conference. The feedback from the Brothers that handled the display was positive, but there were some lessons learned. One of the suggestions was to have handouts on each of our major programs, including graves registration, etc. We are doing work that is valuable from a research perspective and we need to communicate it. We need to create these as handouts for formal displays as another way to communicate our value. Drafts of product sheets were developed for the Graves Registration and the GAR Records programs. These drafts will be submitted to the Graves Registration and GAR Records Officers respectively for their review and comment.

### Promotional Events

The Committee wanted to continue supporting the National Genealogical Society Conference as it did in 2016. The 2018 National Genealogical Society Conference was held in Grand Rapids, MI on May 2-5, 2018. As budget to support this conference is limited, the committee adopted a best-practice to have local Camps or cognizant Departments staff the SUVCW display at the conference. The committee had communications with the Department of Michigan about supporting this activity. Unfortunately, the annual Michigan Department Encampment was the same weekend and was unable to muster support for the NGS conference. The committee will make another attempt in 2019 as the conference will be held in St. Charles, MO from May 8-11, 2019. The Department of Missouri will be approached about supporting this event.

In addition, the committee pulled together a document that lists state-level genealogical events. The goal is to provide Departments with additional events they might want to consider supporting to get added visibility within their localities. This document will be distributed to Department Commanders.

### Summary

In summary, the committee made some progress, but progress was slow, largely due to the availability of the committee chairman. As such, I have communicated with the only announced candidate for Commander-in-Chief and informed him that I will be stepping down as chairman of the committee. This important committee needs a chairman that can devote the time needed to move a full agenda. Due to job demands, it does not appear I will be able to devote the time. However, I have offered to remain on the committee as a member, an aide, or whatever role the incoming Commander-in-Chief sees fit.

#### **4.16 National Committee on Vision and Planning, Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

##### **Introduction:**

Overall, there appears to have been good progress this year progress in key areas of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. This report provides an overview of four categories: growth and leadership; information technology, engagement, and 501(c)3 status. These categories cross-cut all focus areas and initiatives.

##### ***Growth & Leadership***

Membership growth and retention remain our primary concern. We continue to recruit new members, but we appear to not be doing as well as needed at retention. Our membership numbers are relatively stable, at about 6,300. However, we will not meet the Strategic Plan's goal of 10,000 by 2020. We need to continue to investigate this and develop a new recruiting and retention strategy.

Of note, the Commander-in-Chief has initiated an online survey of members. This is a best practice among organizations and should be done periodically within the SUVCW, perhaps every two to three years.

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Recommendation #1:** Identify tangible incentives to recruit and retain members. Perhaps a \$5 quartermaster voucher awarded to the recruiter of each new member, or for each significant anniversary of membership.

##### ***Information Technology***

Our adoption of information technology is getting better. The national Signals Officer / Webmaster is making steady progress on the national-level IT strategy. A number of areas could be greatly improved with a commitment to improving our IT structure.

##### ***Engagement***

Many of our activities are outwardly focused, including education, preservation, patriotism & good citizenship, etc. Our Graves Registration, GAR Records, and Monuments databases continue to be valuable tools. Over the year, several cities and towns have reached out to the SUVCW for assistance in preserving their civic monuments dedicated to the Civil War.

To enhance our promotion of patriotism and good citizenship, the Commander-in Chief has proposed the establishment of a Good Citizenship award. This will fill a gap in our other programs, such as ROTC medal, Eagle Scout recognition and Flag Certificates.

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Recommendation #2:** Adopt the Good Citizenship Award immediately, and widely advertise it to schools.

##### ***501(c)3 Status***

Slower than hoped for progress is being made to achieving 501(c)3 status for Departments and Camps in addition to the National Organization. Until 501(c)3 status has been achieved for the subordinate organizations, they will continue to be hampered in fundraising and grants.

##### **Conclusion**

The Committee looks forward to engaging points of contact on recommendations and metrics.

An analysis of annual reports to the 2018 National Encampment will be presented in November at Gettysburg.

#### **4.17 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

No report received.

#### **4.18 National Committee on History, Robert Wolz**

See 3.16

### **5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **5.1 National Encampment Credentials Special Committee, Joseph S. Hall, Jr., PDC**

National Encampment Pre-Registration:

As of July 21, 2018, we have 166 brothers pre-registered for the upcoming National Encampment to be held in Framingham, MA. I am expecting a few stragglers and will honor any mail postmarked by July 21. I will send the Host Committee their report by Friday, July 27, so they can do the name tags. I had one brother try to register in two Departments as an Alternate with two different addresses and two different email addresses. Again, 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. I also had a couple of brothers trying to register as PCinC's and were not.

Credential Committee for Upcoming 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

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 Mark Day 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.

#### **5.2 Memorial University Redesign Special Committee, Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC**

The committee has been charged with developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations.

To date, the committee has completed the first five Power points, covering an organizational overview, History of our Order, Customs & Courtesies, Badge Wear, and Organizational Structure. Each has been readied for review by the Council of Administration on "Blendspace," courtesy of CinC Mark Day. A sixth presentation on core values is awaiting committee review.

The new presentations were field tested successfully at two Wisconsin Dept. Member Orientations.

All presentations have a script and include a review quiz. The goal is to provide these as either part of an online learning management program or for downloading so they can be used in a classroom setting.

Project completion was anticipated this year. However, completion of presentations on Allied Orders, Roles of Officers, and Mission Accomplishment has been delayed due to personal work commitments. These will need to be evaluated, should the committee be reappointed. If reappointed, a 2019 completion date will be targeted.

### **5.3 Real Sons & Daughters Special Committee, Jerome L. Orton, PDC**

The Real Sons and Daughters committee is honored to submit this report to you and the 2018 National Encampment.

#### Widows of Civil War Veterans

Helen Jackson, PO Box 212, Marshfield, MO 65706. Husband, James Boland, 14th MO Cav.

#### Sons of Union Veterans

John Oliver, 226 Brady Dr., Morristown, TN 37814. Father, John Oliver, Sr., 4th TN Vols.

William Pool, 1030 Highway UU, Bolivar, MO 65613. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D, 6th WV Vols.

William Upham, 5404 Fossil Court N., Ft. Collins, CO 80525. Father, William Upham, Sr., 2nd. WI Vols. USMA Class of 1866, Former Gov. of WI.

#### Daughters of Union Veterans

Emogene C. Horton, 140 Jelly Lane, Marshall, AR 72650. Father, Jackson Cassell, Co. M, 2nd Regt. AR Cav. (Union)

Mary Ella Reed Lewis, %National Headquarters of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Springfield, IL.

Irene Triplett, 1000 College St., Wilkesboro, NC 28697. Father, Moses Triplett, Co. B., 3rd N C Mounted Cav. The last person receiving Civil War compensation from the federal government.

Florence W. Wilson, 920 Highway UU, Aldrich, MO 65601. Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D., 6th WV Vols.

#### Reported Deaths

Patricia Albertson, Died May 30, 2018. 1320 Banbury Rd. Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Father, John Webster Hadlock, 10th VT Vols.

Maggie Devane, St. Paul, VA Died September 12, 2017. Father, Henry Jackson, USCT. Aged 111.

Edna Catherine Pike Marriott, December 2, 2017

There are probably many more children of both, Union and Confederate.

I would like to especially thank PDC Dennis St. Andrew of Cary, NC and his wife for visiting Irene Triplett and all others who have sent various gifts to Irene.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation #1:** Irene Triplett made an honorary member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Helen Jackson be made an honorary member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Other widows have been made honorary members and we should do this for Helen Jackson.

**Recommendation #2:** Nephews and nieces of the first generation after the veterans be recognized like real sons and daughters.

### **5.4 CinC Appointed Committee to conduct negotiations with the Allied Orders related to National Encampment contracts and relationships, Mark R. Day, CinC**

See 2.1

### **5.5 CinC Appointed Communications and Technology Sub-Committee on technology needs at National Headquarters, James. P. McGuire, PDC**

The committee, with many thanks to Michael Paquette, was able to provide hardware updates to the National Headquarters in Harrisburg in the for the purchase of a new computer and has to date received approval for upgraded internet capabilities.

The committee has followed through on the charge to replace the computer for the Credentials Committee laptop and will be providing software recommendations after reviewing input from the committee chair.

The committee defers reports on the results of the subcommittee for "Discovery" to the National Signals Officer/National Webmaster combined report.

### **5.6 Strategic Development Committee, David H. McReynolds, DC**

See 2.5

### **5.7 National Special Committee on Website Redesign, James P. McGuire, PDC**

See 3.26

### **5.8 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, James G. Ward, PDC**

Goal: facilitate the establishment of a searchable Union Veterans of the Civil War ancestors of current SUVCW hereditary members database, scalable from Camp through Department to National level, and possibly to include past-SUVCW-hereditary-member Union ancestors, and scalable to include at a later date lineage from Union ancestor to current SUVCW hereditary member.

Additional requirements: Reliable. Rigorous. Secure.

Proposals 1, 2, and 3: The database, interface software, and storage/server device are interconnected selections. The next vendor (<problemsolutions.net> of Pennsylvania) meeting is 10:00 a.m. ET Wednesday August 1, 2018 (prior to NE'18). If a reviewable specification sheet, proposed selections, and estimated expense/cost become available shortly thereafter, it will become an attachment to this report and may lead to revising recommendations.

As a status report, "MySQL" "sequel database is the least expensive and is open-source. "SQL" proper is a more expensive database structure from Oracle. "DB2" from IBM may be second choice. Apple's "file-

maker pro” and Microsoft’s “access” are being avoided at this point to preclude becoming “locked-in” to those retail programs.

Where the data and software are housed may prove to be best done by leasing servers, but that is also a component of the specification sheet, which is planned to be as comprehensive and sustainable as possible. To what degree “cloud storage” providers are involved is relevant.

Proposal 4: internet-how the search is initiated, and how the results are displayed to the Member (and/or public, if that is authorized) is another specification component.

Proposals 5 and 6: acquirer and authorization-pending specification and estimate results.

Proposal 7: storage device-data is currently held in a variety of media; a next step is to consolidate into fewer media, and to increase the data that is “backed up”.

Proposal 7A: print publishing-a backup method to make data available to members (and/or the public).

Proposal 8: data-essential, and only partially held. Camps and Departments are encouraged to submit Hereditary Member Union Ancestor Data to the NSCoHI via any NSCoHI Committee Member including the Chairman. For those previously submitting, update and confirm Camp and Department data. Enough data is held to populate the chosen database for at least one Department, and at least one Camp from a Department lacking data as a whole. In other words, the Committee is not waiting for all the data to be submitted, but continues to encourage submission of missing data.

Proposal 9: administrator-pending. To be sustainable, identification of who and how the database and search system is administered in the future needs clarification.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation #1:** Include a \$6,000 line-item on the NE’18 to NE’19 budget, for research and development by the National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues.

## **6.0 DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **6.1 Department of California and Pacific, Dean A. Enderlin, DC**

It is my honor and pleasure to report the commencement of my second year in command of our Department beginning at our 132nd Annual Department Encampment, held in Bakersfield, California, on March 16-17, 2018. Twenty-five Brothers attended the Department Encampment this year, representing ten of our Camps. Commander-in-Chief Mark Day honored us as installing officer. He made the trip from his home in Virginia to California by train, a mode of transportation to California that hasn’t been used by an installing officer for a very long time!

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.

Particular recognition was made this year to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GAR General Order No. 11, proclaiming the first nationwide Memorial Day and dated May 5, 1868. Two of the three signatories of that General Order, Norton P. Chipman (1836-1924) and Dr. William T. Collins (1838-1906), lived the final years of their lives in California. General John A. Logan (1826-1886), the third and principal signatory, visited California and Nevada just four months before his death, so he, too, claimed a place in the hearts



of those who made his acquaintance on the West Coast. Their physical presence within the bounds of our Department made that General Order, issued over 3,000 miles away, seem more tangible and personal. SUVCW Department Order No. 3, issued on May 5, 2018, provided details regarding the history of these men and the significance of General Order No. 11 for the benefit of our Camps.

On a sad note, the Department of California and Pacific lost its one and only known "real" child of a Union veteran this year with the passing of Real Daughter Edna Catherine Pike Marriott, who died in Oakland, California, on December 2, 2017. She was 103 years old. Ms. Marriott was a member of Kate B. Sherwood Tent #89, DUVCW.

## 6.2 Department of the Chesapeake, W. Faron Taylor, DC

The Department of the Chesapeake includes fifteen (15) Camps and a total membership of 425 Brothers – a **5% INCREASE** over last year. Since our last report camps within the Department continue to sponsor and participate in a wide-range of activities, all designed to honor the service of our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

In keeping with the General Order of the Commander-in-Chief, Department Brothers continue to closely monitor Civil War-related monumentation and the actions of local and state governments toward same. With our location situated in the heart of the eastern theatre of Civil War operations, there are a host of monuments situated in our service area and the reactions and still-developing stances by governmental entities has varied widely.

Rather than focusing on individual, Camp-specific activities, the following synopsis highlights **Department** actions for this reporting period:

- Officers consolidated Department records for historical accessibility and greater managerial efficiency.
- In a collaborative effort, officers instituted long-term measures to maintain the financial well-being of the Department.
- Additional steps and incentives are now offered to maintain 100% compliance with Camp-to-Department reporting requirements, on time.
- The 131<sup>st</sup> annual encampment of the Department was held on Friday and Saturday, April 27 – 28, 2018 in historic Ellicott City, MD. Over forty Brothers were joined by CinC Mark R. Day during the two-day event. Department bylaws were updated for compliance with the recent General Order.
- In partnership with MOLLUS, the Department held an early morning wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of major general John A. Logan in Washington, DC on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018.
- The Department's contribution of \$500 (along with National's monies) toward the construction of a monument honoring our ancestors at the site of a large Union hospital at Point of Rocks, VA bore fruit. Said monument was dedicated on June 23, 2018.
- More than two dozen Brothers and Sisters from across the Department gathered together on Saturday, July 28, 2018 for an afternoon and evening of food, fraternity and fellowship.

Should other Departments wish additional information on the practices and approaches employed by the Department of the Chesapeake to recruit and retain members, please feel free to contact us.

Finally, in late February 2018, I was tasked by the CinC and the Council of Administration to represent the Order's role as a "Consulting Party" regarding the 2015 discovery of remains on the grounds of Manassas National Battlefield Park. As you may be aware, the remains were ultimately found to be those of Union soldiers and plans are underway for those to be the first interments in the soon-to-be-opened "Millennium Expansion" at Arlington national Cemetery. An executive summary of my representation of the Order during the process is found in the Appendix.

### **6.3 Department of Colorado & Wyoming, Garry Brewer, PDC**

No report received.

### **6.4 Department of the Columbia, Mark M. Stevens, DC**

Nothing to report.

### **6.5 Department of Connecticut, Matt Reardon, DC**

No report received.

### **6.6 Department of Florida, David R. Palmer, DC**

No report received.

### **6.7 Department of Georgia and South Carolina, David W. Beam, DC**

It is my pleasure to submit a Department Commander's report for the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. This report covers the period from the last report to today's date.

Since the last report to the National Council of Administration, the Department has much news to present:

- Provided the color guard for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Florence National Cemetery in conjunction with the company C, 3rd New Hampshire Regiment.
- Sponsored annual Memorial Day ceremony inside Battery Creek High School, Beaufort, SC (due to rain).
- Presented a wreath at Marietta National Cemetery on Memorial Day.
- Presented flowers at the Andrews Raiders execution site and execution site for Andrews himself.
- Co-sponsored "Remembering Decoration Day" ceremony at a children's' playground in Beaufort, SC.
- Entertained "East of the River" Steele Drum Youth Band from Washington, DC with a lecture on the Beaufort GAR Hall and the Involvement of Afro-American Troops in all the American wars.
- Placed U.S. flags around Beaufort, SC in honor of Independence Day.
- Held multiple cleanup days at Maloney Springs Cemetery in Marietta, GA – burial site of a Union soldier.
- Presented numerous JROTC awards at local high schools.
- Provided numerous Eagle Scout awards.
- Conducted living histories at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park and the Root House in Marietta, GA.

The Brothers of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina look forward to continuing our efforts in the future.

### **6.8 Department of Illinois, Harry W. Reineke IV, DC**

It is a great time to be a member of the Department of Illinois. Our Brothers are active and engaged in their mission. We are working hard to meet our goals and obligations to keep green the memory of the men who fought to Preserve the Union. The Camps in the Northern area of our Department meet for an annual 5-Camp banquet each January, and several of our Camps are continually undertaking projects to clean, replace, restore, reset, or simply obtain and set markers for Civil War veterans in Illinois.

Our Camp in Peoria is working with other organizations on a project to restore and return the State's oldest monument, nicknamed "The Shaft." A motion for the Department to provide some funding passed at our Annual Encampment in May. In Aurora, the "Recording Angel" statue, nicknamed "Gabriel" has been restored and returned to the G.A.R. Hall thanks to funds provided by the Camp there, as well as the National Organization. We are fortunate to have 3 G.A.R./Memorial Halls remaining in Illinois, all of which are in active or occasional use by the Sons: Aurora, Peoria, and Rockford. Our newest Camp, Old Glory #6165, has hit the ground running on a local cemetery, relying on the help and expertise of some of the cemetery experts in a neighboring Camp.

Our Camps have all submitted their schedules for visitations by myself and my officers and staff, and those visits will begin in September and continue until the snow flies, restarting after Old Man Winter departs. Communication in our Department is continually improving and we have issued 4 issues of the Department Newsletter, *The Railsplitter*, in the last year – a significant change from the year prior. Our Department Secretary and Camp secretaries have agreed on a method for distribution of *The Railsplitter* electronically, with printed copies available by request and automatically provided to Real Sons.

No report from Illinois would be complete without an update on the Stephenson Memorial Plaza in Petersburg. We were fortunate to have CinC Day dedicate the two new lighted flagpoles at the annual Memorial Service which takes place following the Lincoln Tomb Observance. More money is still needed to continue and finish this great work, honoring the man who I have said "without whom none of us would be here as we are today". The entire Allied Orders owes its existence to the vision of Dr. Stephenson. Donations are still welcome, and no amount is too small.

And lastly, Department growth is always a concern. We added one Camp in the last 12 months, and a charter application will soon be filed for another one in the Elgin area. Our Department Organizers are still attempting to gauge interest in a Camp among USCT Descendants on the South Side of Chicago. We also added a new Auxiliary and are working with our Auxiliaries to form more so they can have a Department of their own. Our membership is slowly increasing overall, and we did realize a net gain this last year.

The coming year will bring some challenges, I'm sure but we are well positioned to handle nearly anything that comes our way. Once again, it is a great time to be a part of the Department of Illinois. Our strength, dedication, and determination are, in my opinion, unmatched in the Order.

## **6.9 Department of Indiana, Timothy J. Beckman, DC**

No report received.

## **6.10 Department of Iowa, Danny E. Krock, DC**

The Department of Iowa held its 135th Annual Encampment on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Waterloo, Iowa, with Brian Pierson, member of the Council of Administration representing the National Organization. Danny Krock was elected Department Commander, Don McGuire elected Senior Vice Department Commander and Mike Carr as Junior Vice Department Commander. We were joined by the Department of Iowa, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who elected Mary Rittel as Department President. Following the Encampment, JVDC Mike Carr exchanged wedding vows with Auxiliary member Deb Bailey, Department Chaplain Dennis Sasse

officiated. Jim Braden, PDC was best man and Auxiliary Chaplain Denise Sasse, matron of honor. We believe this to be a first for a Department Encampment.

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, Department Commander Krock, Senior Vice Department Commander McGuiire and Department Patriotic Instructor performed two headstone dedications in Winneshiek County, Iowa. The first took place at 11:00 at the Young/Riha Cemetery near Ft. Atchinson, for Thomas Murphy. The second was at 2:00, for Tosten Nyhus, at the Asae Cemetery near Decorah. Both are Pioneer Cemeteries.

The graves of fifty-three of Iowa's ninety-nine "Last Soldiers" have been marked.

The Department issued nine ROTC/JROTC awards this year.

The Department issued eighteen Eagle Scout awards in the past year.

On April 12, 2018, the Department Website stood at 220,980 visitors or 58,480 for the year April 2017- April 2018, an increase of 13,980 over the previous year. As of July 19, the count was 239,277.

In the past year, our Department Graves Registration Officer has added 3,485 names to the National Graves Registration. Iowa now has 34,796 burials listed.

The Department GAR Highway Officer reports there are currently sixty-three GAR signs posted and that all bridges named for Generals along the highway have their signs present.

Colonel William H. Kinsman Camp #23, Atlantic, Iowa has performed several Last Soldier Ceremonies, school presentations, living histories and parades this year.

Curtis King Camp #37, Marshalltown, Iowa, presented a living history for the residents of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Robert Mitchell Camp #206, Marion, Iowa, participated in the annual May 30<sup>th</sup> observance of Memorial Day, at the Upper Bay Church near Manchester, Iowa.

### **6.11 Department of Kansas, Mike Todd, DC**

Nothing to report.

### **6.12 Department of Kentucky, Robert Allan Jones, DC**

No report received.

### **6.13 Department of Maine, David W. Sosnowski, DC**

No report received.

### **6.14 Department of Massachusetts, Daniel Murray, DC**

No report received.

### **6.15 Department of Michigan, Robert R Payne, DC**

#### Current Membership and Status

I am proud to report the state of the The Department of Michigan is good. We currently have 22 Camps and 461 members and associates. Our camps are continually involved in their local communities holding seminars, appearing in civic events, and locating and restoring graves of Civil War soldiers. The Annual Department of Michigan Encampment will be held April 27, 2019 at The Okemos Conference Center, Okemos, Michigan.

### Camp Activities

On May 19, we had Robert Finch Camp 14, Traverse City and Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Kalamazoo, simultaneously hold grave dedications services, one in Traverse City and the other in Hopkins Township. The camps placed headstones on the unmarked graves of over 10 soldiers in Traverse City and over 10 replacement or new grave markers in Hopkins Township. On June 23, Gov Crapo Camp 145, in conjunction with The National Society Daughter of the Union, 1861-1865, honored Lt Edwin Carrington of the 45<sup>th</sup> US Color Troops in Bay City. All three of these events were supported by Co. A. 14<sup>th</sup> MI Vol. INF, SVR (Irish Rifle).

In June, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Military District asked for assistance in Toledo, OH with the funeral of Brother Richard Fork, Department of Colorado. In response, brothers from Austin Blair Camp 7, Curtentius Guard Camp 17, and Gov. Crapo Camp 145, (Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> MI, Vol. Inf. SVR (Irish Rifle)) responded with 8 members on July 2 to honor our brother.

Our Camps are steadily at work resetting gravestones and searching out unmarked graves to honor those soldiers.

The Camps are currently in the process of updating their by-laws to come into compliance with the directives from the National to help with attaining 501c3 status.

### Department Activities related to the National Organization

All reports have been submitted to the National Secretary as required.

We have submitted 3 Resolutions passed at our Department Encampment to be considered at the National Encampment.

All 990N's have been properly filed.

The Department By-Laws have been updated with the required updates. They have been submitted to and approved by the C-in-C.

### Installations

As a result of our elections and the installation of Department Officers at the Annual Michigan Department Encampment, new officers were installed in Curtenius Guard Camp 17.

## **6.16 Department of Missouri, Dale Crandell, DC**

The Department of Missouri, covering Arkansas and Missouri, had a successful and productive year under Commander Randal Burd's leadership. Total membership reported on our Form 35 is 192 with three new brothers joining since the report. This is a net decrease of 28 members, including the final muster and mourning of Brothers Robert Edward Lee, John Tillotson, and James Chilcutt.

The Department is sad to report the voluntary closure of one of its charter camps, William T. Sherman / Billy Yank Camp #65 in St. Louis, but celebrates the formation Camp Lillie #6 in Jefferson City. There are twelve active camps in the Department; two in Arkansas and ten in Missouri.

The Department Encampment was held at Bennett Springs State Park, Lebanon, Missouri. We were honored to have Commander-in-Chief Mark Day attend. The Francis Blair Award (outstanding member) was presented to Brother James Stebbings, and the James Eads Award (outstanding camp) was presented to Fletcher Camp #47, Grant Camp #68, and Westport Camp #64. Department officers elected or continuing terms for the 2018-2019 year are:

- Commander – Dale Crandell
- Senior Vice Commander – Sumner Hunnewell
- Junior Vice Commander – Joseph Rainey
- Secretary-Treasurer – Edward Krieser
- Council Member (2019) – Alan Heidbreder
- Council Member (2020) – Randal Burd, Jr.
- Council Member (2020) – Oliver Pechmann

In compliance with General Order #18, and previous General Orders #11 (2017) and #22 (2014), the Department and five Camps have updated their Bylaws to include the requested IRS 501(c)(3) language and youth protection policy.

The Department has recorded all 543 known Civil War monuments and markers in Missouri. A challenge was issued in 2003 to record them all by 2020, which was accomplished two years early. A well-earned huzzah to Brother Walter Busch on leading this accomplishment.

Fifty ROTC awards were presented at 14 ROTC colleges and 36 JROTC high schools. Our award list grows each year, primarily due to no cost for medals from the National Order, but also from the creation of the Assistant National Quartermaster/ROTC Coordinator position and his close communication to the Departments and Camps. This Department is thankful for Brother George Shadman and his efforts.

The Department continues its many programs, issuing four editions of the *Missouri Unionist*—a quality publication, expanding its website ([www.suvcwmo.org](http://www.suvcwmo.org)) with historical archives, registering graves, monuments, and last soldiers, and participating or leading living histories, grave dedications, and Memorial Day services too many to list here.

We continue to work with the U.S. National Park Service to research cost and funding to restore the many Missouri Regimental markers at Vicksburg National Military Park. This is follow-up to the restoration and re-dedication of the Missouri Monument in 2017, which is one of only two joint Union-Confederate markers at Vicksburg.

The bicentennial of Missouri statehood is in 2021 and the Department sees this as a fitting time for the National Encampment to return to St. Louis. Symbolic of Missouri history, where our 1818 petition was marred in the politics of the day with statehood deferred until the Missouri-Maine Compromise, so are the Department's efforts to host the National Encampment, an effort initiated in 2018. We hope our national leadership selects St. Louis, Missouri for the 2021 National Encampment.

Among our new initiatives, the Department is developing its American History Essay competition working through the National History Day in Missouri, expanding participation for the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Competition, preserving the story and commemorating the gravesite of the 37 Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in Missouri and Arkansas, and placing historical markers to commemorate the two GAR National Encampments held in Missouri. Concerning the GAR historical markers, the Department thanks the SUVCW Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee and SUVCW Charitable Foundation for their financial support.

## **6.17 Department of Nebraska, Mark E. Nichols, DC**

Since our Department Encampment in April, we have been actively engaged in a variety of activities across the state. All camps were active in Memorial Day ceremonies in their respective cities. We wanted to put some emphasis on Memorial Day this year as it is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For the observances at Wyuka Cemetery and Memorial Park Cemetery in Lincoln, we designed some flyers to be handed out with the programs and distributed to attendees. The flyers were well received and helped to educate the public on the historical significance of the day and the role the SUVCW plays today.

Welstead Camp has had several educational programs following their camp meetings that have been open to the public. The presentation in July, "Patriotic Music Then and Now, America's Songs Salute our Veterans" explored musical tributes to veterans throughout U.S. history. The program was given by historian David Wells of Ralston.

The Department of Nebraska with South Dakota and North Dakota met in Alexandria, South Dakota to dedicate a headstone for Corporal Timothy Peters, Co. A, 3rd Wisconsin Cav. In attendance was his great great niece Joni Krause and her family, CC Gordon Struve Walla Walla Camp #3

Washington Department of Columbia, the Alexandria Legion Post presented the colors and the Ethan Legion Post assisted with the gun salute.

Brother Lawrence "Larry" G. Lefler from Welstead Camp No.3 passed away on June 23, 2018 at the age of 92 in Fremont, Nebraska. Brother Lefler was Junior Vice Commander of Welstead Camp, a Life Member of the Sons of Union Veterans and a charter member of the original Vifquain Camp (which eventually evolved into the Department of Nebraska).

Our website, SUVCWNebraska.org has seen considerable increase in traffic over the last six months, and we've been adding some articles on civil war veterans and civilians with ties to Nebraska.

### **6.18 Department of New Hampshire, Michael C. Shklar, DC**

No report received.

### **6.19 Department of New Jersey, Robert Meyer, DC**

I was sworn in as Department commander on June 9th 2018. I would like to report that all camps are active in New Jersey. And working on projects with their camps. And some camps work on multiple projects with their community. such as food banks homeless shelters collecting money for veterans. Are Eagle Scout project is very strong with many camps participating.

Memorial Day services we're conducted by all camps. And many brothers sent pictures along to record their services.

I look forward to coming to National in August. And meeting all of you first hand. at which time I will get from you better guidance on what needs to be done as a department Commander. Right now, in New Jersey most of our camps are closed until we meet again in September. At which point I will be visiting many camps.

Our secretary Brother Dr. Martin keeps everybody on their toes and make sure that all paperwork is filled out on time and properly submitted to all officers at National. We would be lost without brother Doctor Martin.

### **6.20 Department of New York, Leo McGuire, DC**

I requested any Brothers that when they go South or West , to attend Sons' meetings , events or encampments in the areas of their stay.. We can find new ideas and see the problems they have and find possible solutions which we can use. For the third year, I attended the event "Battle at Narcoossee Mill near Orlando in March. Last year, there were two Sons' camps represented "St. Cloud and Pembroke Pines" On April 4th, I presented a JROTC award to a cadet at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany NY. I took command on April 21st. I went to the General Grant's 196th Birthday Celebration at Grant's tomb on April 29 in Manhattan. ( The Oliver Tidlen Camp # 26, ran the event) On May 19th, I was invited and attended the Vermont Sons Encampment in Rutland Vermont. On 26th May The Willard Camp and I served as color guard at Oakwood Cemetery ceremony (resting place of General Thomas) On May 28th the Willard Camp #154 and I, served as the color guard for the National Cemetery in Saratoga. On May 30th I went with my camp to the Albany National Solders Plot at Albany Rural cemetery and Oakwood Cemetery in Troy . On June first, I presented the JROTC award to a cadet at Albany High. June 9th I visited The Tanner Camp # 134 of Cobleskill NY. On June 10th, I visited the Ireland Camp # 137 at an encampment at Homer , NY. On June 16th I presided at our "Lincoln Luncheon "In Troy NY twchich honors our members and gives recognition to the amount of time each member of the camp in hours he has served. On July 14th, I attended a wake for a 95 year old member. . On August 5th , I plan on attending a reenactment in Towanda ,,Pennsylvania and visit my two great-grandfathers graves in

Forksville, Pa..(both Civil war Vets) Weather permitting; I will attend two picnics in August. , The Homer Searle Camp # 114 in Bridgewater NY (15th) and The Sydney Camp #41 in Ithaca, NY.(20th)

I traveled around the state a few years ago with PDC LeMay, and the comments we heard was that most camps hadn't seen a Department officer in a while. I have requested that Department officers visit nearby camps to try to assist them in anything that will make their life easier,

I recently took over my camp's secretary position because no one else would take it. I am learning on the job and it is not easy.

I am also the JROTC/ROTC person for my camp. I belong to the Capital District Civil War Roundtable and the Capital District genealogical Society hoping to get new members for the Sons. I have told my camps to check the National and State web sites weekly.

I planned the encampment next year at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center May 17 - 19 on Lake George NY.

It will include a tour of the fort next door on Friday and I plan on inviting Brothers from Vermont.

I want to get a better working relation with the five permanent Civil War Attractions in New York, (Elmira Civil War Prison, Grant's Tomb, Grant Cottage, NYS military museum in Saratoga and the Hartford, New York Civil War recruiting Center. (the last one in New York)

I am one of the four main members of the "Rally Around the Flag Committee" whose goal is to get the over 400 Civil War Flags in the Albany restored.

I am looking into the feasibility of our state web site into being the clearing house for all Civil War events in NYS. Listing times, dates and hours to include the permanent displays in NYS. Great Places for recruiting.

The two biggest problems I see for our State is Recruiting and Communication. I have asked all that receive an email from me to at least just reply "Received".

I talked to the Twin Rivers Council about Eagle Scout Projects and the genealogy badge that might interest them in the Sons.

The Willard Camp # 154 has provided funds to help cut down a tree that threatened the Gen. Thomas Grave and is working to restore the fence surrounding the plot. The Homer Searle Camp #114 won first prize for their display at he Madison County Fair and it's commander went to a school and told what life was like for a soldier during the war. The David Ireland Camp # 137 (along with the 137th reenactors )will participate in over twelve events and they are always recruiting at the same time. The Tanner Camp # 134 was a sponsor and lead organizer for the Memorial Day parade in Oneonta, NY. Abraham Lincoln was represented by a member and a volunteer color guard from the 10th Mountain Division came from Fort Drum The Catlin Camp #341 has a dinner before each meeting.

.As of now, I know four JROTC/ROTC awards have been handed out a long with 31 Eagle Scout awards in NYS.

I will try in September to put an announcement in our two local papers of the place and time of local camp (#154) meetings.



I am trying to figure out how to send an application to Steven Tyler of "Arrowsmith" . He and his daughter(Liv Tyler) just found out on the program on PBS "Who do you think you are ?" (Season 9, Episode 8.) that his great- grandfather. was a drummer and soldier in the Civil War and is buried in Schuylerville about 30 miles from the Willard Camp #154. I will share this information with the Daughters

I want to have a better relationship with all the Allied Orders.

Just a thought, I know several brothers have original Civil War letters (including myself) and I wish someone would collect them and put them in a book to raise funds for our organizations.

## **6.21 Department of North Carolina, Dennis C. St. Andrew, DC**

The Department of North Carolina sends greetings to Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day, PDC, the National Council of Administration, and the 2018 137<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in Framingham, Massachusetts.

**2018 Encampment:** Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment was held on May 5, 2018, in Morehead City, North Carolina. This Encampment marked 10 years of operation for our Department. North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper issued a proclamation proclaiming May 5, 2018 as "**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Day**" in North Carolina. The revised Department of NC By-Laws with required articles addressing the IRS, and "minors", were adopted unanimously by the Encampment. We thank National COA member Mike Pauquette, PDC, for attending our Encampment as Installing Officer.

**Department Officers:** I am serving into my fifth term as Commander of the Department of North Carolina. At our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on May 5, 2018, no candidates came forward for the office of Department Commander, so I am continuing to serve until my successor is elected by the Department Council and installed. As of this date, July 25, 2018, my successor has not been elected by the Department Council. I previously served as NC Department Commander 2013-2016 and 2017-2018 (four terms). The Department of North Carolina Elected Officers are as follows: SVC William Fred Fulcher, PCC, JVC Edward Gibson, PCC, Secretary A. Bryan Salter, PCC, Treasurer K. Travis Masters, PCC, Council Members Douglas P. Elwell, PDC, Robert Crum, and John France. The Department of North Carolina Appointed Officers are as follows: Chaplain Rolf Maris, PCC, Color Bearer Max Speers, PCC, Signals Officer Jim Johnson, Patriotic Instructor Edward Gibson, PCC, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Travis Masters, PCC, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Peter Meyers, GAR Records Officer Robert Crum, and Graves Registration Officer Henry Duquette.

**Membership:** The Department of North Carolina membership stands at **103** Brothers in good standing as of July 15, 2018 as compared to **97** in July 2017. The Department membership includes **10** Life Members, and **4** Junior Members. The Department this year added **9** new Brothers under the age of 40. There are currently **6** Camps in good standing in our Department, including a Member at Large Camp. A new Camp, MG George Stoneman Camp #6, based in Lexington, NC, was added during this past year.

**JROTC & Eagle Scout Certificate Awards:** The Department supports these awards and encourages all Camps to participate in these programs. In total, the Camps and the Department awarded **39** JROTC medals & certificates, and **8** Eagle Scout Certificates this year.

**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. Camp recruiting and SUVCW educational activities, ceremonies and patriotic events in North Carolina in 2018 have included efforts at Fort Fisher, Bennett Place Surrender Site, Bentonville Battlefield, New Bern Battlefield, Boone Cemetery and Latta Plantation. New Members to our Order were recruited during some of these events. Wreaths Across America events were held at Christmas time 2018. Recruiting goals for the Department are for each Brother to recruit at least one or more new members to our Order during the year in order to grow and strengthen our Camps, Department, and National Organization.

**Memorial Day Observance 2018:** 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 and MG Stoneman Camp #6 (Salisbury National Cemetery-cancelled-rain), NC Union Volunteers Camp #5 (New Bern National Cemetery-cancelled-rain). I presented a wreath at the Raleigh National Cemetery ceremony, and the ceremony at Cary Veterans Freedom Park was cancelled-rain. John A. Logan Camp #4 participated in a Memorial Day weekend remembrance at Bennett Place State Historic Site. Department Signals Officer Jim Johnson participated in Memorial Day activities at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada.

**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"). Irene Triplett was born in 1930 when her father was age 83 and her mother 34. At age 88, Irene is the last living recipient of VA benefits connected to the Civil War. My most recent visits with Irene were in April and July 2018. On both visits my wife and I brought her a bouquet of flowers and a greeting card with a monetary gift inside. We also traveled to Ferguson, NC, to visit the grave of Irene's father, Union veteran Moses Triplett where we replaced two worn US flags with a new US flag. We plan to visit Irene again around Christmas time this year. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to meet and get to know Real Daughter Irene Triplett.

#### **Highlights of Activity as Department Commander March 2018 to August 2018**

- **MARCH:** Requested NC Governor Roy Cooper to issue a May 5, 2018 SUV CW proclamation.
- Forwarded to all Camps information on the passing of Brother Jay Hipkins.
- Presented 2 SUV CW Flag Certificates, including one to Fort Fisher Civil War State Historic Site.
- Attended board meeting of the Friends of Fort Fisher (Civil War State Historic Site). Fort Fisher Civil War State Historic Site is planning to construct a new museum and visitor center.
- Sent request for 2018 Department nominations letter to all Camps.
- Worked with Camps on several JROTC and membership inquiries I received.
- Worked with NC Union Volunteers Camp #5 this month on 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment planning.
- **APRIL:** Worked with St. Lawrence County (NY) Historical Assoc. on 142 NYVI Regiment article.
- Attended Stoneman Camp #6 Headstone dedication ceremony for 3 Union soldiers in Boone, NC.
- Visited with Real Daughter Irene Triplett in Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
- Attended MG Ruger Camp #1 meeting in Fayetteville, NC, and along with other veterans, received a Vietnam War commemoration certificate & lapel pin from D.A.R. & DUVCW member Carol Jutte.
- Sent list of 2018 Department nominations for elected officers & delegates to all Camps.
- Sent final notice for 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dept. of NC Encampment to all Camps & Dept. Signals Officer.
- Created new map of Department of NC Camps' operational areas & sent to Dept. Signals Officer.
- Worked with Camps on several JROTC and membership inquiries I received.
- Continued to work with NC Union Volunteers Camp #5 on 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment planning.
- Presented 2 SUV CW Flag Certificates of Commendation in the Cary, NC area.
- Issued D.O. #10 (proposed Dept. By-Laws) for Camps to review prior to the May Encampment.
- **MAY:** Presided at the Department of NC 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment in Morehead City, North Carolina. Attended the luncheon and tour of Fort Macon after the Encampment.
- Worked with Camps on JROTC and membership inquiries I received.

- Issued D.O. #1 announcing the election and appointment of Department Officers.
- Signed *Department Patriotic Instructor Annual Report* (Form 41).
- Attended board meeting of the Friends of Fort Fisher (Civil War State Historic Site).
- The superintendent of the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery in Poughkeepsie, NY, (my home town) notified me that the restored super-sized original GAR grave marker that had been placed unsecured at the GAR Hamilton Post #20 Civil War cannon memorial and grave plot in 1923 has been re-installed in a granite base with cement foundation next to the GAR cannon memorial. This completes a multi-year effort to restore and safeguard this original & unusual GAR marker. Thanks to the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery Superintendents Charles Fells & Brian Berryann for all of their help with this endeavor.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> presented a wreath at Civil War Union soldiers' graves at the Raleigh National Cemetery during the 87<sup>th</sup> annual American Legion sponsored Memorial Day ceremony.
- Mailed revised Department of NC By-Laws to Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day.
- **JUNE:** Worked with Camps on membership inquiries I received.
- The revised Department of NC By-Laws were approved, signed and returned by CinC Mark R. Day.
- Sent nominations for National Awards to CinC Mark R. Day as follows: 1. **Horace Greeley Award** (Most Outstanding Website) Department of NC Website, Brother James Johnson Signals Officer.
- 2. **Joseph S. Rippey Award** (Most Outstanding New Camp) MG George Stoneman Camp #6, Brother Robert Crum Camp Commander & Camp Organizer.
- **JULY:** Worked with Camps on membership inquiries I received.
- Visited with Real Daughter Irene Triplett in Wilkesboro, and visited her family cemetery in Ferguson, NC.
- Created, sent and mailed the Department of NC 2018 ad for the National Encampment Program Book.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation # 1:** Require all Departments and all Camps to have an appointed Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer). The purpose would be to have an Assistant already in place, with bank account & records access, to provide backup to all administrative and financial functions of the Department/Camp in the event that the elected officer(s) was unable to perform their duties due to illness, disability, death, relocation, natural disaster, resignation or any other reason. Having an appointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer would be part of a "Business Continuity Plan" for the Department and Camps that could minimize future business interruption between the Camps, Departments and National Headquarters. The Department of North Carolina has an appointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, but the 5 Camps have not made any such appointments.

### **6.22 Department of Ohio, Kerry Langdon, DC**

Brothers across our great land, I bring greetings from the State of Ohio. It is my pleasure to report to you on just **some** of the highlights of the work of our Department and Camps in Ohio. Unfortunately, I cannot list all we are doing – it would be a book unto itself.

The Department of Ohio held its annual encampment on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Clintonville Woman's Club in Columbus Ohio, Franklin County. The Department of Ohio Auxiliary held their

encampment at the same place and time. There were 57 delegates in attendance representing 14 Camps. We were honored to have as a special guest, Commander in Chief Mark Day who also served as the installing Officer for the newly elected Department Officers. The National President of the ASUVCW was in attendance at the ASUVCW Encampment as was Barbara Day, wife of the CinC. The 2018-2019 elected officers of the department are: Commander Kerry Langdon; Senior Vice Commander Shane Milburn; Junior Vice Commander Michael Spaulding; Secretary-Treasurer Jonathan Davis, PDC; Council Members: James Crane, PDC; Peter Hritsko, PDC; and Shawn A. Cox, PDC.

The Department of Ohio has, per the 2018 Annual Report, 473 members which includes 3 Junior Members and 13 Life members in 18 Camps. One of my first initiatives was to get 2 Camps reinstated who had been suspended. That has been accomplished.

Ohio Camps are very actively involved in Memorial Day services, parades, and events each year. Most Camps participate in at least one service and/or parade and some participate in several events. I won't point out any one camp in this report since so many are active, not only taking part in honoring those who have fallen but also in spreading the word of General Logan's Order #11 and the beginnings of Decoration Day. At least two camps also have Auxiliary members take part in the services and invite the crowds to participate in spreading flower pedals on graves with them. It is very well received.

The Battle of Buffington Island annual Commemorative Service was held on Saturday July 21, 2018. This event is sponsored by the Department of Ohio and the Ohio History Connection (Ohio Historical Society). The Battle of Buffington Island took place on July 19, 1863. It was the major engagement during General John Hunt Morgan's Great Raid into Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio and was the only significant Civil War battle to be fought in Ohio. Morgan was finally captured in Columbiana County on July 26. The battle is also noteworthy because it included two future presidents of the United States, all with Ohio connections: Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley. I have had the honor to speak at the ceremony the last two years. Wreaths are laid by the Department, Camps, Auxiliaries, and other organizations. The ceremony concludes with taps and a gun salute. The Department Buffington Island Representative, James Oiler is also Camp Commander of the Cadot-Blessing Camp and does a great job each year coordinating participants from 3 camps (Cadot-Blessing #126, Gen. Benjamin Fearing #2, and Brooks Grant #7), the Department of Ohio SUVCW & ASUVCW, Buffington Island Preservation Foundation, Ohio History Connection, Portland Community Center, local officials, and the local press.

Our Graves Registration program continues strong. The Graves Registration Officer, Kent Dorr registered an additional 1685 new Ohio graves in 2017, bringing Ohio's total to 74,058. The current backlog of Ohio graves waiting to be entered into the National database is 9000. The Graves Registration is in the process of contacting the GRO in each Camp to push for increased registrations. I plan to add this as an emphasis this year to help spur activity.

Our Graves Registration Officer, Kent Dorr and our GAR Records Officer, Dr. Richard Davis, have formed a work committee to build GAR Post rosters. They have put together initial rosters for the 11 GAR Posts of Richland County totaling 693 members. and have assembled "virtual" cemeteries in Find A Grave for each Post. They are now working on the counties of Huron, Crawford, Knox, Ashland and Morrow.

The Last Veteran Program continues to move along. 12 Camps have held ceremonies in 29 Counties. I attended the program in Hardin County held for Pvt. John Smick in 2017. The General William H. Lytle Camp #10 in Cincinnati, OH holds the record so far having done 6 counties. The Henry Casey Camp out of Washington Court House is working on completing the Last Veteran for Clark County. The Ohio Department has identified the Last Soldier for ALL 88 Counties in the State

The Eagle Scout program continues strong in Ohio led by our Eagle Scout Coordinator Bradley Tilton, PDC. 33 young men received certificates from all over Ohio in 2017.

Another successful program for Ohio is the ROTC/JROTC award program. Young men from schools across the state receive an award at their graduation banquet. The Department total of ROTC awards was 31 for the year.

The Department GAR Highway Officer, Peter Hritsko, PDC, who is also the National GAR Highway Officer is working on incorporating a QR reader into the GAR sign that will direct people to our Department and National websites for more information. He continues to pursue placement of additional GAR signs in cities across the state. His local camp, James A. Garfield #142 has made a GAR sign for educational purposes that is posted for display at meetings and events.

The General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2 refurbished the fencing surrounding the local Civil War Memorial in Muskingum Park in Marietta, Ohio. They were successful in "teaching civil war history" in schools this past year and participated in a "Civil War Field Day" for the education of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from schools across Washington County.

Members of the Henry Casey Camp #92 attended the Ohio State House meeting for House Bill 48, Legislation for protection for sales of war memorials. Camp members participated in the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg, Living History events, Memorial Day ceremonies and parades and will participate in Wreaths Across America in December 2018.

The General William McLaughlin Camp #12 won the award for best decorated booth at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pastoral in the Park at the Lexington Bicentennial Park in Lexington, Ohio. They took part in Bean Dinners, grave re-dedications, Lincoln Day dinners, placed flags on graves of over 6000 veterans for Memorial Day and had a booth at the 2018 Ohio Civil War Show in Richland County.

The John S. Townsend Camp #108 in Frost Oh meets in the Frost GAR Hall and is raising funds to repair and maintain the old historic building. The Department annually contributes to the upkeep of this building, one of the few remaining GAR Halls in Ohio.

The General William H. Lytle Camp #10 in Cincinnati, OH participated in many events throughout the year and it shows since the Camp added 13 new members. One of their highlights was holding their 2017 Officer Installation on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day at the historic and newly renovated Cincinnati Memorial Hall. Following the Installation, members manned a Veterans Display and gave a talk to the public on the history of the GAR. Their annual Memorial Day Service in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> OVI at historic Spring Grove Cemetery continues to grow each year with hundreds in attendance.

The Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73 participated in the dedication of the Sergeant Richard Enderlin Ceremony Room at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration service in Columbus, Ohio. They were involved in dedications and events throughout the year. They are currently working on a major project to restore the BG Sill monument in Chillicothe, Ohio. This project will run about \$34,000 and is hoped to be completed in 2019. Both the Department of Ohio and the National SUVCW have contributed to the restoration of the General Sill monument. According to Ohio Law, the Ross County Commissioners contributed from the County General Fund. Contributions have been received from Brothers, family members, and local charitable foundations.

The William T. Sherman Camp #93 in Dayton continues keeping the memory of the Boys in Blue in the public eye. Among "living history" displays and presentations, they contributed large Civil War information displays to the Patriot Freedom Festival, the Miamisburg Bicentennial Celebration, and the Americana Festival in Centerville. They are caregivers for more than 300 veterans' graves at Dayton's abandoned 5.5 acre Old Greencastle Cemetery, completing grounds maintenance days there March-October each year. Major public speeches in 2018 include a PowerPoint presentation to the Lincoln Society of Dayton concerning "Why Union Soldiers Loved Their Flag."

The Department of Ohio will be hosting the 138th National Encampment in Independence Ohio (outside of Cleveland) from August 8-11, 2019. PCinC Ken Freshly is the Host Committee Chair. It has been 20 years since Ohio has hosted a National Encampment and we look forward to hosting our Brothers across the Nation in 2019

I have tried to highlight some of the events and activities of our Ohio Camps. I am honored to be elected to serve as their Department Commander for 2018-2019. I have several initiatives for this coming year planned:

- The new Ohio Signals Officer, Brian Brown is working on a new Department of Ohio website that will be rolled out in the next few months. We are also ramping up our Social Media presence to focus on promotion and marketing our Order.
- Growth – the emphasis will be on increasing membership of existing camps as well as creating new camps in areas of the state where none exist.
- Increase our Public Relations in the media with a goal of better recognition of who and what the SUVCW is and what we do.
- Expand our Fraternal Relations to include reaching out to other historic groups and Veteran groups not just the Allied Orders.
- Establish a Leadership Mentoring program.
- Build Unity among our Camps, our Department, and all the Allied Orders in Ohio.

### **6.23 Department of Oklahoma, Jim C. Baxter, DC**

No report received.

### **6.24 Department of Pennsylvania, Alfred C. Carty, DC**

No report received.

### **6.25 Department of Rhode Island, James P. McGuire, DC**

The Department of Rhode Island has enjoyed a successful and meaningful year since the last National Encampment. This year has seen a remarkable collaboration between the Camps as they banded together commemorate two extraordinary milestones: the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization of the Department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic, and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memorial Day observance as proscribed by Logan's General Order no. 11.

With the establishment of a committee on the 150<sup>th</sup>, the Department began work in earnest in the fall of 2017. With education and commemoration being two of our primary charges, we approached these anniversaries with these charges as a roadmap. Several traveling library displays about the RIGAR were created and deployed in March and April, and have since been rotating through various free libraries across the state. The displays have artifacts, fact sheets, photographs and other items of interest and educational purpose about the RIGAR and the role it played in Rhode Island's history. Additional information about the war itself and the role of the SUVCW in carrying on the legacy of the GAR are also included, as is at least one item of local importance to the community in which the library is centered. The reception of this display has been very warm. Speaking presentations at the libraries that requested one have been well-attended and well-received. There are libraries awaiting displays and presentations lined up for the remainder of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the actual 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the organization of the Department in 1868, Commander James P. McGuire held a small ceremony at the G.A.R. obelisk in Elm Grove Cemetery to commemorate the RIGAR. This was a fitting location because the unique obelisk is rare in that it is made of stacked blocks, with each block containing the name of one of the 23 Posts of the RIGAR. We do not know of another monument, raised by the GAR, that lists the names of all of the Posts in a Department. The obelisk was erected in honor of George Tillinghast Cranston, PDC, who was Department Commander in 1893. Throughout the year, Commander McGuire has held several modest observations at the final resting places of RIGAR Past Department Commanders.

The commemoration of the RIGAR 150<sup>th</sup> will continue into the fall with graveside services for each of the final members of the RIGAR in each county of the state.

With the 150<sup>th</sup> of the establishment of Memorial Day square in the committee's sights, it was determined that a parade should be identified and all effort made to obtain maximum Department turnout, as one, to participate on this once-in-a-lifetime occasion. With the selection of the Westerly Memorial Day Parade, the committee ensured that this would be a meaningful and highly visible endeavor. Members of each of the Camps joined together for the parade, which also crosses briefly over into Pawcatuck, CT. and marched in honor of our ancestors. The appreciative crowd was intrigued by our presence, delighted by a firing detail provided by the 2<sup>nd</sup> RI Infantry, and many were curious enough to ask about the SUVCW and who we are. Department Commander McGuire was invited to read General Logan's Order at the closing ceremonies, a tradition that the Westerly Parade Committee had slacked on in recent years, but will hopefully continue after the SUVCW's presentation of the history and reading of the document.

The Department was also invited to carry the colors and throw out the game ball at the signature patriotic Memorial Day Weekend double-header at McCoy Stadium, home of the Pawtucket Red Sox, the AAA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. PDC Benjamin Frail was invited to discuss Memorial Day and the RIGAR during the game broadcast. Commander McGuire also made a radio appearance prior to Memorial Day to discuss the history and importance of the day and to talk up the myriad events that the various Camps had planned over the weekend and also on May 30, when the Department held a solemn ceremony at the Providence Soldiers and Sailors monument in honor over the over 1700 Rhode Island soldiers who perished in the conflict.

In April, we held our annual Department Awards Dinner, which was once again a jewel in the crown of a great Department Encampment weekend. We awarded our Stephen H. Kettle Citizen of the Year Award to two very deserving individuals and enjoyed a wonderful evening of Fraternity and received a great message from the Commander-in-Chief. The next day, we held our 134<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment at Providence's Benefit Street Arsenal, the historic home of the RIGAR. It was a pleasure to welcome Commander-in-Chief Day and SVCinC Shaw to our Encampment, where we held a very successful business meeting, elected Commander McGuire to a third term as Department Commander, and then enjoyed a social lunch and a trip to the Newport Artillery Company museum down on Aquidneck Island.

The Camps of the Department have been active and growing. Each Camp is so very unique in its overall "personality" but it is wonderful to see them work together on events around Memorial Day and throughout the year. From erecting headstones to Union Veterans, to cemetery clean-ups and grave restoration and preservation, to social events that build up the bonds of Fraternity, the Camps of Rhode Island are doing it all.

The Department continues to partner with the Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy on the project to restore the very special Providence Soldiers and Monument. Commander McGuire has represented the RISUVCW and its strong desire to see this monument restored and protected at several speaking engagements and he also produced a short informational film on the project that features a statement of support from documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. The RISUVCW will play a primary role in the rededication program upon completion of the project.

The Department has entered into agreement with the Varnum Armory Museum for the safe and secure storage of our Department Archives, which have been scattered in different locations for many years and have been very difficult to access. Br. Bruce Frail, PDC was instrumental in articulating the agreement with the Museum, which houses a truly spectacular collection of Rhode Island military paraphernalia, artifacts, and true treasures of Rhode Island's military history. The Armory meets all of the specifications required for our archives to be relocated to a new site. This has been a very welcome development and will benefit the Department, the Order, and researchers alike.

In closing, the Department of Rhode Island continues to do its part to fulfill its sacred trust to the Boys in Blue. Little Rhody shows no sign of slowing down, as we showed a net gain in membership this past year, and expect to grow more through our public outreach, events and service to the communities we call home.

### **6.26 Department of the Southwest, Robert D. McCord, DC**

No report received.

### **6.27 Department of Tennessee, Ben Block Jones, DC**

Nothing to report.

### **6.28 Department of Texas, Thomas Coughlin, DC**

As the newly elected Commander of the Department of Texas, I will begin my report by making mention of a few highlights from the tenure of my predecessor Brother Beau Moore, PDC.

- As of June 23, 2018, the By-Laws of the Department of Texas and the By-Laws of all camps in the department have been modified in accordance with General Order 18.
- We are in the process of forming one and possibly two new camps.
- Arrangements are being made for SUVCW participation in a VFW organized event, the WWI Centennial Commemoration & Parade that will take place in Fredericksburg, Texas on Sunday, November 11, 2018.

Under my command, I have taken the following action:

- Appointed the unelected Department Officers, including the position of Department Recruiting Officer, which was previously left unfilled. One aspect of the Recruiting Officer's duties will be an emphasis on the analysis of various approaches to new member recruitment and an attempt to determine what bears fruit and what dies on the vine.

Planned Activities:

- I will be attending and participating in the 2018 National Encampment.

Tropical Storm Harvey Impact:

- Four brothers suffered damage to their homes and each was helped with funds raised by their SUVCW brothers from within the Department of Texas and from brothers of the National Organization.
- Long-time Lea Camp meeting venue, the Spaghetti Warehouse, was lost due to structural damage caused by the flooding.
- The Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary of the Lea Camp had to cancel their annual President's Tea due to flood damage to venues (churches) in Dickerson, Texas.

### **6.29 Department of Vermont, Dennis J. Devereux, DC**

No report received.

### **6.30 Department of Wisconsin, Brian D. McManus, DC**

The following is the Commander's report of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Wisconsin, for the period of August 10, 2017 to July 20, 2018.

Department elections were held on June 2, and all Elected and Appointed Officers were installed by SVCinC Donald Shaw. I was elected to the position of Commander, Department of Wisconsin.



**Department activities are as follows:**

Completed design and received approval from National Council of Administration for sale of Last Soldier markers. License renewal was completed in 2018 for the next two years.

I was appointed National Color Bearer for 2017-2018 by Commander in Chief Mark Day.

I presented the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal to Sister Patricia Blackmer of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 on July 14 for her unwavering and exemplary efforts to remember "The Boys in Blue" throughout Wisconsin.

Camp 15 Commander Robert Koenecke was appointed National Guide.

The Department funds are sound, with a financial audit completed in February.

Department membership remains fairly steady at 236 Brothers.

Graves Registration continues throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota with more than 600 new graves registered. The last soldier graves in 71 of 72 Counties have been identified, with one County having no known last soldier buried in it. Many "Last Soldiers" grave locations were updated as new information was found. 15 of the 72 counties have been marked, with 8 having had a "Last Soldier" ceremony performed at the grave. The goal is to complete the project by the end of 2019.

The Department of Wisconsin Camps presented 17 JROTC/ROTC medals and certificates throughout participating High Schools and Universities in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

All Camps had their Officers installed by then Past Department Commander Alan Petit or his designee.

Form 27 Camp annual reports, and the Form 35 Department annual report have been filed.

**Camp activities are as follows:**

**C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Milwaukee:**

Camp 1 Brothers marched in the South Milwaukee parade, attended a multi-era encampment in West Allis, marched in the Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade, attended the Wreaths across America event at Wood National Cemetery, hosted the Department Mid-Winter meeting, manned a booth at the Civil War Expo in Kenosha, hosted a Memorial Day Mass and ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee, installed and hosted the dedication of a Civil War commemorative plaque at Calvary Cemetery, attended the Department Encampment, marched in the Union Grove July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, attended the Iron Brigade plaque dedication, Sauk County last soldier dedication, Waukesha County last soldier dedication, and hosted a Civil War Demonstration Day in Oak Creek. Camp1 issued a monthly newsletter.

**Henry Harnden Camp 2, Madison:**

Camp 2 Brothers attended the Madison Veteran's Day ceremonies where General Order # 11 from GAR General Logan and the Gettysburg Address were read on the Capitol steps, attended memorial services at Union Rest in the Federal Cemetery plot helping attendees strew rose petals throughout the Union graves in honor and remembrance of the 150th anniversary of Decoration Day, attended the Wreaths across America event at Forest Hill Cemetery, notified the Department and subsequently National Officers, that the marker and cenotaph at Forest Hill Cemetery documenting the Confederate Veterans buried there, had been removed by the City of Madison. They attended the Mid-Winter meeting and Department Encampment, and participated in Madison's

Memorial Day ceremonies. Camp Commander Fred Campbell and Camp Secretary/Treasurer PCC Alan Hemebel were elected to the Madison Veteran's Council serving presently as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

**Major General John Gibbon Camp 4, Waukesha:**

Camp 4 Brothers participated in Veteran's Day activities in Waukesha, attended the Mid-Winter meeting and Department Encampment, attended the Wreaths across America event at Wood National Cemetery, manned a booth at the Civil War Expo in Kenosha, marched in the Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> parades in Waukesha, attended the Lt. Alonzo Cushing ceremony in Delafield, WI on Memorial Day, hosted the Waukesha County "Last Soldier" dedication, attended the Civil War commemorative plaque dedication at Calvary Cemetery, attended the Iron Brigade plaque dedication, and attended the Iron Brigade plaque dedication.

**Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5, Saukville:**

Camp 5 Brothers participated in a school event in Kohler, WI, attended the Mid-Winter meeting and Department Encampment, attended the Wreaths across America event at Wood National Cemetery, manned a booth at the Civil War Expo in Kenosha, participated in the "Salute to Freedom" event at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, participated in Military Day at the Washington County Fair, held a memorial ceremony for Ozaukee County's Last Soldier, attended Veteran's Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, and started working on local cemeteries in need of repair.

**Old Abe Camp 8, Fox Cities:**

Camp 8 Brothers attended the Civil War events at Wade House, Heritage Hill in Green Bay, attended the Iron Brigade plaque dedication, and Echoes of the Past Trade Fair in Oshkosh. Fund raising events included a bratwurst fry in Plover. Camp 8 held their annual Bean Dinner meeting with Camp elections, hosted a bingo event at the King Veteran's Home, and hosted the Department Encampment at King. A remembrance ceremony was held after the Encampment to honor Native American Moses Ladd, Co. B, 21st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, who served as a scout, and was hailed at a later Encampment by Gen. Sherman, who remarked, "Moses, you are one of the best men I had". Brothers attended the Department Mid-Winter meeting, Wreaths across America at King Cemetery, and did school presentations, some as far away as Indiana. Camp 8 issued a bi-monthly newsletter.

**Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 15, Wind Lake:**

Camp 15 Brothers marched in the South Milwaukee parade and the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Union Grove, attended the Mid-Winter meeting and Department Encampment, attended the Wreaths across America event at Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, manned a booth at the Civil War Expo in Kenosha, attended the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, IL, visited the grave of B.F. Stephenson, founder of the GAR, in Petersburg, IL, attended the Memorial Day Mass and ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee, attended a Memorial Day ceremony at Luther Parker Cemetery, hosted Last Soldier ceremonies for Lewis Rolfson, 15<sup>th</sup> WI in Racine County, and Isaiah Ryan in Walworth County, and hosted a remembrance ceremony for Col. Hans C. Heg in Wind Lake. Brothers rededicated the Burlington Soldiers monument, attended the Civil War commemorative plaque dedication at Calvary Cemetery, performed a joint graveside dedication for Sgt. John V. Artlip in Roscoe, IL with Department of Illinois', John A. Logan Camp 26, and installed a new headstone for Thomas N. Sedgwick, 36<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry in Whitewater, WI at the request of the Department of Iowa. Camp 15 continues 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, and Pvt. Jonathan Smiley, and newly discovered Union Veteran Hugh McConaghy. 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. Our

attorney has agreed to represent us pro bono. A court date of August 30<sup>th</sup> has been set for Waukesha County Court House. PCC Jeff Graf and SVC Dave Daley were presented National Meritorious Service awards at the National Encampment in Lansing for their work on the Luther Parker Cemetery lawsuit. Camp 15, with a grant from the SUVCW National organization, and donations from the Department of WI, and PDC Alan Petit, procured and installed an Iron Brigade Highway plaque along US Highway 12 outside of Sauk City. A dedication ceremony was held on July 14th. Camp 15 has cleaned several hundred Union gravestones in Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth Counties using D2 biological cleaner. Camp 15 issued a quarterly newsletter.

#### **L.G. Armstrong Camp 49, Boscobel:**

Camp 49 struggled with their IRS 501c4 compliance, and after numerous attempts to reconcile with the IRS, enlisted the aid of Congressman Ron Kind, who is also a Camp 49 Brother. After conferring with National Treasurer David McReynolds, and with Br. Kind's assistance, Camp 49 has applied for new standing with the IRS, and is expected to reach resolution at the end of July or early August. Brothers continue their efforts to complete the restoration of Wisconsin's only remaining GAR Hall. The John McDermott Hall now has modern facilities with a basement, rest rooms, and is now ADA compliant for access. The Hall is the meeting place for the John McDermott WRC members. Brothers attended the Reliving our Heritage event in Boscobel, gave weekly Saturday tours of the GAR Hall during the summer months, attended Veteran's Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, and held a cookout fundraiser on July 4th for the Hall. The Hall is also open for tours on an as requested basis.

#### **Col. William Colville Camp 56, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota:**

Camp 56 has resolved their 501c4 issues with the IRS last year, and has been retroactively reinstated to their date of revocation. Per National Treasurer David McReynolds, the Camp is back under the umbrella of the National SUVCW. Brothers participated in a remembrance ceremony on Decoration Day (May 30) in St. Paul, and the Litchfield, MN Memorial Day parade. Civil War education programs featuring Brother's ancestors who fought in Minnesota Regiments, have been added to Camp meetings. Due to the large area Camp 56 has, they are actively seeking enough Brothers to form another Camp, and in the future, restore Minnesota to its own Department, as it was until the 1970's. Camp 56 will be bringing fraternal greetings to the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 at their National Convention in Bloomington, MN on July 25-26. Brothers have begun their second year of documenting the over 2,000 Union graves in the Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN, and meet there once a month during the summer months to continue their efforts. The names are being added to the SUVCW Graves Registration database.

In conclusion, the Department of Wisconsin, and all the Camps therein, are doing excellent work throughout the States of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and it is my honor to represent them.

## **7.0 Appendix**

### **7.1 National Treasurer; David H. McReynolds, DC; Financial Statements and Supplementary Information (Begins next page):**

## **7.2 Parliamentarian, Kent M. Melcher; Proposed Standing Rules for Debate:**

### **Standing Rules for Debate**

1. Rules of order and parliamentary procedures.  
The current Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW, and the most recent edition (ed. 11, pub. 2011) of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority for parliamentary procedure in the conduct of all business of the Encampment.
2. These rules may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting.
3. The agenda shall follow the form specified in the Rituals and Ceremonials, with agenda for New Business published at the beginning of the Encampment. In the interest of efficiency, the Chair may adjust New Business agenda items as necessary.
4. Those who wish to address the Encampment to present a motion, amend a motion, or debate a motion shall move in an orderly manner to a microphone and wait to be called upon by the Chair (Commander-in-Chief).
5. When addressing the Encampment, delegates shall identify themselves by name and office (e.g., "Commander, Department of . . . .", "Vice-Commander, Camp #\_\_, [location], [state], etc.). This practice may be relaxed at the Chair's discretion, such as when a particular individual addresses the Encampment by virtue of national office or official role.
6. SUVCW Secretary: Proceedings of the session shall be recorded in a manner determined by the secretary. The secretary shall review and consolidate records of the session to ensure accuracy of the official record and recommend adoption of Encampment Minutes by the Council of Administration. The secretary shall edit and publish the approved minutes and reports, which when published, shall be the official report of the Encampment.
7. Items in Writing:  
All main motions must be submitted in writing to the National Secretary on paper (or an electronic format determined by the National Secretary). All motions to amend shall be submitted in writing either before being moved from the floor or immediately after being moved.
8. Privileged and Subsidiary motions (other than motions to amend) shall be recorded by the National Secretary and need not be submitted in writing. (Privileged motions include Adjournment, Recess, Question of Privilege, and Order of the Day. Subsidiary motions include Lay on the Table, Previous Question, Limit or Extend the Limits of Debate, Postpone to a Certain Time, and Refer.)
9. Limitation of Debate:
  - a. Debate shall be limited to four (4) speeches for and four (4) speeches against any motion or amendment. This limitation shall include allowing any member to speak only twice on a Main motion or Amendment, not to exceed three (3) minutes per speech.
  - b. When the Chair determines the agenda to be thirty minutes behind schedule, he may at his discretion declare that debate on motions shall be limited to two (2) speeches for and two (2) speeches against, with a limitation of two (2) minutes per speech.
  - c. At any time when this limitation is in effect, any member of the body may move to suspend the limitation, or further restrict debate, for a particular item of business. (Not for the duration of the Encampment.) Such a motion is not debatable and requires a two-thirds majority.

### **Robert's Rules of Order**

#### **Motions**

A motion is a proposal that invites the entire membership to take action on an item of business.

Individual members can:

1. Make a motion. (e.g., "I move that . . . .")
2. Second a motion. (e.g., "I second the motion . . .")
3. Debate motions. (e.g., "I move to amend the motion, by . . . .")
4. Vote on motions, as instructed by the Chair.

### Basic Types of Motions

- **Main** Motions introduce items to the membership for consideration. They cannot be made when any other motion is on the floor. They always yield to Privileged, Subsidiary, and Incidental motions.
- **Subsidiary** Motions change or affect how a main motion is handled. They are voted on *before* a Main motion because they seek to alter the Main. Once seconded, debated, and approved, Subsidiary motions become the Main motion.
- **Privileged** Motions bring up urgent items about special or important matters unrelated to pending business.
- **Incidental** Motions provide a means of questioning procedures concerning motions, and so they have priority.

### How to Present Motions

1. The member must obtain the floor
  - a. Wait until the previous speaker has finished.
  - b. Rise and address the Chair (Commander-in-Chief) by saying, "Brother Commander-in-Chief."
  - c. Wait until the Chair recognizes you.
2. Make Your Motion
  - a. Speak clearly and concisely.
  - b. Always state a motion affirmatively. (Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ...".)
  - c. Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.
3. Stop speaking, and wait for someone to Second Your Motion. (Without a second the matter may not be debated in any way by the maker or anyone else, including comments to clarify.)
4. If there is no Second the motion it is lost.
5. The Chair may ask if there is a Second. If the motion is Seconded,
  - a. The Chair will say, "it has been moved and seconded that we (repeats the motion)", thus placing the motion before the delegates for consideration and action.
  - b. The members then either debate the motion, or move directly to a vote.
  - c. Once the chair states the motion and presents it to the membership, it becomes "assembly property", and cannot be altered by the maker (or anyone else) without the consent of the members by a motion, debate, and vote.
6. Expanding on Your Motion
  - a. The member who presented the motion is always allowed to speak first.
  - b. The time for you to provide information to support your motion, or to clarify your position, or to urge the members to support your motion (supplying your reasoning) is at this point, rather than at the time you present it.
  - c. Keep to the time limit for speaking that has been established.
7. Debating the Motion
  - a. Those wishing to speak to the motion must also address the Chair, "Brother Commander-in-Chief . . . ."
  - b. When recognized, the speaker may speak either in favor or against.
  - c. All comments and debate must be directed to the Chair. No personal debate or dialogue may be directed to the maker of the motion or other speakers. However, during the debate, the Chair may request the maker of the motion to respond to a question, or to clarify language, etc.

- d. All speakers must adhere to the time limit for speaking, as established by the membership in the Standing Rules at the beginning of the Encampment.
  - e. After the maker of the motion has spoken, debate is limited to an equal number of speeches in favor and against the motion, as established by the membership in the Standing Rules at the beginning of the Encampment.
  - f. A member may, however, move to extend debate on this particular motion by saying, "I move that the debate on this motion be extended to (eg. "five speeches each in favor or against", or for a specific time such as 30 minutes, or to a specific time on the clock, such as "3:30 p.m.") It is a Privileged motion. It is not debatable, and requires a two-thirds majority for passage.
  - g. A member may move to amend the original motion or may offer a substitute for the Main motion. "I move to amend the motion by (adding words, striking words, substituting words)". Or, I move the following substitute for the motion. Both are Subsidiary motions, may be debated, and require a majority vote for passage.
  - h. After all other speakers have finished, the member who presented the original motion may speak again.
  - i. At any time during debate, a member may:
    - i. attempt to close the debate by saying, "I move the previous question." The motion is Privileged and may not be debated. It requires a two-thirds majority to pass and close debate.
    - ii. refer the motion for study (and recommendation) by saying, "I move the motion be referred to (e.g., "the Council of Administration for action", or "a committee designated by the Commander-in-Chief")." The motion is a Subsidiary one. It may be debated, and requires a majority vote.
    - iii. move to postpone action on the motion until a specific time, by saying, "I move the motion be postponed until (e.g., "after our lunch break", or "tomorrow", or "until 3:30 this afternoon").  
The motion is a Subsidiary one.  
It may be debated, and requires a majority vote.
    - iv. Move to postpone action on the motion indefinitely, by saying, "I move to lay the motion on the table."  
It is a Subsidiary motion.  
It may not be debated, and requires a majority vote.  
The option is always present, however, to take a previously postponed item "from the table", for reconsideration.
8. Putting the Question to the Membership
- a. The Chair asks, "Are you ready to vote on the question?" (This allows time for any member who wants more information to move to extend debate.)
  - b. If there is no motion to extend, a vote is taken by one of the methods below.
  - c. After the vote, the Chair announces either: "The aye's have it, and the motion is adopted", or "The no's have it and the motion is not adopted."

### **Voting on a Motion:**

The method of vote on any motion depends on the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW, and upon the situation at the time of the vote.

There are five methods commonly used by most organizations. They are:

1. By Voice: the Chair asks those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". The Chair makes a judgment on whether the motion passes or fails. However, any member may present a motion to require an exact count.
2. By Roll Call: each member answers "yes" or "no" as his name is called. This method is used when a record of each person's vote is required.
3. By General Consent: when a motion is not likely to be opposed, the Chair says, "if there is no objection . . ." The membership shows agreement by their silence. However, if even one member says, "I object," it must be put to a vote.

4. By Division: a member may present a motion to “divide the question”, for the purpose of splitting a motion into separate motions which are debated and voted on separately. It is a Subsidiary motion, which requires a second. It may be debated and requires a majority vote. It does not require a count unless the Chair desires, or a member moves for a count. Members raise their hands or stand, at the instruction of the Chair.
5. By Ballot -- Members write their vote on a slip of paper, this method is used when secrecy is desired.

**Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at meetings.  
But, it is most helpful if members use it properly.**

1. Motions that are in order serve to move forward the business of the membership.
2. Make sure members obtain the floor properly and in an orderly manner.
3. Each speaker should speak clearly and concisely. No rambling allowed!
4. Always obey the rules of debate, asking the Parliamentarian for rulings to clarify if motions are in order, procedures, votes, etc.

Most importantly, *BE COURTEOUS*.

Our vows require of us *Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty*.

<b>Part 1: Main and Subsidiary Motions:</b> listed in order of precedence. <b><u>A motion is allowed to be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.</u></b> § indicates the section from Robert's Rules.							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for . . .	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority

		postponed indefinitely					
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority


**NOTE:** In the event that a motion to amend the main motion fails, the main motion remains, and is still open for debate, amendment, etc. The failure of any amendment does not kill the main motion. Also, motions to amend require adherence to the same rules of debate of the main motion regarding motion, second, number of speakers for and against, length of time that anyone may speak, etc.

<b>Part 2: Incidental Motions.</b> No order of precedence. <b><i>These arise incidentally and are decided immediately.</i></b>							
§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit a ruling of the chair to assembly to decide (e.g., if the chair declares a motion "out of order", or rules in a way that seems arbitrary)	Appeal a decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion into parts for debate (e.g., if the motion requires more than one action)	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a standing vote	I move for a standing vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes if urgent	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for info. (e.g., to ask for the budgeted amount in a particular line item, or to find out if a previous motion has been acted upon, etc.)	Point of information	Yes if urgent	No	No	No	None



### **7.3 Department of the Chesapeake Commander, W. Faron Taylor; Executive Summary, Disposition of 2015 discovery of human remains - Manassas National Battlefield Park:**

**TO:** Members of the Council Administration,  
Brothers, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**FROM:** W. Faron Taylor, Commander, Department of the Chesapeake 

**SUBJECT:** Executive Summary, "Disposition of 2015 discovery of human remains - Manassas National Battlefield Park

**DATE:** June 29, 2018

#### **Background:**

After initial discovery in 2015, National Park Service (NPS) experts worked world renowned forensic anthropologists at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, to excavate the (undisclosed) site and recover the bodies and limbs. Together, the NPS and the Smithsonian Institution recovered two complete sets of remains, 11 partial limbs and several artifacts from the site.

Using archeological evidence, historical archives and forensic science, researchers learned an incredible amount from the discovery. The shallow, hastily dug pit and the recovery of 11 amputated limbs confirm that this was the site of a field hospital. Further evidence showed the field hospital was used during and in the days following the Second Battle of Manassas, also known as the Second Battle of Bull Run.

The complete sets of remains are from two Caucasian males, 25-34 years old, who died of injuries received at the Second Battle of Manassas. One of the soldiers was found with an Enfield bullet still lodged in his upper thigh bone (femur). The other soldier was found with three fired lead buckshot. It is likely that a field surgeon determined that both soldiers had injuries too severe to be operated on successfully.

Several clues revealed these soldiers were from the Union Army. First, Enfield bullets were used almost exclusively by the Confederate Army at the Battle of Second Manassas. Second, buttons from a Union jacket were found with the man who died from buckshot wounds. In addition, researchers determined that the soldiers were from Northeastern states based on isotope analyses that showed the men consumed food and water from this region while their bones were forming.

Current science in the field of remains identification prevent at this time the establishment of a positive identity, and as such, the two complete sets of human remains are classified as "Unknown" soldiers. By federal statute this classification declares the Secretary of the Department of the Army as "next-of-kin."

#### **Actions taken:**

Under the aegis of the NPS, a Section 106 Consultation was convened to establish a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to address the re-interment of soldier remains. In addition to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, numerous other parties were represented, including, but not limited to, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Archaeological Society of Virginia, National Museum of Health and Medicine, National Museum of Natural History and the Manassas Battlefield Trust. Beginning in March, 2018 and over the course of the next three months I attended a series of meetings held in Manassas and Washington, DC to review and contribute to the MOA and final disposition.

The NPS and Arlington National Cemetery rendered honors as the remains of these two unknown Union soldiers were transferred to the U.S. Army in a Dignified Transfer of Remains at Manassas National Battlefield Park on Tuesday, June 19. The NPS Honor Guard provided a color guard as the dignified transfer was conducted by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard." Dignified transfers are conducted for every U.S. military member who dies in a theater of operation while in the service of their country.

On June 22, 2018 I executed concurrence with the final plan of disposition that will result in the re-interment of the soldier remains at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony is currently scheduled to occur before fall of this year and become the first interments in the new "Millennium Expansion" section of the historic cemetery. While planning for the ceremony is ongoing, it is anticipated to be similar in nature to that afforded the sailor remains from the USS Monitor. Further details on the ceremony shall be provided to the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration once the date is finalized.