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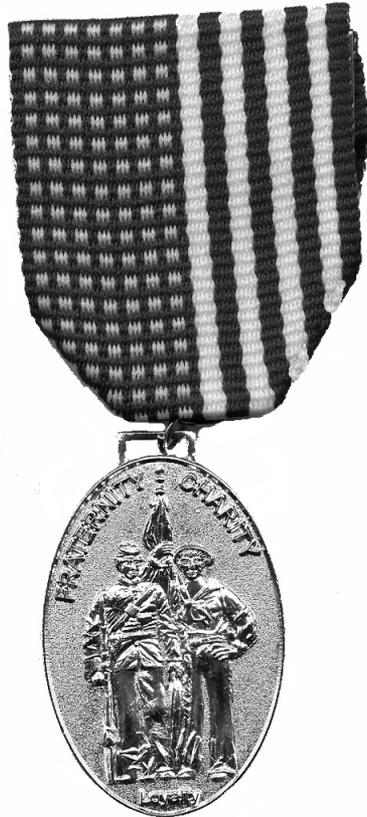
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**Kent L. Armstrong**  
**Commander-in-Chief**  
**2003-2004**

Kent L. Armstrong was elected to serve as the 117th Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the organization's 122nd National Encampment, held at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky on August 7 - 10, 2003. He is the fifth Commander-in-Chief elected from the Department of Michigan since the SUVCW was organized in 1881.

Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Armstrong was born in St. Johns, Michigan on October 12, 1951, the elder of two sons (Kent and Kirk) born to Jessie E. ("Pat") Patterson Armstrong and the late Woodrow Wilson ("Woody") Armstrong. A life-long resident of DeWitt, Michigan, C-in-C Armstrong is a graduate of DeWitt High School and Michigan State University. His interest in the "*War of the Rebellion*" began at an early age, when the centennial observances of the American Civil War began in 1961. Some of his favorite memories are those made during his first trip to Gettysburg at age 13.

Brother Armstrong learned of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) through his own community's history (the George W. Anderson GAR Post 58 having been organized at DeWitt in 1882. George Anderson was a DeWitt resident who marched off to war with the 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Private Anderson was taken prisoner at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee in December of 1863 and later died of starvation at the Andersonville prison in Georgia where he rests in grave number 2546 of the National Cemetery there. Thus, when 24 Union veterans who lived in or near DeWitt chartered their own Post of the

GAR, they named it in honor of Anderson's memory in the community. George Anderson's former home in DeWitt still stands on property that is immediately adjacent to Brother Armstrong's residence.

Brother Armstrong joined the SUVCW through the Governor Austin Blair Camp 7 in Jackson, Michigan in 1992. His eligibility is through his Great, Great Grandfather, John Tait, who served as a Sergeant in Company G of the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Sgt. Tait was killed-in-action on April 30, 1863 during the *Chancellorsville Campaign* and is buried in grave number 2162 at the Fredericksburg National Cemetery.

To help honor the memory of his ancestor's regiment, Brother Armstrong garnered the cooperation of his state legislature in 1993 to name Highway U.S.-12 (in Michigan) as the "Iron Brigade Memorial Highway." The legislation also directed the state Department of Transportation to provide signage along the roadway (the route of U.S.-12 links the home states of the Iron Brigade's infantry regiments – 2nd, 6th, and 7th Wisconsin; 19th Indiana; and 24th Michigan). The States of Indiana and Wisconsin have made similar designations for U.S.-12 and it is hoped that the State of Illinois will also do so in recognition of an Iron Brigade regiment (24th Michigan) having led the military Honor Guard of President Lincoln's funeral in Springfield. Brother Armstrong submitted a design proposal for a special historical marker (honoring the Iron Brigade and 24th Michigan Infantry) to be installed at the I-94 *Welcome Center* near the western end of U.S.-12 in Michigan. Once approved, installation and a dedication ceremony took place in October of 1994. A similar marker was installed and dedicated in 1995 at the eastern end of U.S.-12 in downtown Detroit, on the site where the 24th Michigan Infantry received its regimental flag before marching off to war in 1862.

Another 1995 project for Brother Armstrong was to gain permission to organize a new local chapter of the SUVCW to serve Clinton County, Michigan. The Camp opened in July, with fifteen Charter *Members*, Kent being elected as Commander. The new Camp (George W. Anderson, 58) was named and numbered in honor of DeWitt, Michigan's GAR Post. During Kent's terms as Michigan's Junior and Senior Vice Department Commander, he organized eight more Camps and was recognized two years consecutively for having recruited the most new Brothers into the Order, nationally. He also served as Michigan's first Department Civil War Memorials Officer. Brother Armstrong was elected to two terms as Department Commander and served as a co-organizer of the National Encampment that was hosted by the

Department of Michigan in 2000.

Brother Armstrong became a Life Member (#426) of the National Organization, SUVCW in 1996. He approached the National leadership that year with the idea of a special committee, tasked with the coordination of inspecting and recording the condition of GAR Monuments and other Civil War related memorials across the country. Attention would then be focused on securing repair or restoration of those memorials found to be in immediate need. He accepted appointment as chairman of the new *special committee*, which was eventually named the National Civil War Memorials Committee and designated as a *standing committee* of the Order. Kent was re-appointed to this post during the next two national administrative years. To "practice what he preached," he helped raise several thousands of dollars for the restoration of GAR Memorials.

In 1999, Brother Armstrong was elected to the National Council of Administration as well as appointed to serve as National Chief-of-Staff. He was also elected that year to serve as the Junior Vice Commander of the Central Region Association. He was subsequently elected as regional Senior Vice in 2000, and Commander of the Central Region Assoc. in 2001. Kent was also elected as the SUVCW's Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief that year.

Having been elected as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Armstrong enjoyed serving as both Publisher and Editor of *The BANNER* during the 2002-2003 administrative year. In addition to having chaired the National Committee on Civil War Memorials his other various national level committee assignments have been with the Committee on Constitution & Regulations and included serving as chairman of both the Committee on Membership and the Committee on Program & Policy.

Another important cause supported by C-in-C Armstrong is the conservation of original flags that were carried by Union regiments during the Civil War. He is a member of the State of Michigan's Civil War Battleflags Task Force and has raised several thousands of dollars toward the professional care for Michigan's Civil War banners. He also raised \$1,000 to initiate a matching funds effort toward conservation of the famous *Iron Brigade Banner* under the care of the state of Wisconsin.

Brother Armstrong has been employed by General Motors Corporation for over 26 years, beginning his career with the Fisher Body Division assembly plant in Lansing, Michigan. He is a "skilled-trades employee"

(Journeyman Millwright) responsible for installation and maintenance of mechanical conveyor components.

C-in-C Armstrong has been married to his *High School sweetheart*, the former Judy Jackson, for over 32 years. Having fourteen *Civil War ancestors* of her own, she is very supportive of his work with the SUVCW. They raised one son, Douglas (32), and one daughter, Nicole (30). Currently, they are the proud grandparents of Douglas and Pennie (Bradshaw) Armstrong's daughters, Ashleigh (3), and Emma (2).

Past Camp Commander Douglas Armstrong is also very active in the SUVCW, serving as the Department of Michigan Civil War Memorials Officer for several years. He was recognized at the 2001 National Encampment with a *Meritorious Service Award* for his work to restore the GAR Memorial (with two cannon) at Ovid, Michigan. Douglas pinned the C-in-C Badge on his father's coat during the officer Installation process at the 2003 National Encampment. He was assisted by another Michigan Brother, "*Real Son*" Edward Blakely, whose father, Egbert, served in Company E, 10th Michigan Cavalry. The Installation Officer was PC-in-C Keith Harrison, who had also installed Kent as Commander at the Camp and Department levels of the Order.

C-in-C Armstrong wishes to express his sincere respect and gratitude toward his stepfather of 25 years, Walter Kaufman, Jr., whose help has always been there with any project.

Brother Armstrong dedicates his year in office to the memory of his Great, Great Grandfather, John Tait (Sergeant, Company G, 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1862-1863), and to his father, Woodrow W. Armstrong (Master-Sergeant, HQ, 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force, U.S. Army Air Corps, Southwest Pacific Area, 1942-1945).

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
National Officers for 2003-2004**

Commander-in-Chief .....	Kent L. Armstrong
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....	Stephen A. Michaels
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief .....	Donald E. Darby
National Secretary .....	Edward J. Krieser, PCinC (2004)
National Treasurer.....	Max L. Newman, PCinC (2004)
National Quartermaster.....	Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC (2004)
Council of Administration .....	Robert E. Grim, PCinC (2004)
Council of Administration .....	Ronald B. Gill, PDC (2004)
Council of Administration .....	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC (2005)
Council of Administration .....	David P. Stephen, PDC (2006)
National Counselor .....	James B. Pahl, PDC
Washington DC Representative .....	Andrew M. Johnson, PCinC
National Aide-de-Camp .....	Richard A. Williams
National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer .....	Gary L. Gibson, PDC
National Chaplain .....	William B. M <sup>c</sup> Afee, PCC
National Chief of Staff .....	Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Civil War Memorials Officer.....	Todd A. Shillington, PDC
National Color Bearer.....	Douglas R. Armstrong, PCC
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator .....	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC
National GAR Highway Officer .....	Jon B. Silvis, PCC
National Graves Registration Officer.....	Leo F. Kennedy, PDC
National Guard .....	Charles H. Engle, Jr., PDC
National Guide.....	David E. Allyn
National Historian.....	Robert J. Wolz, PDC
National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines .....	Richard L. Woodbury, PDC
National Liaison to MOLLUS.....	Robert J. Bateman, PDC
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator .....	Linn P. Hoadley, DC
National Patriotic Instructor.....	Timothy H. Downey, PDC
National Signals Officer.....	Nathan L. Orr
Washington DC Representative Emeritus .....	Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC
Assistant National Treasurer.....	James B. Pahl, PDC
Assistant National Treasurer .....	Richard D. Orr, PCinC
National Webmaster.....	Kent A. Peterson, PCC
Backup National Webmaster .....	Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Assistant National Webmaster (Web Ring).....	Frederick W. Cole
Assistant National Webmaster (Family Tree Maker) .....	Robert C. Shaffer, PCC
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**Civil War Flag Conservation**

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**Civil War Heritage Defense Fund**

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Henry E. Shaw, Co-Chair

**Civil War Memorial Grant Fund**

(The Elected CoA Members)

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Leslie E. Weber, MD

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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment at Cedar Rapids Iowa  
First Session, Morning of August 13, 2004 at 9:30A.M.**

**Commander in Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

The Officers and members of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order. Guide, you will determine if all present are entitled to remain. Color Bearer, you will assist on the right. Gentlemen, as we are checking membership cards I will ask the National Secretary if he will please call the roll of officers of the Encampment.

**National Secretary, Edward J. Krieser**

Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong.	Present
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels.	Present
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby.	Present
National Secretary Edward Krieser.	Present
National Treasurer Max L. Newman.	Present
National Quartermaster Elmer F. Atkinson.	Present
National Council of Administration Member Ronald B. Gill.	Present
National Council of Administration Member Robert M. Petrovic.	
Present	
National Council of Administration Member David P. Stephen.	
Present	
National Aide de Camp Richard A. Williams.	Present
Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer Gary L. Gibson.	Present
National Chaplain William B. McAfee.	Present
National Chief of Staff Michael S. Bennett.	Present
National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd A. Shillington.	Present
National Color Bearer Douglas R. Armstrong.	Present
National Counselor James B. Pahl.	Present
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Robert M. Petrovic.	Present
National GAR Highway Officer Jon B. Silvis.	Absent
National Graves Registration Officer Leo F. Kennedy.	Present
National Guard Charles H. Engle Jr.	Present
National Guide Bob Lowe.	Present
National Historian Robert J. Wolz.	Absent
Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines Richard L. Woodbury.	Absent
National Liaison to MOLLUS Robert J. Bateman.	Absent
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Linn P. Hoadley.	Present
National Patriotic Instructor Timothy H. Downey.	Present
National Signals Officer Nathan L. Orr.	Absent
Washington D.C. Representative Andrew M. Johnson.	Absent
National Webmaster Kent A. Peterson.	Present

Sir, the roll is called.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, Brother Secretary. Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and for what duties are we responsible?

**Encampment—(in unison)**

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, and LOYALTY.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brothers – We meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance, fraternity and courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves.

Color Bearer, you will assist the National Chaplain in draping *The Vacant Chair*. Thank you gentlemen.

The National Chaplain will now invoke the Divine blessing.

**National Chaplain – William B. McFee**

Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, Who from thy throne look down upon the governments of men, most heartily do we beseech thee. We earnestly ask Your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time.

Bless our Order. Grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be an instrument in thy hands of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to properly carry out its principles and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them in all things with Your special mercy.

Give us Your aid in conducting the business for which we are here assembled, and so bless us that Charity and Justice, and Peace and Harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

**Encampment—(in unison)**

Amen.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brothers, we will now give the pledge of allegiance. Color Bearer, you will present the colors.

**Encampment—(in unison)**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 123<sup>rd</sup> 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 qualified to enter.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

As the dignitaries come forward, I'll announce the appointment of the Encampment Committee on Credentials – that being John R. Mann, PCC, Chairman (Michigan), Raymond C. Nagel (Ohio), PDC Kenneth Spurgeon (Kansas) and Dr. Leslie Weber, MD (Iowa).

Brothers, we are honored this morning to have with us Senator Wally Horn, representing Governor Tom Vilsacks office. Senator Horn, would you please come forward, sir?

**State of Iowa Senator Wally Horn**

Thank you very much. I am here representing the Governor. He is sorry that he couldn't be here and he appreciates your invitation and asked me to be here today to read a proclamation for you. I want to give you just a little short history. I like to brag anyway, that my Grandfather Thomas Marcus De Lafayette Biggs was born in 1865. And I assume it was nine months after the Civil War because he is a war baby you know. I think his birthday was December twenty-fourth so I haven't really tried to work that dates how they work out. Also I have a collection. I would like to point out proudly to everyone that I have a Civil War drum and the history of it. And the young man who used it was about sixteen and he went to New Orleans and died there of disease. The drum made it to my home.

But I want to, once again say that I am very proud to be in front of this organization. I am not a Civil War Veteran but I am a Korean Veteran. So, it's a few years later. From what I understand I could probably qualify to be with your group since my Great Grandfather was a Civil War Veteran. I have this proclamation by the Governor, Governor Tom Vilsack. He wants me to state the proclamation here. It says, "State of Iowa Executive Department, in the name and by the authority of the state of Iowa, a proclamation,

Whereas, The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Auxiliary of Sons of the Union Veterans have united to promote an increase level of educations concerning a gallant efforts and personal sacrifices made by preserving the union; and

Whereas, The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and the organization formally organized as an Allied Order in 1881 for the purpose of honoring and paying proper recognition and respect to those who served in defense of the Unites States of America; and

Whereas, The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War are dedicated to the education of citizens all ages about the contributions

whose brave men made our nation and preserved our historical data through research and the collection of said data; and

Whereas, The Son of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have chosen the County of Lynn in the State of Iowa a community of rich Civil War history and ever dedicated to the preservation of the memory of those who have fought and defended the union as the location for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Encampment of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Now, therefore, I, Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the state of Iowa, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2004 as

Sons of the Union Veterans of Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Day in Iowa.” Signed by Governor Vilsack.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, Senator Horn.

We are also fortunate this morning to have from the City of Cedar Rapids, Captain Peter B. Welch of the United States Naval Reserves, representing the Office of Mayor Paul D. Pate. He is the Chairman of the Veterans Memorial Commission and it is a privilege to have him here this morning. Sir, if you would come forward please.

**Captain Peter B. Welch, US Naval Res., Chairman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa Veterans Memorial Commission**

Well Wally, the fighting I did during the Korean War was to get out of my Mother’s womb. So, I....

I am a thirty-two year retired Navy Captain. Served in nuclear subs and if you ever remember the movie “Hunt for Red October,” where there was the Russian submarine that did that thing called a Crazy Ivan, well that actually happened. There was a collision and it was my submarine and that was declassified in the year two thousand when we celebrated our one-hundredth anniversary on submarines. So, that stuff happens. Anyway, I am pleased to welcome you to the City of Cedar Rapids. It is an honor for our city to be your host. We salute your efforts in preserving the memory of the Grand Army of Republic, that fought to maintain the integrity of our Great United States of America. As you may know, Cedar Rapids has a very rich history of giving our veterans the recognition and honor they deserve. I was pleased to hear this morning that a number of you went to see the Veterans Memorial Building and the actual memorial itself, out by the ball-park. We have a stained glass window tribute to the Union soldiers who served, in the Veterans Memorial Building. It was done by a locally known artist whose name is Grant Wood. He is famous for his American Gothic portrait, of the couple with the pitchfork between them. Our new Veterans Memorial Park includes memorial stones to each major conflict that our nation has

fought in, honoring the veterans who have died even through the *War on Terrorism*, including both Iraq I and Iraq II. I invite you, if you haven't already been there, to stop by and see it. Cedar Rapids is a Midwestern town known for hospitality, food, shopping and diverse attractions. In addition to your stay this weekend I'd invite you to come back and enjoy the area and the attractions anytime and we would love to have you. Best wishes for a memorable and successful event that honors the important part of our history and may all of your activities be forever preserved by the *Grace of God*. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Captain Welch, on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War it is my privilege to present to you a plaque with President Abraham Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Address. We ask for you to please convey this to Mayor Pate and your City Government, for display in a place of honor. It reads, "Presented to the City of Cedar Rapids Iowa by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the occasion of our 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment in your city, August 12 – 15, 2004." Sir.

**Captain Peter B. Welch**

Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

I would now like to call upon a gentleman, who I have had the pleasure of joining several times at various functions this past year. He represents the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and he is also one of us. This is MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Douglas R. Niermeyer, who is also a Brother from the Department of Missouri. Doug, if you would please come forward and share some words, sir.

**MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Douglas R. Niermeyer**

Since becoming elected the Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion it has been my privilege to attend a number of events with Commander-in-Chief Armstrong as well as many of the other members of the Sons. There are many ways and many projects that the Loyal Legion and the Sons both mutually benefit from. One of the projects that I have been working on in the Loyal Legion is to help publish the Military Order of the Loyal Legion War Papers, which are twelve hundred plus accounts, first hand accounts of their service and what they saw in the field. The next paper that I'm planning on making sure gets published is actually that from Lieutenant Byers that was presented here in Iowa in 1893. He was a member of the Iowa Commandery of the Loyal Legion and he is also the Author of "Sherman's March to the Sea" while he was a prisoner in Libby Prison which spread through the Union Army eventually reaching Sherman. And it is quite a story. This song also happens to be in the GAR War Song Book which the Missouri Department has here on sale that includes over fifty songs and music for GAR songs that were published in 1883. There are many ways that our organizations can help

each other and I look forward to many more opportunities in the future as well as to meet members of the Loyal Legion and other members of the Sons here that have come today. Thank you very much.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Two weeks ago, I had the honor to address the 109<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Dawson, Georgia. Representing their newly elected Commander-in-Chief, Denne A. Sweeney, is Mr. Steven Caudill. Steve, if you would please come forward. Steve is one of the many Aide-de-Camps that they have in their organization.

**Mr. Steve Caudill, National Aide de Camp to Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief Denne A. Sweeney**

Good morning, my name is Steve Caudill and like Mr. Armstrong said, I represent the Sons of Confederate Veterans. On behalf of the Executive Director, the Commander-in-Chief, and the thirty-four thousand members we would like to convey our greetings to you and we would like to express our appreciation for your help as allies in our efforts to preserve our heritage. In particular, out in Washington State, some efforts to rename a highway out there and other minor local skirmishes of that nature from the *politically correct crowd*. It is important that we work together on these efforts to preserve our heritage because without our heritage, our grandsons and granddaughters are going to wonder some day what did their ancestors fight for or who did they fight against if the politically correct groups have there way to remove all statues and all references to things Confederate. So thank you for helping in that area and as a native of Cedar Rapids I would like to welcome you also to our fine city here. I think you will enjoy our cool summer weather.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Steve is a busy man. I understand that he has several serious duties with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. So, thank you Steve, for taking time out of your busy day. Thank you very much.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Several of you know about the health conditions of some of our Past Commanders-in-Chief and I have something that I would like to read from Past Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr. It says, "I am sending this with the hope that you will receive it before leaving for National. As you are aware because of my recent medical maladies I am not able to attend the National Encampment this year. I want to wish you and all Brothers a productive and fraternal Encampment. Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank you, and through you, to all the Brothers and Sisters for their prayers, telephone calls, cards, letters, and good wishes. Each of you, each and every one of you have brightened me and made my recovery much easier. As luck would have it I will be returning to work August twenty-fourth. I will be seeing you and all the Brothers in Gettysburg. Thank you very much. In F.,C., and L., Richard D. Orr."

Unfortunately we have some very serious and sad news about Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck Corfman. And I'm going to read the message that Rich was kind enough to send me. It was sent to him by PC-in-C Bud Atkinson's wife, Margaret. "Bud asked me to answer this for him as I type faster. I am surprised of many things that have been happening lately. We have good news and bad news. Unfortunately, the bad news is that Chuck Corfman is seriously ill. He and Janice celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in the middle of July and took a cruise returning a little over a week ago. He was having difficulty breathing and developed a cough, which had been plaguing him for some time. Also swollen ankles. Thought for a few days at home, it would ease up. Finally went to the doctor though, at 9:00a.m. Monday morning. He immediately put him in the hospital in Wooster and by evening they transferred him to Akron. He had a test this morning and found that he has four blockages in his heart. Now he is being transferred tonight to Ohio University in the hospital at Columbus for lung tests. If it is cancer in the lung they will not operate. If it is not cancer they will do the bypasses and also replace his aortic valve. The doctors indicated to Mrs. Corfman that it does not look good. I think he needs our prayers."

Further announcements. Steve, did you want to talk a little bit about the seminar at the close of today's business session?

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Steven A. Michaels**

All Department Commanders or their representatives and also the Senior Vice Commanders of the Departments are welcome to attend a meeting of the Department Commanders. We would like to do this immediately after this business session, this afternoon. So, if you could stay here in place, it won't be a long meeting. Perhaps forty-five minutes to an hour at the maximum. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Darby and myself would like to go over some brief business matters with you. Thank you.

**National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

This is about the SVR Breakfast tomorrow morning. They would like a show of hands for a count who is going to be attending that breakfast. Even if you have already pre-registered for it, we would like to see a show of hands. If you are bringing a spouse raise both hands. Do you want to count Henry?

**Brother Henry Shaw, (SVR Chief-of-Staff)**

Probably fifty-four.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay the Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast will be in the Cedar Rapids room. And that will be at 7A.M., is that correct Colonel Shaw?

**Brother Henry Shaw, (SVR Chief-of-Staff)**

Yes, Sir, 7A.M.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Gentlemen, I am going to share the Rules of the Encampment.

1. The Encampment will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, as revised, and I believe we have the 10<sup>th</sup> edition here.
2. The National Counselor will serve as parliamentarian. Jim Pahl, please stand up for those who don't know you already.
3. Verbal reports should be a summary of the officer's written report.
4. Please use the microphones and identify yourself for the record.
5. Reports are not to exceed five minutes in length of time.
6. When speaking on an issue at this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice on any one issue, each time not to exceed 5 minutes. Exceptions of course can be granted by 2/3 vote of this Encampment.
7. Cell phones are to be turned off or set to vibrate, to alert for an incoming call. All cell phone conversations should be conducted outside of the Encampment meeting room. Thank you.
8. Anyone outside the room at the sound of the gavel, prior to the election of officers, will not be allowed to enter until that session is done.
9. All discussions will be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

I would like to recognize our Past Commanders-in-Chief:

Richard L. Greenwalt – 1978-79 (Ohio)  
Richard C. Schlenker – 1982-83 (Maryland)  
Donald L. Roberts – 1985-86 (New York)  
Gordon R. Bury II – 1986-87 (Ohio)  
Richard O. Partington – 1987-88 (Pennsylvania)  
Charles W. Corfman – 1989-90 (Ohio)  
Lowell V. Hammer – 1991-92 (Maryland)  
Elmer F. (“Bud”) Atkinson – 1992-93 (Pennsylvania)  
Allen W. Moore – 1993-94 (Indiana)  
Keith G. Harrison – 1994-95 (Michigan)  
David R. Medert – 1995-96 (Ohio)  
Alan R. Loomis – 1996-97 (Indiana)  
Richard D. Orr – 1997-98 (Pennsylvania)  
Andrew M. Johnson – 1998-99 (Maryland)  
Danny L. Wheeler – 1999-2000 (New York)  
Edward J. Krieser – 2000-2001 (Indiana)  
George L. Powell – 2001-2002 (Pennsylvania)  
Robert E. Grim – 2002-2003 (Ohio)

Brother Chaplain, do you have a list of names that you would please read as a memorial?

**National Chaplain – William B. M<sup>c</sup>Afee**

Yes, I do, sir. These are the Brothers who were reported to us since the last Encampment, who have passed on to the next stage of their journey:

Kenneth H. Schaffer; Desmond Dutcher; William E. Kaiser; Christopher P. Geiger; Carlyle M. Reed; Clayton J. Schaffer; David Sayre; Robert Arney, Sr.; Roswell A. Chaplin, a Real Son; Brigadier General Ronald I. Woodin; Charles H. Benrud; Harold N. Miller; Charles Nelson; Arthur L. Breed; William F. Lewis; Albert C. Schwankert; Philip A. Bergan; Lemual P. Robertson, a Real Son; Harold W. Varney; Edward Blakely, a Real Son; Milton Armstrong; Madison W. Gadburry, a Real Son; Everett B. Johnson; William A. Duncan, a Real Son; Clyde G. Johnson, Jr.; Herbert Frake; Charles Doane; John W. Turner, Jr., a Real Son; A.C. Farnsworth; Victor H. Gibhart; Clarence L. Frost; Aaron M. Landis, Jr., a Real Son; Kenneth J. Ware; James Matthews; Merle Carlson; Roy Zimmerman; Roger L. Olson; Kenneth B. Richmond; Roger D. Cary; Horace M. Ramsey, Jr., a Real Son; William T. Wiseman; Wilie D. Gambill; Fred G. Cook, Jr.; James Madison Gowen, Jr., a Real Son; Harold D. Vail; Roland Slingerland; William O. Taylor; Charles Brandell; Carlton E. Covell; Richard S. Brusio; Joseph A. Connell; James A. Eagen; James Hadsell; Rev. Raymond Lieber; James R. Matheny; Charles Parker; Colonel Clifford Pole.

That completes the list, Commander-in-Chief.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you very much, Chaplain M<sup>c</sup>Afee.

Gentlemen, I am going to announce the appointment of the remaining Encampment committees. For Constitution and Regulations this would be Brother, James Pahl, Chairman; Henry Shaw; Robert Grim; and George Powell. For Resolutions we have Stephen Michaels as Chairman, Donald E. Darby, Keith G. Harrison, Brad Schall, and Don Palmer. For Officer's Reports, this is to be chaired by Past Department Commander Leo Kennedy, George Powell to assist, Alan Russ, Todd Schillington and Eric Schmincke. For Rituals and Ceremonials, for the Encampment this will be chaired by Dick Williams, with Brothers, Ken Hershberger, Bruce Butgereit and John Mann. John, please come forward, sir.

**Brother John Mann, Chair of Encampment Credentials Committee**

Credentials report as given by Department Secretaries to the National Secretary. The delegates include the standard one automatic delegate and the allotted delegates per membership of the Department. California & Pacific is allotted fifteen delegates and four Past Department Commanders. Colorado and Wyoming allotted four delegates, six Past Department Commanders. Connecticut allotted three delegates, no reported Past Department Commanders. Florida, allotted seven delegates,

three Past Department Commanders. Illinois allotted nine delegates, five Past Department Commanders. Indiana, nine delegates, two National Officers, three Past Commanders-in-Chief and five Past Department Commanders. Department of Iowa, eight delegates, one National Officer, three Past Department Commanders. Kansas, four delegates, six Past Department Commanders. Kentucky, six delegates, four Past Department Commanders. Maine, five delegates, ten Past Department Commanders. Maryland, sixteen delegates, three Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, four Past Department Commanders. Massachusetts, twelve delegates, three Past Department Commanders. Michigan, twenty-one delegates, two National Officers, one Past Commander-in-Chief and three Past Department Commanders. Missouri, seven delegates, one National Officer, five Past Department Commanders. Nebraska, three delegates, two Past Department Commanders. New Hampshire, four delegates, eight Past Department Commanders. New Jersey, eleven delegates, eight Past Department Commanders. New York, twenty-two delegates, two Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, six Department Commanders Past Department Commanders. Ohio, twenty-three delegates, two National Officers, five Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, four Past Department Commanders. Oklahoma, four delegates, two Past Department Commanders. Pennsylvania, thirty-three delegates, one National elected officer, four Past Commanders-in-Chief, eight Past Department Commanders. Rhode Island, five delegates, two Past Department Commanders. Southwest, five delegates, four Past Department Commanders. Tennessee, six delegates, eight Past Department Commanders. Vermont, four delegates, six Past Department Commanders. Wisconsin, ten delegates, one National Officer, six Past Department Commanders. And the Department at Large consisting of the membership at large and all Camps at large, fourteen delegates. If there is any corrections that need to be made you will have to make an amended report with the National Secretary.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, John. Questions?

**PCinC George L. Powell, Department of Pennsylvania**

Shouldn't the credentials give the account of the men here, right now?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

John, have you got that?

**Brother John Mann, Chair of Encampment Credentials Committee**

I do not have a count, but registered right now is approximately 135-140.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. To continue on with our Encampment Committees, for Fraternal Relations, to do honors to the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this will be chaired by Steve Michaels. Elmer Atkinson, and James Kiger to assist. And for the Response, Past Department Commander Fred Murphy. For the Ladies of the GAR, Rick

Bury will chair that visitation committee with Jerry Sayre and Brad Schall assisting (both members of our Standing National Committee on Fraternal Relations). And since Chuck Corfman can't be with us this weekend, I am going to tap PC-in-C Bury for the response as well.

We are going to move on to officer reports now. Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I turn the gavel over to you, sir.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels**

Thank you Brother Commander and you may give your report now.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. First of all, Good Morning everyone.

**All**

Good Morning.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

National Officers, Delegates, and Brothers attending the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

WELCOME. Your time and expense in being here, to help move our fraternal and patriotic Order forward, is greatly appreciated. Special greetings are hereby extended to those Brothers who are attending their first National Encampment. As we address the business of our organization over the next two days, you'll be witnessing what our Constitution refers to as, "the supreme power and authority of the Order." That being said, I want you to know that we cannot overstate the importance of our actions at the local level of the SUVCW. The efforts of our volunteers through our many Camps is where we interact with the public, with programs and projects that attract new *Members, Juniors, and Associates*.

There are two things that I have enjoyed most during my turn as Commander-in-Chief. One is meeting new Brothers and seeing the work they're doing in their locale - to honor the memory of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines. The other pleasure that I have had is in honoring Brothers for their accomplishments and special anniversaries.

Much good work has been done. But there is so much more that we could do – and should do. One of the key factors that limits our capability overall, is membership. Consider the number of men who served the Union between 1861-1865 and how many of their descendents are eligible to be our Brothers today. Yet, our overall membership continues to hover just above the 6,000 mark. We HAVE to put as much effort (if not more) toward *recruiting* and *retention*, as we do toward honoring those who wore the blue. Again, this happens at the local level. Please bear in mind that in our projects and in greeting prospective Brothers, we *never get a second chance – to make a good first impression*. Our

continued efforts to recruit and to offer opportunities that interest our membership will help this organization grow and accomplish more.

Another pleasure I've had this past year, is in working with a group of very dedicated volunteers. Brother Stephen Michaels has served us well as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and is now a *veteran* of having edited and published four issues of The BANNER.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby has been a member of the Council of Administration for several years and brought many good ideas to the Order, including the "Last Soldier" project which provides yet another way for us to honor those who served the Union.

I want to thank the Council of Administration as a whole, for their service in conducting the business of our Order since the 2003 National Encampment. Many of these gentlemen are Past Commanders-in-Chief and a few of them have roles on the Council that give them a vote. But regardless of that, as a voting or non-voting member, ALL of our PCinC's willingly offer valued advice that is greatly appreciated.

Through this report, I wish to enter into the permanent record, the names of several Brothers in recognition for their distinguished service.

- Immediately after his turn as Commander-in-Chief, PCinC Ed Krieser has served a three year term as our elected National Secretary.
- PCinC Elmer ("Bud") Atkinson has served as our elected National Quartermaster for several terms.
- PCinC Richard Greenwalt has served in many roles. One of which has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Ohio for twenty-nine (29) years.
- PCinC Alan Loomis continues to plan and conduct ceremonies that we can all be proud of.

The *Installation Ceremonies* for Camp, Department, and National Officers include a statement to the outgoing Commander, expressing the trust that his "interests in the welfare of this Order will not cease." The PCinC's mentioned above have certainly proven their continued commitment.

Others deserving note herein, are: PDC Leo Kennedy, for his service rendered toward Graves Registration; NMAL Coordinator Linn Hoadley, PCC for his "people-skills;" PDC Jerry Orton for his search for and monitoring of Real Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans; National Signals Officer Nathan Orr; National Webmaster Kent Peterson, PCC; Assistant National Webmaster Keith Harrison, PCinC; PDC Alan Russ, for his expertise in formatting several of our official forms, to allow submitted information to be filled-in electronically; and

e-Bay Surveillance Officer Kurt Vouk, for his tireless monitoring of Internet auction sites and thwarting the sale of veterans' grave markers and other items.

Praise for many other Brothers can be found within the twenty six (26) General Orders issued during this administrative year. In this series, I was proud to announce the signing of Charters for 17 new Camps, and saddened to report the loss of 8 *Real Sons* of Union veterans of the Civil War.

I have respectfully introduced a "Vacant Chair," draped in black, that you see before you. Please look upon it in remembrance of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) and all who've honored the memory of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines – and joined their spirits.

This year's Encampment Bible has been provided to us courtesy of my fellow Brothers of George W. Anderson Camp 58, Department of Michigan. It is the original bible that was used during the existence of the G.A.R. Post in DeWitt, Michigan, that our Camp honors the memory of (in name and number).

My only regret this past year has been in not being able to visit more Departments and their functions. Part of this is due to multiple events on the same date (six Dept. Encampments were held on April 24, 2004) and the limitations of time off from work. I still managed to represent the National Organization with visitations to 23 states, traveling 21,878 miles by car and 9,753 miles by plane.

In that journey, I have seen so many good things being done by our membership. But we live with a citizenry that is often unknowing of – and uncaring toward our American heritage. Through your continued efforts, we will help correct these shortcomings.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as the 117<sup>th</sup> Commander-in-Chief of this Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic. As we prepare to pass-the-torch to a new leadership team, let us rededicate ourselves to preserving the memory of all who served and sacrificed to *Save the Union*. I think of those men every time I recite the pledge of allegiance to our flag – key words being, "and to the Republic for which it stands" / "One nation" / "indivisible."

We can only imagine how different our history might be – and our place in the world today, had the Union not prevailed.

In my Memorial Day message this year, I shared these thoughts –

- Let us remember that the freedoms and privileges that we enjoy in our daily lives were first gained, and have been protected since, by those who serve in uniform.

- Let us remember that just 85 years after we declared our independence from Great Britain, our Republic was torn apart by civil war.

- Let us remember that after that terrible 19<sup>th</sup> century struggle, a United States of America emerged that was able to face and overcome the struggles of military confrontation in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

- Let us remember that in this young, new century, America's military forces continue to serve and protect – many of them in harm's way, and many of them giving their lives in the line of duty.

- Let us remember **all** of that – and assure that those who follow us will not forget.

Respectfully submitted,  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kent Armstrong  
2003-2004 Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **C-in-C Itinerary of 2003 – 2004**

August 7-10	National Encampment and Cof A Meetings – Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky
August 16	SUVCW Recruiting Display at community festival – DeWitt, Michigan
August 23	Annual Civil War Muster – Jackson, Michigan
September 6	G.A.R. Hall <i>Open-House</i> – Marshall, Michigan
September 20	140 <sup>th</sup> Annual Emancipation Proclamation Observance – Gallipolis, Ohio
September 21	Civil War Memorials - Chillicothe, Ohio
September 26	National Headquarters Office – Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
September 27	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASUVCW in New Jersey – Brooklawn, New Jersey
October 4	G.A.R. Memorial Rededication, Central Region Conference & C-in-C Testimonial – Grand Rapids, MI
October 24	Missouri Civil War Museum / Jefferson Barracks / Gen. Sherman Grave – St. Louis, Missouri
October 25	Memorial Dedication at Mine Creek Battlefield – Pleasanton, Kansas
November 1	Funeral of <i>Real Son</i> Edward Blakely – Grand Rapids, Michigan
November 8	Ceremony for Father Wm Corby at Notre Dame U. – South Bend, Indiana
November 15	Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 16	Council of Administration Meeting – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 30	ASUVCW National President Testimonial – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
January 3	Charter to Daniel Ellis Camp-at-Large 3 – Asheville, North Carolina
January 10	Memorial Dedication, Southwest Department EnCamp – Galveston, Texas
January 24	Department of Indiana Mid-Year Meeting – Huntington, Indiana
February 11	President Lincoln Birthday Dinner, Army-Navy Club – Washington, D.C.
February 12	Laid Wreath at the Lincoln Memorial – Washington, D.C.
February 21	Department of Michigan Mid-Winter Meeting – Lansing, Michigan

March 20 Department of California & Pacific EnCamp – San Luis Obispo, California  
 April 3 Department of Rhode Island Encampment – Providence, Rhode Island  
 April 12 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Austin Blair Camp 7 – Jackson, Michigan  
 April 15 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony & Luncheon / Visitation to WRC & DUVCW  
 Headquarters – Springfield, IL  
 April 17 Council of Administration Mtg. / Award Presentation at G.A.R. Room,  
 County C. H. – Huntington, IN  
 April 24 Soldiers and Sailors Memorial , Grand Army Plaza – Brooklyn, New York  
 April 25 Laid Wreath at Annual Grant Tomb Ceremony – New York, New York  
 May 1 Department of Illinois Encampment – Peoria, Illinois  
 May 15 Charter to Private Elias Moon Camp-at-Large 2 – Resaca, Georgia  
 May 16 Chickamauga National Military Park – Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia  
 May 29 National World War II Memorial Dedication – Washington, D.C.  
 May 30 Laid Wreath at G.A.R. Memorial – Washington, D.C.  
 May 30 Raised U.S. Flag from the Quarterdeck of the U.S.S. Constellation –  
 Baltimore, Maryland  
 May 30 Annual Ceremony at the Civil War Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington  
 National Cemetery – Arlington, VA  
 May 30 Memorial Day Dinner, Department of Maryland – Washington, D.C.  
 May 31 Laid Wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at amphitheater in  
 Arlington National Cemetery – Arlington, VA  
 June 3 Presentation to Colgrove-Woodruff Camp 22 – Marshall, Michigan  
 June 5 Department of New York Encampment – Tarrytown, New York  
 June 6 Visited graves of Union Army officers in cemetery at United States  
 Military Academy – West Point, NY  
 June 19 Department of Missouri Encampment – St. Louis, Missouri  
 June 20 Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery – St. Louis, Missouri  
 June 26 Department of Pennsylvania Encampment – Williamsport, Pennsylvania  
 June 28 Allegheny County Soldiers Memorial – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
 July 11 Graves Registration Survey of Riverside Pub. Cemetery – Alma, Michigan  
 July 19 Presentation to George W. Anderson Camp 58 – DeWitt, Michigan  
 July 24 Chartering of local chapter of the ASUVCW – Traverse City, Michigan  
 July 29 Presented SUVCW Greetings at Annual SCV Reunion – Dalton, Georgia  
 July 30 Andersonville National Historic Site and National Cemetery –  
 Andersonville, Georgia  
 July 31 Fort Sumter National Monument – Charleston, South Carolina  
 August 12-15 National Encampment and CofA Meetings – Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels**

I will entertain a motion to accept the Commander-in-Chief's report and all subsequent reports be referred to the Committee on Officer's reports.

**Many**

So moved.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels.**

Do I have a second?

**Many**

Second.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels**

All those in favor?

**All**

Aye.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels**

Apposed?...Motion carried and I turn the command back over to you, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. Gentlemen, what I would like to do now is follow up on some of those things I've enjoyed most and have you witness the presentation of a Charter, this one going to our Brothers in New York for the Colonel David Ireland Camp number 137. This Camp will be located at Binghamton, New York. I know that the Camp organizer isn't with us just yet, that being PC-in-C Danny Wheeler. PDC Todd Shillington, would you come forward?

Jim Kiger, if you would please come up. For the Department of Kentucky, we have a new Camp, this being named in honor of President Abraham Lincoln. Camp 56, to be located in Hodgenville, Kentucky starting out, believe it or not, with Date-of-Rank from August 12, 2004.

I've prepared *Certificates of Merit* to recognize those gentlemen who have been instrumental in organizing these Camps. The first of these reads, "In recognition of his dedication and devotion to our fraternal and patriotic Order, exemplified by his motivation to successfully organize Abraham Lincoln Camp 56 located in Hodgenville, Kentucky thus furthering our efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and all other soldiers, sailors and marines who honorably served and sacrificed to *Save the Union*, this certificate is proudly presented to be presented to Lester Crosswhite."

Brother Dennis Sassy organized the Colonel William Kinsman Camp 23 located in Atlantic, Iowa.

I have another one here for Sergeant Norman Bates Camp 64, Grinnell, Iowa.

For the General U.S. Grant Camp 9, located in Modesto, California, Carl M. Taylor deserves our recognition.

For the Jeremiah Smith Camp, located in Oklahoma City we honor Mike Rusk.

The Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, located in Durango, Colorado was organized by James Davenport.

To honor the organizer Private Oliver P. Rood Camp 6 located in Frankfort, Kentucky, this one is to recognize Larry A. Faye Jr. for his efforts.

The organizer of Robert Mitchell Camp 206 located in Marion Iowa, Dennis L. Geiseman.

For the organization of the Private Valentin Keller Camp 8, located in Fairfield, Ohio, we are honoring Craig W. Keller.

In recognition of his organization of Colonel David Ireland Camp 137, located in Binghamton, New York, congratulations PC-in-C Danny Wheeler.

Another thing I want to do is recognize those for their recruiting efforts. You have done a special job. I will read the first one here. This is a letter of congratulations. "I am writing to congratulate you and express my sincere appreciation for your successful efforts in the recruitment of five new Brothers into the membership of our fraternal and patriotic Order. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to designate you as a National Aide with subsequent announcement by General Orders from this office. As an outward recognition of your accomplishment, you are entitled to wear a length of National colored ribbon pinned behind your membership badge for twelve months after its presentation." A *Certificate of Recognition* is also being presented to this Brother, Paul Hadley.

To do this for two other Gentlemen, I believe they are from the same Department so I'll recognize Brother Ken Spurgeon, who is probably busy with credentials, but Ken brought in three new members for us. Ken is with the Corporal Patrick Coin Camp Number 1 in the Department of Kansas. Brother Randal Durbin is with the Old Abe Camp 16 from Kansas and he has recruited three new members. And another gentleman is Tom Schmidt, their Department Commander. Tom has recruited five, so in addition to the letter of commendation he will also be receiving a *Certificate of Recognition* which reads, "In appreciation for his recruitment for five new Brothers into our fraternal and patriotic Order, thus furthering our efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and all other soldiers, sailors, and marines who honorably served and sacrificed to *Save the Union* from that conflict of 1861 to 1865, this certificate is proudly presented to newly appointed National Aide, Thomas E. Schmidt, PCC." Sir.

Thank you very much. And with that, I would like to call on our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for his report.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels**

All right. Brothers, I submit this as a combination of the National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chiefs report and also the committee reports on the Program and Policy. The as you are familiar with the autumn, winter, spring and summer "BANNERS" that were published much of them last eleven months of this year were taken up with duties incidental to that position including continuous communication with the publisher. The program and policy committee reviewed a number of existing policies that are available on the National Web site and those are listed for you on the report form. As well as some recommendations brought forth from the Council of Administration copy write statement most notably on all of the forms. In addition with the help of Brother, Dick Williams, Department of Michigan, we were able to develop a roster form for the Departments to report membership. Also in addition to that that was my pleasure to support and represent the Commander-in-Chief in a number

of different activities including the Massachusetts Department and Camp in the Milford Massachusetts. The General Sherman Birthday Ceremony in Saint Louis and the Wisconsin Department and Camp in King Wisconsin. And details of this report are in your hand out. I've been also informed within the last week in addition to this report that we were able to secure some additional advertising for the upcoming autumn addition of the BANNER from Warner Home Video. Which will be releasing a film on video or rather a DVD in the upcoming months and they've agreed to purchase some advertising in the BANNER. Thank you Sir and thank you Brothers.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, did you have anything that you wanted to add to your report, sir?

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby**

Commander-in-Chief, I do not.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother National Secretary Ed Krieser, would you like to add anything to your submitted report, sir?

**National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

I do not, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Brother Treasurer, would you like to add anything?

**National Treasurer Max L. Newman**

The only thing I wanted to bring up, was in my report I indicated that there was some editorial changes to the reports. On the membership advertising. There was a line item in there that I didn't get the total in there for yaw it was \$5428.04 and there is one item in there that is for advertising that I didn't have listed. It was for Prime Media and it was one black and white ad for the \$644.70. On the 2003-2004 balance sheet I got one number in the wrong column. Under July 30, 2003 the 2002-2003 fourth quarter per capita I got that listed under July 30, 2003 instead of under receipts. And that will affect all of the balances. One additional item there is we had three U.S. Savings Bonds that have failed to get on. We have fifteen thousand dollars invested in those. They haven't reached there maturity yet but those need to be added to the list as well. In the budget I inadvertently left out due to a misunderstanding on my part. The Quartermasters allowance for two thousand dollars that should be added back in there. I have a zero in there you should put two thousand dollars in there. For the officer bonding the number there should be \$753.08 instead of the \$675.08. And down at the bottom that would bring your balance the balance of your receipts and income to zero or I should say expenditures and receipts. So that balances. Under the Permanent Fund under Life Member payments on the expenses I got \$1,500.00 there that should have read Life Member Per Capita which we are transferring

from the permanent fund per regulations into the budget. There should be another, the title for that one should be Life Member Per Capita. The Life Member payments should be \$2,200.00 and I've got \$1,500.00 in there. The Life Member Per Capita should be \$1,500.00. That changes the totals as well. And that should take care of it. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Bud, would you like to add anything to the Quartermaster Report at this time?

**National Quartermaster Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson**

No.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Linn Hoadley, are you ready to talk about the NMAL?

**National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Linn P. Hoadley**

Commander-in-Chief, just one correction. The membership now is 124 due to the three new *Members* that were given to me by Brother Darby.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Gary, for our Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, would you like to share anything at this time, sir?

**National Camp-at-Large Department Organizer Gary L. Gibson**

Nothing that I can think of, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good. Thank you. National Chaplain, would you like to say anything else at this time?

**National Chaplain – William B. M<sup>c</sup>Afee**

No, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good, thank you. Chief of Staff Michael Bennett, anything to add to your report, sir?

**National Chief of Staff Michael S. Bennett**

Nothing, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good. National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd Shillington. Sir?

**National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd Shillington**

Yes sir, I would. Brothers, I would like to add emphasis in my report you will see and this is an attempt to preserve our cannons from disappearing. I have this italicized. "*All Departments should be actively lobbying their State Legislatures to pass laws to severely punish those who would steal or harm memorials.*" Some states have done this it has been very successful. It needs to be done everywhere. We have some federal protection but it needs to be done on a state-by-state basis. I'm sorry if I sound like I am scolding. Also the program needs to be worked. People need to be out filling out forms, CW6, CWF61 and sending them in, response this year has been very low. Some have virtually completed their entire Departments that's wonderful, others have hardly started.

Please work on this Gentlemen and I would like to point out one thing. I don't like to quote regulations but I am going to in this case. The officers of a Department shall be and included at the end is a Civil War Memorials Officer. Gentlemen, this is not an optional position it needs to be filled and it needs to be worked. Department Commanders please see to this and please work that. Thank you very much Commander-in-Chief.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, Todd. National Counselor Pahl, would you like to add anything at this moment?

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Very briefly. In addition to the two formal opinions rendered as National Counselor, I am also representing the Order in a lawsuit against the Order in the state of Massachusetts where we were mistakenly sued. Thinking that we had interest in a piece of property that we don't have an interest in, but I am trying to get us an interest in.

But it's over a *Veteran Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Association*, they thought because we had inherited from the Grand Army (G.A.R.) all the Grand Army property, that we were also responsible for the various *Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Associations*. We are not. So I am getting us dismissed from that action. But that is the only other thing that I have going this year as Counselor.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good, sir. Thank you. Gentlemen, with that we are going to take a break and we will reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

**MORNING BREAK**

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Gentlemen, I would like to introduce Brother Larry Roach, Commander of the Department of Iowa, for *Greetings* from his Department and the Host Committee. Larry.

**DC Larry Roach Department of Iowa**

Such smiling faces out there. I really enjoy this. If you haven't had a chance to read my introduction letter I would like to say part of it right now. I salute you. You and your ancestors have joined an organization to save our country and save our Flag. You have joined to save their memory and I salute you for that. And welcome to Iowa, thank you for traveling so far and I am looking forward to seeing you men next year in New Hampshire. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, Larry. Brother Petrovic, do you have anything to add to your Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report?

**National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator**

No, I don't Commander. It stands as is.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good. At this moment I would like to call on Brother Al Peterson to come forward please.

**PDC Alan Peterson Department of California & Pacific**

Brothers, my name is Al Peterson from the Department of California & Pacific. We take our Eagle Scout Certificate very serious out there. We have a gentleman, a Brother within our Department that we would like to present an Eagle Scout Certificate to. First let me read the letter that we sent or that we will give. Dear Eagle Scout. All though you achieved the rank of Eagle Scout sometime ago, once an Eagle Scout always an Eagle Scout. We offer our sincere congratulations on that achievement. As we recognize the accomplishments of those who have recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout knowing the dedication, persistence and loyalty. We also recognize what you have accomplished over the years and became a role model for the younger boys and to your family as well. As we relied on those young men who served during the Civil War 1861-1865 we have relied on you to continue your role as a leader to your family, community, country and continue to maintain and improve life in your community and country as our ancestors did almost a century and a half ago. The Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is honored to present this certificate to you and offer our most sincere congratulations. Will Past Department Commander Brad Schall come forward please?

**PDC Brad Schall, Department of California & Pacific**

Got even didn't you.

**PDC Alan Peterson Department of California & Pacific**

Got even. Thank you. Commander, if I may while I am at the microphone; we have in front of us the Eagle Scout Report from Brother Petrovic and looking at the report it seems a little deceiving. It indicates the number of certificates that he had request for, but it doesn't show the actual numbers of each Department and what they presented or sent out. So, you know perhaps Brother Petrovic could clear this up?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, what would you have to add for California & Pacific?

**PDC Alan Peterson Department of California & Pacific**

California & Pacific presented or distributed 696 certificates.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Bob, do you have any comment?

**National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Robert M. Petrovic**

It is going to be hard to do that because you have Camps that also gave them out so the 696 they have, and all the Camps giving out individual ones, you could have almost fifteen hundred. To file all of this would be quite a job.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

I also realize that there is always the possibility that some Camps may have some leftovers from previous administrations and pass them on to young men who obtained Eagle Scout Rank.

Okay. We have a gentleman in our midst that I would like to have stand up and be recognized. I met him out in California in March. He is a Highway Patrolmen out there, so he sees first hand a great deal of U.S. Highway 6 through Nevada and California. Sir?

**Brother Gary Parrott, Department of California & Pacific**

I'm Gary Parrott from the General William Passmore Calin Camp in Gardnerville, Nevada. Although I am a Highway Patrol Officer in the state of California the closest Sons of Union Veterans Camp I have is in Gardnerville, and I am pleased to be here.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well you are doing a great job out there and we are happy to have you here. Thank you. National Graves Registration Officer, Brother Kennedy, would you like to add anything to your report at this time?

**National Graves Registration Officer Leo F. Kennedy**

I would, sir. Brothers, the report has been published but I just wanted to mention a couple of things. First of all in the report you will see to date we had two hundred and eighty-three thousand records into the database. We are working with an online database as well. We are having some complications with that it has been somewhat of a disappointment but that is being worked on. We are hoping to solve that problem rather rapidly. But I would like to point out as I was typing up this report I did not have enough time to import records from the Department of New York. They sent in just over twenty thousand records, which would push us over the three hundred thousand mark for the graves. So I think we have done pretty well and I just wanted to thank everybody for all their hard work. To all the individuals, all the Camps and all the Departments. They really do make this worthwhile and especially thank you from the committee.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Outstanding. Thank you. That concludes our reports from the officers. I will call on the National Secretary to share communications. Sir?

**National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

We have a resolution from the Department of Maine. To the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Brothers of the Department of Maine at the 122<sup>nd</sup> Department Encampment held June 26, 2004 in Waterville, Maine have approved the following resolution and now present it to the Encampment for your consideration. "Whereas the increased per capita due to National had forced numerous members of our Order to either withdraw from membership or be dropped from membership and whereas the total price

of membership includes badge, initiation fees, rituals, and documentation of ancestry is discouraging interested persons from applying for membership and whereas we believe a larger Order is a stronger Order therefore be it resolved that this Encampment of the Department of Maine to urge the National Encampment to modify its dues structure and associated cost to reduce the monetary burden of the Brethren of the Order.”

The next communication is from the Ohio Department. “Whereas Brother Alan Howey transferred his membership from the Department of Tennessee to the Department of Ohio and whereas Brother Howey is now a member of William T. Sherman Camp number 91, Department of Ohio and whereas Brother Howey is Past Department Commander of the Department of Tennessee, therefore be it resolved that the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War request the title to Past Department Commander Department of Ohio be conferred to Brother Alan Howey.”

The next one from the Department of Ohio. “Whereas over the past two years the Federal Government has been heavily cutting funding to the Nation’s Civil War National Parks while salaries and maintenance costs are rising annually; and whereas, prior to budget reductions the Nation’s Civil War National Parks were already operating at a minimum budget; and whereas, important maintenance needs must now be ignored by the National Civil War Parks because of larger and larger budget cuts thus endangering the preservation of this Nation’s heritage; and whereas, Civil War Parks are the most visited type of National Parks in the U.S.; therefore, be it resolved, that Brooks-Grant Camp number 7 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War asks that federal funding be sufficiently increased to handle inflationary cost of staffing and maintenance of the Federal Civil War Parks and be it further resolved that Brooks-Grant Camp number 7 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ask the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to adopt this position and refer it to the National Organization. Which it was concurred and passed up the Department of Encampment and therefore passed on to National.”

Let’s see, the next one from Department of Pennsylvania. “Whereas, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is actually supporting the memory of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and members of the Revenue Cutter Service By creating major databases of information including graves data, information on memorials, and Grand Army of the Republic information, and; whereas this data should be and is being made available for research using multiple sources, and; WHEREAS these projects were started before National standards of digital storage were even considered, and; whereas the Library of Congress has been named the lead agent for the National Digital Preservation Program, and;

Whereas other participating agencies include the White House Office of Science and Technology and Policy, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Library Association, and The Research Libraries Group, and; whereas funding for this initiative is being provided by the Federal Government, and the Getty and Pew Foundations; now therefore be it resolved that the Department of Pennsylvania in Annual Encampment assembled does encourage the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to participate in and meet the standards of the National Digital Strategy Advisory Board. This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, June 26th, 2004.”

Another from the Department of Pennsylvania. “Whereas many of the current forms in use by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for supporting the installation of officers and membership information requires insufficient data in particular mailing address; be it resolved that the Department of Pennsylvania Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Encampment assembled request that the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reconsider it’s forms and redesign them to include the information needed by officers in the Departments. This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Department of Pennsylvania Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on June 26, 2004. Sir communications have been read.”

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, Ed. We will refer those to the appropriate committees. This point brings us to Unfinished Business. Do we have any unfinished business? Brother Peterson?

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California Pacific**

Commander-in-Chief and officers and delegates, my name is Alan Peterson from the California & Pacific Department. I would like to introduce and present a resolution which we feel is of great importance to all of us as U.S. citizens and Sons of Union Veterans.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Excuse me, Al. Is this unfinished business?

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California Pacific**

This is under unfinished business, yes.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good. Please proceed. Excuse me.

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California Pacific**

Legislation was introduced in congress of the United States by a congressman from Hawaii back in 1999 it was cosponsored by a representative Jim Gibbons of Nevada to restore Memorial Day. Back to its traditional day of May 30<sup>th</sup>. Bill S189 as it’s called seemed to have got bogged down in committee and there it sits. We have had no movement

on this bill since it was introduced in January of 1999. The time is now Brothers. The ball has been fumbled in attempt to pick the ball up when a petition was put online. But only six hundred and ninety-five people have signed that petition to date. The ball was fumbled again. On the Web site there was a Memorial Day pole. Eleven hundred and twenty-two people who took that pole eighty-five percent of those want to restore Memorial Day back to May 30<sup>th</sup>. Only twenty-eight percent of Americans are aware of what Memorial Day really is. That is very sad. This resolution should give us a jump-start to go out and gather as many signatures as possible. It is the obligation and duty of each one of us to continue on and carry out the wishes of our Forefathers who gave so much to us. Signatures can be gathered at home, by relatives, neighbors, co-workers, at meetings, reenactments, malls, sporting events, any place where people gather. Ask for permission at supermarkets, drug stores to set up tables for this purpose. Use your imagination. Because of the recent conflict in Iraq and other countries our pride and honor is at an all time high. The American people are crying out for help and will sign the petitions. The time is now. Brothers all you need to do is make copies of the petition, distribute them to every member in your Department and Camp and encourage them to distribute them as far out as the imagination can take. The person signing the petition need not be a registered voter but a concerned citizen. Whereas in observance with general order number 11 issued by General John Logan in 1868 the 30<sup>th</sup> of May was designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers and otherwise decorating graves of Comrades, who died in defense of their country and whereas all Americans are encouraged to aide and assist those who may be left among us as sacred charges of the Nations gratitude the widows and orphans of Soldiers and Sailors who served the Union. And then whereas the purpose of Memorial Day is to honor Veterans and is set aside originally by the Grand Army of the Republic as the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May. Whereas we as Americans should pay honor, Not only to those who served during the Civil War but to all wars and conflicts alike. Be it resolved that the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War along with the Auxiliary to the Sons, The Ladies of the Grand Army, The National Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of the Union Veterans will take the initiative to persuade, encourage all Americans young and old alike and lead the Nation in obtaining as many signatures as possible in the petitions. For the resolve that these petitions will be presented to Congress of the United States for consideration and action. Finally resolved the time is now to move ahead, to persuade those responsible for the United States Congress, the President of the United States to adopt legislation of Bill S189 Restoring Memorial Day back to it's traditional day of May 30<sup>th</sup>. And I have made up a packet for every Department Commander or their representatives with a petition. So all

you got to do is pick one up. I have them here and let's move on as I said Brothers the time is now.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, thank you Brother Peterson. Sir, do you have a copy of that, that we can refer to our Encampment Committee on resolutions? All right. Gentlemen, any other unfinished business? Going once. Going twice. Gone.

We are going to move on to the reports of the National Standing Committees. I will call on the National Committee on Americanization and Education. Tim, do you have any recommendations?

**PDC Timothy H. Downey, Department of Kentucky**

Brothers, if you will take note I believe it is page twenty-seven in the packet of the reports the committee on Americanization and Education has started a new project that we would like to see all the Departments participate in but there was an article about this in the most recent BANNER, if you took note of that. And basically I will make this real brief and quick. The Kentucky, Department of Education puts out a journal to all of its teachers. I'm assuming that all the other states have a similar publication that goes to their teachers. Within that publication there is also a section of resources that are available for teachers, books you know whatever. So what I did was put together just a simple list of resources for starters the Civil War that can be found on line particularly related to Kentucky. So I searched through the internet different web pages that already exist and gathered together a couple of dozen sites, specifically about Kentucky, others are about the war in general. Just wrote that out on a piece of paper, sent in a piece to Kentucky Teacher Journal that said this is available. You know, if every teacher will just send me a self-addressed stamped envelope I'll give you one of these. So ideally I will be hearing from teachers in Kentucky that will be getting this resource and of course you know cleverly at the bottom of the page I have supplied by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, SUVCW.org. Okay, so they know who we are. So really if just somebody within each Department would do that. I would suggest that the Department Commander appoint somebody, contact your Department of Education do you put out some kind of journal like that. Put together this page of resources and place similar add or you could even maybe on your Department web page just have them right there so the teacher wouldn't even have to send a self-addressed envelope. Just go to the web page. So I think that this is a really ideal opportunity for the teachers to make contact with not only our organization but also be able to study the world more fully. Because I am sure if any of you have seen your average eighth grade U.S. History text, those chapters that cover the Civil War, most of them are pretty disappointing to say the least and obviously there is going to be nothing in there about some particular State. So I think this

is a pretty good opportunity for our educators to be able to quickly learn more to teach our students.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Sir, we appreciate those efforts and those suggestions but do you have a recommendation for this body to vote on?

Okay. Sir?

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Charles Kuhn, Pennsylvania. I would move you that we list on our web site a list of all the resources available that this man has so that any teacher that accesses our web site can get that list of on line resources to go directly to and attach hot links to go to those locations.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very well. Brother Kent Peterson, would you care to speak to how much of that is already there?

**National Webmaster Kent A. Peterson, Department of Wisconsin**

Commander, some of this information is out there. Right off the top of my head I don't know really how expensive it would be if you wanted to include information about all of the States. But if you got it I can certainly use it to expand what we already have on the web site. If you want to forward that to me.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Is there support for Brother Kuhn's motion?

**PDC Timothy H. Downey, Department of Kentucky**

I second it.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

It's been moved and seconded to have all that information posted to the Web site. Any further discussion?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Darby.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby**

For those of you who are familiar with the web site for about a year and a half now there is a section called "Teachers, Scholars and Students" which links to at least ten or fifteen Web sites and about twenty different articles just on the Civil War. I think that would be the place in which to put it.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed, the same sign. Motion carries. Thank you.

I'll call on the National Committee on Civil War Memorials. Brother Schillington, do you have any recommendations, sir?

**National Civil Wars Memorial Officer Todd Shillington**

No sir, I do not.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Brother Pahl, it's your turn to get up at bat. We will call on the Constitution and Regulations Committee. Do you have any recommendations, sir?

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Here we go. The report of the committee begins on page twenty-three of the officer's report materials. There are several recommendations for modification to past Constitution and Regulations. For Brotherly sake because you have the specific language in your hands I will introduce each topic and rather than read each specific amendment into the record you got it there and we can move on into discussion. Number 1 is at the National Quartermaster be a non-voting member of the counsel administration to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief on an annual basis rather than to be elected. And towards that end we are recommending three specific changes to the constitution regulations and I move you of those changes be adopted by this Encampment.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Is there a second?

**PCinC George L. Powell, Department of Pennsylvania**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second by Brother Powell. All right. Bud, did you want to speak to the Quartermaster issue?

**National Quartermaster Elmer "Bud" Atkinson**

Gentlemen, you all know me, Bud Atkinson. I have been your Quartermaster for the last fifteen years. I have decided last year that this would be my last year to do it. This change for the C&R on Quartermaster I figure is not right at all for the office. First of all the office contains a lot of work and most of the time I average at least twenty hours a week just working on the Quartermasters supplies and practically you all know when some of the orders you always have a little note in there asking me questions and all and some times I have it right away and other times I have to look it up for you. And I answer all of your questions. You call me on the telephone many of times, through the day, and I am sorry to say some of you forget time limits and I get some late calls at night coming from all over, questions about the supplies. Not only that the Quartermaster supplies in order to have it and all you need a large space. I have a room up in my attic, which is approximately twelve foot wide and about twenty foot wide, and it is filled with boxes and all that are supplied for the Quartermaster. Now with that first thing the work that the Quartermaster does I think is pretty well up to close of the level of what the National Treasurer does or what the National Secretary does. He's the only man up there and he is more in contact with the general membership than anybody. Every one of you has my

name, address, telephone number and e-mail right at your fingertips on your order blank. And all of you have been using it which I am not complaining about. But what I am is, I think this job qualifies to be a regular officer and have the voting rank that it has been doing for the last I would say twelve years that I've been doing it. And another thing is what they are talking about is having a Quartermaster being appointed every year. Do you realize what it is going to take to have this supply moved and any new Commander-in-Chief comes in there and he might have a friend or something that he wants to put as Quartermaster it will be changing it, it will be changed to many times and I still don't know how you are going to move things around. Right now, if it goes through with the new Quartermaster coming he is going to have to bring a truck down to my house in order to get everything moved. And I think once we get a man in there for a three year term I think we need to keep and if he does a good job, we can, if somebody gets in there that don't do a good job you guys can pull them out real fast. But I think down through the years I have very little complaints. I know before I took this job that when that guy before me well you waited two or three months to get supplies. And that has not been the case since that time. Practically everybody here bought your badges from me and I say men as the job, is being done if it's not broke don't fix it. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussion?

**Brother Joseph Selega Department of New Jersey**

I read through all the items that were distributed yesterday including these proposals. One of the things that struck me is that nowhere is there any description or listing even of the purposes for each one of these. What are the benefits that each proposal is going to provide to the Order number one. And number two are there any detriments or downsides to any of these proposals. I too believe with Quartermaster Atkinson that a one year transfer is I don't believe that's the right way to go. The time and the time that's needed to become familiar and to really do this job for the Order is much more than really can be handled in a brief time period. But I would like to see purposes provided for each one of the items there listed there. What are the benefits to the Order and what are the detriments. Thank you very much Commander.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Jim, did you want to speak to this?

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

I would be happy to address that as to the first two items because they are both I think the same purpose. There was a resolution on the Encampment floor last year about changing the composition of the council and the committee thought that there was some grain of merit to the concept and that is what we have been struggling with all year is how

do we make the governing Council of Administration more responsive to the needs of the Order and more representative of the Order as a whole, Our National Charter, our marching orders from the Congress of the United States. Let me see if I can find it. The form of government of corporation must be representative of the Membership-at-Large and not member of the concentration or control of a limited number of members or self-perpetuating group not representative of the Members-at-Large. That was our goal in setting forth the first and second items is to make the council more representative of the Membership-at-Large. To provide a broader diversification of opinion and we felt that making an odd number of members on a council and eliminating the Quartermaster as a voting member of the council, electing more general council members would allow a broader base of representation and that was the purpose behind both number one and number two. So are there any downsides, a person potentially would lose a vote on Council of Administration but they don't lose a voice. They would still be a non-voting member of the Council of Administration. So that's the committee's thoughts on these two items.

**PDC Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

One of the things that concerns me is the logistics of moving the thing every the possibility of moving the thing annually. What Bud was saying is going to need a truck is not a lie. I mean the Quartermasters stuff is major, you're going to need a good pick-up truck or box truck to haul this stuff. And a person takes that job, it is going to take them at least two to three months to get everything set up and straightened out in his place and get operating. That means if you are going to change it in a year he will actually only do it for a nine month period of time. The term of time should be at least three years and I don't see what is wrong with electing the person. Whether he has a vote on council, I don't have any feeling on that one way or the other. But I think that the length of time somebody should serve in that position is at least three years because once he gets established it is going to take that long for him just to really learn the job and have a system set up that's going to function for him.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, any further discussion? I'm going to have the motion restated one last time.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

The motion is to amend the National Regulations in three specifics and it is set forth in your materials, Chapter 3, Article 4, Sections 2, Sections 4 and Chapter 3 Article 5 Section 5, to change the National Quartermaster to a non-voting member of the Council of Administration and provide that he be appointed office is the motion.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed? Motion fails.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Thank you. If we don't put things out there we don't know what you are thinking. The second concept that Council of Administration be expanded by increasing the number of council members from three to five and further that no two such council members may be from the same Department. It also changed the quorum required for meetings of the Council of Administration from four to six. And so there are specific amendments to the regulations to accomplish that goal. Again, I stated the reason is to provide a broader diversification of representation of the Order. On the National Council of Administration if you would notice that would mean that we elect not only one if we this we pass this today. Tomorrow not only do we elect the existing term that is up but we would have to elect two more. So we could potentially elect three new council members, a new position for a three-year term, a new position for a two-year term and then each council member would serve three years. So that in effect in a three-year cycle we would elect two, two and one. And I move you of the adoption of this amendment to the regulations.

**PDC Ron Gill, Department of Indiana**

I would second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

It's been moved and seconded. Brother Darby, I believe you want to get up and share a few words?

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald A. Darby**

Currently, the C&R requires that the Council of Administration be a majority vote. It also says that the Department and Camp level that it be a plurality vote. I feel that if we are going to change this we need to change the way we vote for the Council of Administration and make it a plurality vote. One, it would cut down on the amount of time that we are going have to be voting and two, it would also have equality between the smaller Departments and the large Departments where a large Department couldn't in a way manipulate it. Actually, if you have two, the minimum of two council members from a Department plus the rest of the elected officers they could go into a Council of Administration meeting with five members on the Council. I just feel that if we are going to do this we need to make the way to vote it a plurality vote instead of a majority vote. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussions?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, Brother M<sup>c</sup>Afee?

**National Chaplain – William B. M<sup>c</sup>Afee**

Does the addition of two additional Council members increase the expenses of the Council meetings or the expense to the organization?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

The answer is, “very slightly.” At the November meeting in Gettysburg it will not because there is no reimbursement to any of the members of the council above and beyond the officers that receive reimbursement. Any additional meetings of the council and traditionally there has been one in the spring. The order provides a check to each voting and non-voting council member in attendance for fifty dollars to help cover the expenses of attending this meeting. So it increased the overall expenses to the order if we adopt this by one hundred dollars. And we can absorb that easily in the budget.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussion? Sir?

**Brother Kevin Tucker Department of Massachusetts**

Brother Commander, this is a great step in the right direction. However I just have to wonder why full democratization of the council didn't happen. The original proposal was for each Department up to Department Commander as represented on the council this was cut back quite a bit. And there is still an opportunity coming up in the next election for there to be five members of the ten member Council of Administration and Officer from one Department. It is still an inequality exists. I believe that we should amend the motion in order to reflect every Department Commander. Thank you.

**Severall**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

This is a motion to amend?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

This is a motion to amend, so it is appropriate. You are now increasing the Council membership to twenty, how many? And the expenses there we think that is an unwieldy number. You are now creating a committee that if Moses had a committee this size in parting the Red Sea they would still be there debating. You have to weight the functionality of the committee against the idea goal. And how do you best obtain representation but still get the business done. And if you got twenty, how many Departments we have, plus the elected National Officers potentially thirty members have a vote on the Council of Administration. Council meetings will take days as opposed to hours. And the volume of e-mail and we exchange as members of the Council of Administration e-mails discussing the business of the Order daily. The time of e-mails and people weighing in with opinions and concerns you are instantly making I think every member of the council a full time job. We considered it and we didn't feel that it was practical to have thirty potential voting members of the Council of Administration. So, I stand against the amendment.

**PDC Charles Funk, Department of Missouri**

I believe by adding the Department Commanders you are defeating the purpose of the Council of Administration and would be null and void.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussion on the motion to amend? All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed? Motion failed.

All right, I would like to have a restating of the original motion now.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

The motion being to expand the Council of Administration to increase the number of council members from three to five. Further that no two such council members may be from the same Department. Also to change the quorum requiring the meetings of the Council of Administration from four to six. So specifically that will amend Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 1, we would delete the underlined words, we would add the words in italics. Chapter 3, Article 4 Section 4, Chapter 3, Article 5 Section 5H would be all amended if this motion passes.

**Brother Jim Stephen, Department of Iowa**

Commander, just a point of clarification. There was conversation regarding the voting method. The motion as it appears right now does not change the voting method. The motion as it is now on the floor would still require majority vote for both positions each year is that correct?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Correct.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussion? Sir?

**Brother Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I would make a motion to amend the resolution in order to make the voting method a plurality rather than a majority.

**Severall**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

The motion and support is to amend the original motion, to a plurality vote. Any discussion?

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Commander, I would move that this amendment be tabled and referred to the Encampment Committee of Constitution and Regulations. I think everyone knows how they want to vote but lets give the committee a chance to look at how specifically this will amend the regulations so that we can bring that language back before you as exactly where this is going to change it. I don't have a position one way or the other but if we are going to amend the regulations I think you deserve to have in your hands specifically how that is going to look. And I think you all know how you want to vote so delaying it isn't going to change that at all but will give the Committee a chance to look at the C&R. How specifically will it

amend the regulations and so I ask that that amendment be tabled and not considered at this time.

**DC Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan**

All right, I will second that.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, that is a non-debatable vote gentlemen. All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed? Motion-to-Table passes.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Are we going to table the entire, so that entire number two item will be tabled? The Encampment C&R Committee will come back with a report on the amendment then we can vote on the entire package. Number three, going on to page number twenty-four. To properly recognize and thank former National elected officers who have served the Order over the years. That all former National Elected Officers including Council Members be allowed to wear the National Ribbon on their Membership Badge in perpetuity. To that end of the following sections would be amended. That's Chapter 5, Article 3 Section 2B and 2C. Currently the regulations say that a past National Officer may wear it, if granted a meritorious status. We are asking that it be changed and allow any past National Elected Officer who has served be allowed to wear that ribbon in perpetuity. There are several Brothers in this room who have filled various posts of the Order on a National level and. Gary Gibson Past Council Member, Todd Shillington Past National Secretary. When Brother Newman steps down as National Treasurer. Al Peterson, Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. There are a number of Brothers who have served in elected officers at the National level but they don't have a past badge. And this provides a way to recognize in perpetuity of the contributions of these Brothers to the Order and therefore I move you the adoption of this amendment to the regulations.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Support? Several seconds. Any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

Gentlemen, at this point I would like to recess for lunch. We will be back at 1:00 p.m. and we expect some ladies to join us.

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

**123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment(Second Session August 13,2004)**

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Did everybody have a good bite to eat, stretch the legs, etc. etc.? I would like to call on Eric Schminke Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania. Sir, if you would share a brief announcement please.

**DC Eric Schminke, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brothers, we have with us today a Brother from our Camp in Philadelphia whose wife is a member of the Auxiliary and this day is special to them because they are celebrating their forty-first wedding anniversary and they both forgot it. So with that I would like to know if we can share a round of applause to Brother Harry Lamb and his wife.

Brothers also if there are any candidates running for any positions tomorrow the Pennsylvania Department is hosting a luncheon in the Dogwood Room between twelve and one. If anybody would like, if any candidates would like to visit the luncheon please do so preferably a little bit after twelve thirty so we can all kind of feed our faces. We would like to invite you to come and speak a few words to us. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. Do we have a delegation of the Auxiliary? Gentlemen, let's get an escort for each of these ladies before they are ushered in, please.

**PDC Fredrick Murphy, Department of Wisconsin**

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

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Ladies, would you like to approach the microphone and offer any remarks please? And on behalf of everyone here, again, WELCOME. Thank you for coming.

**National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daneille Michaels**

Thank you for allowing us in. It is great to see so many good Brothers here. I hope you are having a good meeting. I came to bring greetings from the Auxiliary to tell you and I came in number to show you that there are many able bodied Auxiliary members that are willing to work with the Sons as Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders. I want to tell you that throughout my travels that I have seen many able people, many Sons, many Auxiliary Members and other Allied Orders that have come together for the same principles that were left to us by the GAR. Each State has different mountains to climb but everyone comes with a gift. And it is nice to see so many stepping forward and sharing their gifts of Charity, Loyalty and Fraternity. With that in mind..... [Gift presented to C-in-C Armstrong]

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, thank you very much.

**National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daneille Michaels**

And a badge. A badge that none of the men have worn yet. This is a brand new badge. It is commemorating our Auxiliary 4, in Wisconsin,

having its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Seeing that I have traveled with you, I feel that you are part of us so...

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Bless you. Thank you, very much.

**National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daneille Michaels**

Also, Brother Pahl, you have served as my Co-Counselor, and I brought you sweets from the sweet.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Thank you.

**National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daneille Michaels**

Brother Darby.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby**

Should I bring my cane?

**National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daneille Michaels**

You are almost sweet enough, but not quite.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby**

Oh, thank you. He knows I'm going to die at some time or other.

**National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daneille Michaels**

Brother Michaels, there is plenty at home so I didn't bring any for you today.

**National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daneille Michaels**

With that in mind, thank you and I hope you have a remainder that's very productive, even if it's noisy. I know you are working hard. So, catch you later. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

I would like now to call on Brother Murphy for our response. Sir?

**PDC Fredrick Murphy, Department of Wisconsin**

Sisters. This a most daunting assignment for me. I must follow a Brother who in the past has given the response to the Ladies mind you a very suave, cultured, experienced, educated gentlemen with a vast command of the English language. And secondly, I am asked to face not a committee of Sons or a bunch of the guys but instead a bevy of lovely, learned and energetic ladies. In deed I am not sure that they made the right decision when they chose this old fella from back hills of Wisconsin to fill in. What a contrast between the two. Reminds me of the old story of the two Alabama born boll-weevils, born at the same time one left home, went to Hollywood and gained fame as an internationally

recognized movie star. The other one remained home in the cotton fields and never gained anything. I am like that second insect the one that became known as the lesser of two weevils. Therefore all that is possible for me to do is tell you what I know to be in the minds and the hearts of your Brothers who stand with you. Sisters you have emboldened us with your support both spiritually and monetarily to try harder, to aim higher, to achieve more than we ever thought possible. Ladies you have made us better than we are. We in turn, all of us, are determined to recognize you, to support you, and to appreciate you as never before. Sisters, please carry this back to your respective Camps and Orders, "We love you." Most sincerely we thank you for being who you are. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, Brother Murphy. Well done, sir. At this point, I would like to have our National Secretary come up and share a few important words.

**National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

They need three Brothers to report to the registration window out there. They haven't signed the registration log. It's not there fault it's just an oversight. Brother Wayne Johnson, Brother Dean Sergeant and Brother Lindon Larson, please report to the registration window out there. The registration will only be open out there until two thirty so if you can get it done before that and they will be opened again tomorrow at seven.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

At this point, I want to have business reconvened and I will ask for Brother Pahl to please pick up where he left off. And if you would Jim, please make a comment on the motion that was tabled.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Point of information. The motion that was tabled referred to a committee to come back and report. That was intended to be an Encampment Committee, to come back to this Encampment. I've almost got something completed so that the committee can confer and probably present this tomorrow morning. When we left off, we had just adopted number three. So on page 24 in your materials picking up with item number 4, that no person may hold more than one elected office at the Camp level at any one time except Secretary, Treasurer. The same to apply at the Department of National level, this does not apply to holding an elected office at two different levels of the Order to that end the following sections would be amended. So that would be in Chapter 1 Camps, Chapter 2 Departments, in Chapter 3 for National Organization by adding the language in each instance that is in italics. And I move you that those amendments be adopted.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Do you support?

**Several Responses**

Support, yes, support.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

It's been moved and supported. Any discussion?

**PDC Alan Russ Department of Kansas**

I would encourage the Encampment to vote no on this issue. Although many Camps have enough members to fill the positions the elected positions occasionally a Camp will fall into a level where although its numbers may be enough to keep the Camp going the acting members are insufficient to fill all the elected positions. Mainly the Council positions by separate people and therefore I would encourage this to be voted down. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

As a point of information, I can share something to help move this along. We had the unfortunate circumstance where a particular Camp had a Camp Commander who also was elected and installed as a Camp Secretary/Treasurer and we know that just cannot be. So, this is where this got the head start from. But is there any other discussion? Sir?

**PDC David V. Medert Department of Ohio**

I'd like to amend that motion to say, if the Camp is above ten, they have to have no one holding two elected positions.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Is there support for that amended motion?

**PDC Alan Russ Department of Kansas**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Any discussion on the purposed amendment?

Again, another point of information. You have to recall that when we get down to the bare-bones of say five *Members*, we are looking at a division of responsibilities. One of those gentlemen being Commander, a second filling the role of Secretary/Treasurer – and in the bare bones way of doing business, the remaining three would be on the Camp Council (the others picking up informally the duties to fill in). Sir?

**Brother Jim Stephen, Department of Iowa**

I think before we consider a vote on this amendment to the motion, we should consider whether or not it should be allowed that the Camp Commander also serve as the Camp Secretary and Treasurer and at the same time one we should consider whether or not the Camp Secretary/Treasurer should also be on the Camp Council. Either one of those situations would defeat the checks and balances in the elected officers position.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

As a point of information, I am trying to find it is already not legal to do this. You can hold more than one elected office in the Camp by proclamation of the previous Commander-in-Chief who is in office. So this has been the practice of the Order for years. By virtue of that and I

can't put my finger right on it, so really as all this is doing is making that requirement a little stronger by taking it out of what a previous Commander-in-Chief ruled and putting it into the regulations. You have the conflict of interest, you have the separation of powers issues. Accountants are more and more frowning upon multiple duties on one person. They are encouraging us to have more than one person looking at any particular issue. Max ran into that as National Treasurer with our National Accountants. So I stand in opposition to the amendment. If you don't have enough Brothers to run the Camp don't, this is hard to say but you know you have to consider you are going to run the Camp. But it is already not legal to do this.

**PDC Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

I think by accepting this amendment we would hamstringing a lot of qualified potential persons in this organization. This organization nationally has six thousand members. Start splitting that up among people. Pennsylvania has the largest Department of about nine hundred members. Even so to carry the task that we all have in those Orders we would seriously hamstring this organization by requiring different people to do different jobs when you have somebody that is competent doing that job now.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Medert, would you please restate your proposed amendment to the original motion?

**PDC David V. Medert, Department of Ohio**

The amendment that I stated was if the Camps that stay above ten, they may not hold a dual elected position - but if they fall below ten they may.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any further discussions? It would be in that order. Do we still have our microphone?

All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed? Let's have a count on that. Those for the amendment to the original motion please stand. Let's get a head count. Guide and Color Bearer, if you'd please assist? One of you take one side of the aisle. One on the other. Thank you.

Those against, please rise. Again, please get a head count.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

The vote was forty-two in favor, fifty-three against gentlemen. The amendment fails. This returns us to the original motion, which I would like to have restated.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

That no person may hold more than one elected office at the Camp level at any one time except Secretary and Treasurer. The same to apply at the Department and National level also. This does not apply to holding an elected office at two different levels of the Order. So that would amend

Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 2. Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 2 and Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 2.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any further discussion?

**Brother William M<sup>c</sup>Afee, Department of Michigan**

It seems to me with umbrella type of regulations like this it doesn't really address the issue that is a concern. The concern is conflict of interest between the Commander and the Secretary/Treasurer or between the Secretary/Treasurer and the Council. Those situations should be addressed instead of a blanket type of amendments or situation like we've got here on the motion.

**PDC Alan Russ, Department of Kansas**

Referring to Article 4, Section 1, the regulations currently read that the Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Council. That does keep the Council separate from those who control the money. And if the issue is concern about Commander and Secretary/Treasurer not being the same I feel that should be addressed specifically for that issue. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Todd?

**PDC Todd Shillington, Department of New York**

Jim maybe you can answer this for me. If we are allowed to have a Camp with five members yet there shall be minimum of seven officers is that leave another.... Should this amendment pass wouldn't that require that we adjust that the minimum amount of members for a Camp also.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

That would seemingly be an anomaly.

**PDC Todd Shillington, Department of New York**

Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Keith?

**PCinC Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief, Jim, basically we don't have to elect a Junior Vice, Senior Vice. In the case of our own Camp started off with five members. We had a Camp Commander, Secretary/Treasurer and then Council members. We did not have a Junior Vice, Senior Vice. Now are we saying that we also have to have those positions filed then we got a major problem with this amendment?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

We are not saying they have to fill them. Just saying that the same person can't hold them.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

This is what I shared a minute ago, as the *bare bones* of five men in a Camp. For checks and balances you have one man as your Commander, a

second man as Secretary/Treasurer, the remaining three men on the Camp Council and that is what balances things out. Any further discussion? Second time, sir.

**PDC David V. Medert, Department of Ohio**

Just a clarification for this *Appalachian, Ohio boy*. The way Article 4, Section 1 states the officers of the Camp “shall be.” does that mean that you will have these officers or should that term be changed to “may be.” Because right now you got more officers in there then what the minimum requirement is to have the Camp. Yes section two shall also.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

I think the Commander-in-Chief has already explained that. You don't have to elect them. Junior Vice, it's not, well you got a ruling from the Commander-in-Chief.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay. Any other takers? All right. Does anyone need the motion restated? If not we will proceed to vote. All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed, same sign. Well, let's do it by head count again. Gentlemen, those for it, please stand and lets get a count. From my vantage point it looks pretty close. Thank you, gentlemen. Please be seated.

Those opposed, please rise. Gentlemen, the vote was forty-nine in favor, sixty-eight against. Motion failed.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

As things come up, and there is a specific case that brought this about, we discuss it at the committee level and we came up with a proposal. That is why we are here to discuss it and to make a decision as a body and so I think we are doing a good job. We are having fun. Number five; a deficiency has been identified in our annual reports that omit several Brothers of the Order from being included in our National Membership list. I think for once I am actually explaining why we are doing this. By omitting life members, junior and honorary members from being reported when those Brothers should appear on our membership list. So I am proposing an amendment to Chapter 1, Article 6, Section 9 that right now the way the section read is you the Camp reports the Department, the Department reports to National on those persons whom per capita tax is being paid. If we eliminate that language then the Camp will report to the Department and the Department will report to National the Life Members, the Juniors, all these people who were not paying per capita and yet we are still getting an accurate count. And so this is kind of a hold over house keeping issue from when we went to the annual reporting system we kind of missed this one and this has been brought to our attention by the National Officers that receive the reports and noted the deficiency and so I move the amendment or the amendment or I move the adoption of this amendment to our regulations.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Is there support?

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Discussion? There being none, all in favor raise your right hand. Those opposed? Motion carried. Thank you.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Item number 6 again on page twenty-five, interest was expressed to allow current officers some means of device that they could wear identifying the current office held to others. Coming off the report this came from the National Chaplain were the request that Chaplains be allowed to wear a small cross on their membership badge to distinguish their office. The committee determined that allowing only Chaplains to wear a distinctive device and omit other serving officers would not be fair to those other officers. The committee also felt and determined that our membership badge is full of devices and attachments as it is. So we have determined to allow Brothers to wear a Union Army Kepi while attending functions of the Order with appropriate devices attached. To that the following section will be added amending Chapter 5, Article 3 by adding Section 12, you would wear a kepi if you are a National serving officer on the top of the Kepi would be the Coat-of-Arms. On the kepi would be the wreath with SUV in it and then a number of stars will denote the office currently held. Commander-in-Chief four stars, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief three stars, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or Secretary/Treasurer two stars other certain enumerated National Offices one star. The Department and the Camp level you would wear a device on the top of the kepi that is adopted by the Department. In the Michigan Department that is the Seventh Corp badge, crescent moon in red and then on the front that would be a SUV wreath and then the Department Commander can wear four silver stars, the Senior Vice three silver stars at the Camp level of the Camp Commander would wear four bronze stars. Again this would allow Chaplains to wear a small cross on the kepi determining their office, Gold at National, silver at Department, bronze at Camp level and thereby giving a method area of recognizing that this Brother has an office in the Order at some level of the organization and letting people know where they're at. So I move the adoption of this amendment to the regulations.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Support? George Powell seconds. Any discussion?

**Brother Tom Schmidt, Department of Kansas**

I would like to amend the motion if possible to also allow the black slouch hats. In the west that was a standard in the GAR post out west and allow those also.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second to that. Before we get to you Dave, is there any discussion on that, to allow the black slouch hat as well as the kepi?

No discussion? All in favor of the proposed amendment to the original motion, say Aye.

**Many**

Aye.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All opposed?

**Few**

No.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Motion carried. All right, now I want to recognize Dave Stephen.

**PDC Dave Stephen, Department of Iowa**

A quick question. Would those stars then be like the yellow ribbon and be worn in perpetuity then?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Right now the way that this is written it would indicate current office held within the Order. Except in the case of a Past Commander. A Past Commander could still wear those stars. So these would be current office held.

**PDC Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Charlie Kuhn Pennsylvania again. I think we have overlooked a simple fact that there are Hebrew Brothers among us or Jewish Brothers, we are using a cross as an insignia of a Chaplain. What say if the Star of David would be used or some other Star if that is their religious belief. I think that we are limiting this to a particular religious belief or religious faith where as in our organization we pray to a God but we don't necessarily pray to Jesus.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, do you want to offer a motion to amend?

**PDC Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

I will offer the motion to amend that the Chaplain may wear an insignia appropriate to his specific religious belief.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

There is support. Any further discussion? All in favor of the motion say

Aye.

**Many**

Aye.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All opposed? Motion carried. Sir?

**Brother Dave Schleeter, Department of California Pacific**

I just wanted to make my observation that I'm not opposed to idea of having insignia for officers but I think we are getting a little rank heavy when the Commander of the SVR only wears one star and the Camp Guard can only be Captain and now we've got how many four star Generals running around the place. I think that this should be sent back to Committee to put in some more commences at rank levels as insignia for the Camp, Department and National Officers.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, sir.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Okay. If I may respond to that, one of the things that we looked at was reintroducing the rank strap system that the Order at one time held where the Brother would wear a small rank strap above their badge with the appropriate color and a military rank. That practice was discontinued at the specific request of the Grand Army Republic and therefore the Committee felt that it was not appropriate to reintroduce something that the Grand Army asked us not to do. So what to do that was not military in nature to indicate that? We came up with a system of stars, not a four star General or a Major General but just a number of stars to indicate that as one device that we felt would be readily available to the Order to purchase. That it was a method of indicating it so it wasn't intended to be military in nature it was intended to be a device that we could readily obtain and adapt to our purposes and specifically not in a military nature. So it wasn't intended as a military designation. On the SVR General it is a shoulder strap, it's a military uniform it is a Brigadier General, it does have the appearance of military but what do you do that doesn't have the appearance of a military rank unless you use cheerios or something. I don't know, we debated that specific point in trying to come up with something that we could have and that is what we felt was the best available choice given economics and availability and recognition and reconcilability. We looked at what you know Ed Krieser wears from time to time and it is a slouch hat and he has four stars underneath his wreath and I think everyone recognized that's what it was. And if there is continuity there and there is a trade off, there is a trade off. I don't know what else we can do. I don't know.

**Brother Jerry Savre, Department of California & Pacific**

Someone just reminded me the point of Order that was a motion do we have to work on his motion first?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

No, I didn't understand it as a motion. I thought it was a suggestion.

**Brother Jerry Sayre, Department of California & Pacific**

Okay. Just, someone tapped me on the shoulder and asked me to say that. I have a question as well. I wear my hat in honor of my ancestors unit. I also have a hat from my SVR unit. How many more hats are involved? I'm Department Junior Vice Commander, I'm also Camp Commander.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

However many hats you choose to have.

**Brother Jerry Sayre, Department of California & Pacific**

Okay.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

It's not mandatory it's just throwing it out there. Its something that you can wear that the Order would recognize but it is not obligatory on anyone. There is nothing that says you can't wear the hat you got on right now.

**Brother Jerry Sayre, Department of California & Pacific**

Okay.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

There is nothing that says you can't wear something else or a baseball cap but this is just something that we can adopt and throw out and say this is a possibility. It's not obligatory.

**Brother Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I think it does say no other device on the hat.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

On the hat, no other device on the hat.

**Brother Kevin Tucker Department of Massachusetts**

So, there are many re-enactors or members of other groups that wear a kepi as a sign of respect to Union Veterans in our meetings. And we are now telling them that they can't wear them anymore? They can only wear the assigned ones that we are allowing them to wear?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

This is optional. This is not obligatory.

**Brother Kevin Tucker Department of Massachusetts**

But it does say no other device in here.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

If you choose to wear the hat under this regulation this is the format. Yes.

**Brother Kevin Tucker Department of Massachusetts**

But, again.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

If you wear a different hat you are choosing to wear a different hat.

**Brother Kevin Tucker Department of Massachusetts**

All right. In clarification it can be a kepi of any kind with any insignia or a slouch, I'm sorry. Or if you decide to go with this hat it has to be done this way. It is very confusing to me. I would say yes that is exactly what it is.

**DC John Irons, Department of Oklahoma**

I just have a question to ask. Is this something that is going to be bought from the Quartermaster or is this going to be something that each Department can choose to use? Maybe that might help settle some of this.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

The way this is written is that the National Quartermaster, okay. Brothers holding certain specified offices may wear it. All such device be a standard size as determined by the National Quartermaster. However the National Quartermaster need not carry or sell these devices. The National Quartermaster may license others to market said devices. So this is if your Camp can come up with a source of supply, if it meets the standard set by the Quartermaster you are free to pursue that or the Quartermaster in another alternative it can license people to sell this on behalf of the Order and again the way this is worded you don't have to use that supply source. You can use your own supply source. You can make them your selves as long as they fit the specifications that the Quartermaster will publish.

**PCinC David R. Medert, Department of Ohio**

I have a question. With all these stars now that we can wear on our hats are they going to be this big, this big, this big, there's got to be regulation on the size of the stars because somebody is going to put great big ones on there and some guys going to put little ones.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

To answer that question again the regulations specifically states the Quartermaster is to determine the size rather than us specify a size and have the Quartermaster go out there and find it isn't available. We are going to let the Quartermaster have a little discretion find what is available, decide on something that is suitable and appropriate. I may be predicted a little from our or projecting that if you can't trust Danny Wheeler to do that we might as well pack it up. I think we can even trust Bud to do that so we left a little discretion to the Quartermaster because we weren't sure what was exactly available and that's what again we are looking at costs. We want to make sure that we can get the best product for the cheapest price so we didn't want to specify something and turn out it's not available and slit ourselves in the throat.

**PCinC David R. Medert, Department of Ohio**

But you said these are available not only through the Quartermaster but any place.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

If it meets the specifications that the Quartermaster sets out you can obtain it from any source supply you choose.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussion?

**PDC Todd Shillington, Department of New York**

Commander-in-Chief, Todd Shillington New York. Now are we ready to vote on the original motion? Because I would offer a friendly amendment. That the duly, adopted Department symbol also be allowed to be attached to this kepi and or slouch hat.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

It's already there.

**PDC Todd Shillington, Department of New York**

Thank you very much.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good. All right gentlemen, let's find out if you like this or not. All in favor please raise your right hand. All opposed, same sign. All right, put the hands down. All in favor, please rise. Let's get a count.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

This was supposed to be a *no-brainer*. This was an easy one. We thought everybody would like it.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Those opposed, please rise. Okay, the vote is fifty-nine in favor, sixty-seven against. Motion failed.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Gentlemen, the committee is still faced with a concern of aligning Brothers some way to designate current office held. Would there be objections to a policy statement that if you choose to wear a cap of any type that you could follow this system as a policy statement that we could maybe put in the Digest if you choose to do that you can to show current office held or no.

**Many**

No.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Or just let people wear what they want and leave it alone? Just leave it alone?

**PDC Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Commander, Charlie Kuhn from Pennsylvania. We all wear a badge here that indicates what our rank is okay. This indicates that I'm Past Department Commander the Department Commander wears a red ribbon and a gold badge and Camp Commander wears a silver medallion with a blue ribbon. More, and more rank we will start looking like Russian Admirals here or something, you know.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

I had to ask. Brothers just for your information, when the Encampment is concluded all the amendments to the regulations will be published by me in a separate report that will be provided to the editor of the Banner and it will be posted to the Web site so you can get that information as quickly as possible. Because there are going to be more regulation amendments

coming. Once the committee then reviews the revised C&R that will also be published to the Web site so that you will have available to you the 2004 edition so to speak. So, I wanted to let you know watch for those things on the web and the Banner because they will be coming out so that you will have a written record of what happened with these regulations. Thank you. That concludes the report of the Committee.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

That's a lot of work there, and it's good that we can have fun over it. Brother Schall, do you have anything in the way of a recommendation from your Committee, sir?

**PDC D. Brad Schall, Department of California & Pacific**

No.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Kennedy, any recommendations, sir, for Graves Registration?

**National Graves Registration Officer Leo F. Kennedy**

No.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Darby, Committee on membership, any recommendations?

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby**

No, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good. Bud, for Military Affairs, do you have any formal recommendations?

**National Quartermaster Elmer "Bud" Atkinson**

Yeah, I have two proposals in with my original report.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, this is on the Committee and National Military Affairs. Did you want to channel anything through the body now, as a Committee report?

**National Quartermaster Elmer "Bud" Atkinson**

Yes.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Brother Commander, if I could make a housekeeping motion at this time while we're waiting for Bud to get to the microphone. I move that any recommendation not requiring a change to the C&R be approved by the sound of the gavel unless an objection is voiced.

**Severall**

Second

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second, all in favor say, "Aye."

**Many**

Aye.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All opposed? Very good. Bud?

**National Quartermaster Elmer “Bud” Atkinson**

Okay gentlemen, these are proposals of changes to SUVCW regulations as to juniors. Well the first one is changes to chapter 4 article 1 section 2 which reads now to be eligible for or in order to maintain membership in the SVR a Brother should be a member, an associate, or a junior in good standings in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We want to add a sentence to this, “Juniors at the SVR events may not carry any weapons or accoutrements pertaining to weapons nor will they work any artillery pieces except positions 5, 6 and 7.” Right now it is in our regulations that we do not carry anything in the SVR regulations to have juniors. In the National Regulations that a junior can anything that regular member does but it hasn’t been carried over to the SVR. So this would bring it over in the SVR. The other one that came up quite a few times before and it’s been brought up again with a slight changing and that is a rank for the Commanding General of the SVR. But bring them up to the rank of a Major General. It would be in Chapter 4 Article 1. The change would be the in no case may the rank of a Commanding Officer be higher than a Major General. In other words it would bring them up one star it would under circumstances. Under Article Section 2, third sentence I want to go to Section 5 and we list the positions and the ranks and the ranks are according to the number of members there are in the SVR. For 500 to 1500 the rank of the General would be Brigadier General. If it goes over the 1500 his rank would go up to Major General.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any questions?

**National Quartermaster Elmer “Bud” Atkinson**

Henry, there, can answer any questions. Okay, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Thank you, Bud.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Can I get a copy of that please?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Michaels, do you have any formal recommendations from Program and Policy?

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels**

No, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

And Bud, if I may call on you again sir, for Remembrance Day? Any formal recommendations?

**National Quartermaster Elmer “Bud” Atkinson**

No.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, thank you. Believe it or not we are on to reports of our Special Committees. I call on Jeffrey Stephen. Sir, do you have any formal

recommendations from the National Committee on Civil War Flag Conversation?

**Brother Jeffrey Stephen, Department of Iowa**

Not at this time.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good. Brothers Kuhn and Schall are co-chairs on our National Committee for Civil War Heritage Defense Fund. Do you have any formal recommendations?

**PDC Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brothers, last year at the National Encampment we established this fund to take legal action against those who deface the value monuments or destroy them by sell of cannon tubes or any other such kind of thing. So far I don't think we have taken very much money into that account. We need to take an assertive effort to put money in there because if we have to go to court on something it is going to cost us a serious amount of money. I personally have given. I know Commander-in-Chief has given. I think it is something that each one of us needs to look deep down in our hearts and say is this my patriotism or my belief. In this just words or is it actions. We need some more money in that account. There is a case right now, and I plan to bring it up in new business with the gun tubes and Summit Hill. We did get those cannon tubes back they are back there. There are some finalizing points on the court case that needs to be addressed. But I will cover that under another under another time under new business. So please give money to that account. Other than that we need support.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay. But you don't have anything first and formal to vote on? Okay.

Point of information then. Ron Gill is our senior, out-going member of Council of Administration. Do you have anything you would like to share on the Memorial Grant Fund, Ron?

**PDC Ron Gill, Department of Indiana**

No, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

National Committee on Digest, Brother Pahl?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Here it is (holding up a CD). After a lot of work the Digest is available. It is going to be posted to the internet so that again you can download it if you want to print it out. This will make it available to the widest number of Brothers at the least expensive way to do it and everyone can gain access to it. A couple of comments as you look through it we have started with the Digest of the Order as it appeared originally in 1898. That was the last time it was published. That has been preserved in its entirety in the newest edition, even if there are things in there that are no longer true and we try to place editorial comments next to those so you can identify

it. But it gives you a sense of the flavor and the history of the Order. We tried to leave some things in from that point of view with a caveat but to give you an idea of what's going on. The recommendation of the Committee is that it be discharged, that the National Regulations be amended to provide for the job description of the National Counselor to be amended to annually update the Digest as new proceedings are published so this would be a living document and we don't lose it again. That on an annual basis or as proceedings are published then it would be the job of the National Counselor to glean through that and update the Digest. And I think that would have to refer to the C&R Committee.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objections? No? Then we will refer that to the C&R Committee.

**Brother's Question**

What is the Digest?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Jim, would you enlighten us?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

What is the Digest? That is a good question. I have been working and dreaming this for so long that it's engrained in my brain. The Order originally published what they called the Blue Book and when you looked through it was basically the C&R and then as opinions were rendered as to each section of what that meant by Commander-in-Chief or at that time it was called Judge Advocate General now National Counselor. That was added right into the regulations as to interpretations and they published that as a Blue Book. That was eliminated in 1895 and the Digest was authorized basically doing the same thing but in a different format. So this is a compilation of all authoritative rulings by Commanders-in-Chief of what the regulations mean or opinions from the what used to be called Judge Advocate General now is called National Counselor. When a National Counselor is called upon to render a formal opinion this is a place that they are published now. So, things that happened in the forty's and fifty's are preserved. If a question comes up again, what did previous Encampments do? It also embodies policy decisions an Encampment has made that did not amend the C&R. So it's a body of work that kind of lets you know what other people have done interpreting these things. When a Commander-in-Chief makes an authoritative ruling it is the law of the land unless it is overturned down the road by a subsequent Commander-in-Chief or a National Encampment. So some of these things are binding on the Order, and what are they. We have lost a lot of that and this is an attempt to bring it back so that we know what it is. And by publishing it, we have it available to a wide body of the members. So, that's what the Digest is.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. Brother Palmer, on behalf of the Committee for Grand Army of the Republic Post Records, do you have any formal recommendations through the committee, or your officer report?

**PDC Donald Palmer Jr. Department of Missouri**

Everybody has a copy of the report, so I am not going into the text itself rather than to point out that the recommendations that are being made are based on experiences that the committee faced this past year. Recommendation number one is all Departments appoint a GAR Records Officer if they don't have one already to organize collection and data within their Department and to review information for accuracy prior to publication and this is pursuant to General's Order number 22 that Commander-in-Chief Armstrong had issued recently. And we thank him for his support there. And really this is partly because we have some information on post listings. Revised information that really needs to be reviewed for accuracy and the best resources for that are people who are more knowledgeable of what's going on in their states and their Departments. We want to have that reviewed for accuracy before it gets loaded on the Web site. We are getting data thrown at us left and right and we would like to have a more organized approach for submitting that data to the National level. We think that is best served a focal point from the Department.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? Go ahead on to your next one, Don.

**PDC Donald Palmer Jr. Department of Missouri**

Okay, second is to expand the scope and the mission of the committee beyond identifying location of post and documenting location of post records to include preparation of short post histories for ultimate publications. Post histories should be published in volumes, each volume consisting of posts within a Department. This takes the project one step beyond identifying the location of records and would be a tremendous value to the interested public. And this is based on feed back that we received from a number of the inquiries we have received this past year about how the products of this committee would be useful to the general public.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objections?

**PDC Donald Palmer Jr. Department of Missouri**

Number three, select a member of the E-bay Surveillance Committee to serve as Aide to the GAR Post Records Committee. Do to a increasing number of GAR records showing up on E-bay and the need to have individuals skilled in negotiating release of these records it makes since that the GAR Records Committee have a dedicated resource to address this problem. We had a couple of incidences this past year where records

did show up on E-bay and because the legal standing is really tuff to prove we needed to have somebody get involved to negotiate the release. And the Committee would like to commend Kirk Vogue for successfully obtaining records from one of the Michigan Posts that was listed for sale on E-bay and returned to the Department of Michigan.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objections to have that gentleman from E-bay assist?

**PDC Donald Palmer Jr. Department of Missouri**

Number four at the 2003 National Encampment a recommendation was forwarded to the GAR and Post Records Committee to come up with a recommendation and report back to the 2004 National Encampment. The recommendation that what we have in the GAR Post Records listings and records database be placed on CD and offered for sale. The Committee has no objections to this however recommends that this be tabled to the near term and until a time when the database is grown to a greater extent and the size of the market can be escalated.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection?

**PDC Donald Palmer Jr. Department of Missouri**

And finally number five. The Committee recommends that the GAR Post Records Committee be moved from special status to standing status due to the extent of data gathering, the time it will take to complete it and the impact the project will have on organizational structure. I made the recommendation to have Department focal points assigned this project will soon be on a level comparable to graves registration and monuments and memorials. The products produced by this Committee will go a long way towards one of our over riding objectives which is preserving the memory of the GAR.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objections? Congratulations, we have a new Standing Committee.

**PDC Donald Palmer Jr. Department of Missouri**

Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Richard Williams, would you like to speak to the recommendations of the Rituals and Ceremonials Committee?

**PDC Richard Williams, Department of Michigan**

I have no recommendations.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay. And Scholarships, we are all set there. At this time, I would like to break. Let's make it a good one. We will get back together at quarter of three, gentlemen.

**AFTERNOON BREAK**

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Gentlemen, while I have your attention – I realize that for many of you, this is your first Encampment but out of respect for our proceedings, whenever we rise to close a session, please wait (as you are now) before the final gavel drop. Thank you.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Commander-in-Chief, may I speak?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Surely.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Brother Commander, I rise to a point of order. You guys have been waiting for this. During the break, the Encampment Constitution & Regulation Committee members and I met and we figured out that if we are going to create a Standing Committee, it does require amendment to the Constitution & Regulations. So, the committee will fix it and when we give our committee report, probably tomorrow, you will have the language appropriate to do what you have approved to do. But it does require an amendment to regulations.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

We appreciate you gentlemen taking care of that. Thank you.

Brother John Hart, if you would please remain standing. I'd like you to come down forward. We recognize those for their recruiting accomplishments and gentlemen, it is my honor to present this year's *Benjamin F. Stephenson Award* in recognition of recruiting the most new Brothers during my administration as Commander-in-Chief. It gives me great pleasure to present this award to John M. Hart for recruiting thirty-two new Brothers. Sir.

The next award that I would like to share information on is our *Founder's Award*. This recognition is presented a maximum of once per calendar year to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in memory of Union Civil War Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. The Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the Council of Administration presents this recognition. There is also a permanent plaque, with the name of the recipient, maintained at our National Headquarters. And no member of the SUCVW or any organization which is part of the Allied Orders of the GAR are eligible for this award. The recipient for the calendar year 2004 is the Friends of the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery Park in Seattle, Washington. They have been looking over the cemetery that was established in the mid 1890's to serve the members of five Grand Army of the Republic posts in Seattle. With the decline and passing of the veterans, the cemetery care fell to one government agency after another. Recently, the city was near the point of allowing the insult of the property becoming an off-leash dog park. Through the banning together of these volunteers in Seattle, the cemetery is once more

receiving the respect it deserves. Gentlemen, I believe they are worthy of our award. I submitted this to the Council of Administration and they have concurred.

The next award that I share is the *Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award*. Presented to the most successful new Camp. This is a relatively new award, first given last year by Past Commander-in-Chief Grim in honor of Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey. Each year we Charter several new Camps. Many times, they are left to struggle on their own and seldom are they recognized for their successes. In an effort to encourage new Camps, we now give an award to the Camp that has accomplished the most during its first year of existence. In recognition of their efforts in graves registration, the care and upkeep of veterans' graves, interaction with the surrounding communities and participation in historical and educational programs, this year's recipient is the Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Department of Colorado & Wyoming. Brother Doyle, if you would come forward?

This brings us to our *Marshall Hope Awards*. These are for the Camp and Department with the most outstanding newsletters. For our Camp this year, we are recognizing the Sergeant William Pittinger Camp 21, Department of California & Pacific. This year's Department recognition goes to our Brothers in Nebraska.

Our organization has a *Meritorious Service Award – with Gold Star*, that we can give for accomplishments. This year, I have done this for several gentlemen who have worked on monuments and memorials. But, we reserve the attachment of the *Gold Star*, for broader recognition. We have granted it twice already this year (for Brother Geiger, who passed away while in service in Afghanistan and the other occasion for Brother Streeter, who was wounded-in-action during the Jessica Lynch rescue.

Please be advised that this award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief, with the concurrence of the Council of Administration, to a Brother who has served the Order for an extended period of time in an outstanding and exemplary manner. Thus, in the *Olympic spirit*, we have two Brothers who have *won the gold* this year. "In appreciation for their dedication and devotion to our fraternal and patriotic Order, exemplified by their years of service and a long list of offices and committee assignments, these recognitions are proudly presented to Past Department Commanders Robert M. Petrovic and James B. Pahl. Gentlemen.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

This has got to be in response to the two hundred plus E-mails Kent has sent me in the last week.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, our *Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Lender Award* is presented to the Department with greatest numerical growth in membership during the

fiscal year of the Order. This year the recognition goes to the Department of Ohio. Gentlemen.

Our *U.S. Grant Cup* is presented to the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership and this year we have the honor of recognizing the Department of Kansas. Gentlemen.

Our organization's *Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award* was created in 1994 by Commander-in-Chief Alan W. Moore and it has been issued each year since, to a Commander-in-Chief's choice of the *Most Outstanding Camp* during his term in office. This year's recipient is the Charles W. Caney Camp 5, Department of New Hampshire. I would like to share that in addition to the Brothers of this Camp assisting and raising the funds for restoration of GAR monuments in Raymond and Canby, New Hampshire, they have designed, purchased, installed and dedicated new monument stones in several towns that had no memorial to the Civil War Soldiers from those communities. They are active in the researching of New Hampshire's last Civil War veterans and honoring them accordingly. In their spare time they monitor the care and upkeep of the Civil War veterans graves at the *Soldier's Home* in Tilton as well as taking part in several other community projects. Their accomplishments are something that all of us can be proud of.

Our *Cornelius F Whitehouse Award* was also created in 1994 by Commander-in-Chief Alan W. Moore and has been issued each year since, to a Commander-in-Chief's choice of the *Most Outstanding Brother* nationally, during his term in office.

Gentlemen, it has been my very great pleasure to meet dozens of Brothers this past year, who are doing splendid things to honor those who helped *Save the Union*. Thus, selecting one Brother for our highest praise has been a challenge. Before I read from the nomination letter for the gentleman who I believe worthy of this award, I want you to know that I had the pleasure of meeting him and saw first hand, evidence of his efforts AND his genuine humble nature when praised.

From PDC Donald Palmer – "It is with pleasure that the Department of Missouri, in conjunction with Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68, nominates Gary Scheel for the National Brother of the Year Award. Brother Scheel's accomplishments this past year cover a broad range of activities that support the objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Gary serves as the Graves Registration Officer for the Department of Missouri. As such, he has organized the over 5,000 inputs currently in the Missouri database into a readily accessible format. Also, he has successfully coordinated Camp efforts across the state, which resulted in 1,243 registrations in 2003-2004, which doubled the 2002-2003 output. In addition, Gary was personally responsible for registering over 200 graves himself.

Earlier this year, Gary was contacted by a woman from California, who was looking for her Civil War ancestor who was thought to be buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. She informed Gary that Jefferson Barracks had responded that nobody by the name she provided was buried at the National Cemetery. Gary took the initiative and went to the cemetery to research this case himself. Upon review of the records, Gary found a name very similar, but with a different spelling on the rolls. He took this information, along with the information provided by the family, and determined that the person buried at Jefferson Barracks was indeed her ancestor. Gary then went above and beyond by investigating options with the cemetery and Department of Veterans Affairs to have the stone replaced with the correct name.

In February, Gary was contacted by someone from the Palmer, MO area who found his name as graves registration officer on our Department website. Evidently, there were plans to build some off-road trails right through an area where several Union Civil War veterans were buried. Gary made contact with this person and went down to Palmer to see what could be done. Gary interviewed several people in the area to get the history of the veterans and the details of the construction plans. He put together a presentation for various groups including the SUVCW as a call to action to support Palmer in their endeavor. Gary contacted the State Park Service and the National Forest Service and the resolution was that the graves will be fenced off and the trails diverted away from the grave site.

Gary is dedicated to educating the public, and specifically, our youth on the history of the Civil War in Missouri. He provided programs for students ranging from elementary to high school age at a number of venues. He also assembled a program for the Rockwood School District in St. Louis County at their Babler Park Civil War Days event speaking to over 600 8th graders about the life of a soldier in the Civil War. In addition, he participated in an educational program at the annual Wildwood Heritage Festival. Maybe his greatest accomplishment this past year relative to education is the publication of his second book entitled "67 Miles in 39 Hours", documenting the Union retreat from the Battle of Pilot Knob, MO.

Gary is also active in researching GAR Posts in Missouri. This year, he fully documented seven (7) posts in Missouri, identifying records, producing Post rosters, summarizing the history of each post and photographing the building if it still existed. Some of his research led him to "rough areas" in the city of St. Louis. However his desire to uncover G.A.R. history overshadowed any hesitation he had about venturing into questionable territory. He worked with Carolyn Ross of the Saint Charles County Historical Society and fully researched the two posts in Saint Charles – one of which, was an African American GAR

Post. He also uncovered records of our organization and another Camp that existed in Augusta Missouri along with the records of this auxiliary.

Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to present this award to Brother **Gary L. Scheel**, of Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri.

**PDC David V. Medert, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, if I may sir, I would like to introduce to you, Brother Hiram Shouse, a *Real Son* who is a member of the Department of Illinois. He is here, attending his first National Encampment.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Sir, would you care to share any words?

**Brother Hiram Shouse, Department of Illinois**

No, I've been in the hospital this morning.

**PDC David V. Medert, Department of Ohio**

He would rather not right now Commander. He did inform me he has two sisters and a brother who is also a *Member* of the Sons.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, we need to learn more about them – if Jerry Orton doesn't have the information already. Welcome, sir. Thank you.

**Brother Hiram Shouse, Department of Illinois**

Yeah, thank you.

**National Secretary, Edward J. Krieser**

Once again, everyone who is going to attend the SVR Breakfast tomorrow morning please rise. I'll start with number one and then we will go around the room and everybody counts off how many you're going to have attending this breakfast so that they can get an accurate count.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Eighty-Five. That's going to be a lot of pancakes. All right, at this moment I would like you to close those doors please. I would like to honor some of our World War II veterans who are amongst us. I know at least one gentleman who is there. I would like to read for you the *Certificate of Recognition* that I have given these gentlemen this year. "This year's observance of Memorial Day, a national tradition launched in 1868 by Union veterans of the American Civil War, will witness the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is a tribute to the sixteen million Americans that served in uniform between 1941 and 1945, as well as those at home who supported them. Our fraternal and patriotic Order honors those who have served our country in all of its wars. Thus, we are doubly proud of those gentlemen in our membership who honorably served in a branch of our nation's military forces during World War II. Therefore, it is with great pride and respect that we present this certificate to Frederick F. Murray, PDC, Corporal, 1655<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion, United States Army. Service

dates from 3, February 1945 through 17, October 1946. Issued and signed on site at the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, District of Columbia on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.” Sir.

I have another for Robert W. Wiesian, a Technician 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, 8<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, United States Army, 10 December of 1942 through 10 January of 1946.

For Harry R. Wallace, AOM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, VPB-28 United States Navy, 21 June 1944 through 17 August 1947.

William C. Serey, 1<sup>st</sup> Amphibious Engineers, United States Army, January 1943 to December 1945. Thank you.

Next, I have some certificates to recognize a few Camps with special anniversaries. “In honor of this year marking the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since its Charter was issued, and in appreciation of continued efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and all other soldiers, sailors and marines who honorably served, this citation is proudly presented to Oliver Tilton Camp 26, Department of New York, SUVCW.” One hundred and twenty years!

On July 5<sup>th</sup> of this year the Abraham Lincoln Camp 6, Department of New York celebrated its 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary!

A *Certificate of Merit*, in recognition of his dedication and devotion to our fraternal and patriotic Order in the area of graves registration, we proudly present this certificate to Mahlone G. Erickson, Past Department Commander of Oklahoma.

Another *Certificate of Merit* and recognition of his efforts in graves registration, we are here to honor Merle A. Rudebusch, Past Department Commander, Nebraska. Sir.

I have two *Meritorious Service Awards*. This is in recognition of his efforts to preserve the Grand Army of the Republic monument in Union City, Michigan, in tribute to the memory of the area residents as well as all other soldiers and sailors who honorably served. This certificate is proudly presented to Brother Howard Streeter, Past Camp Commander from Colgrove Woodruff Camp 22, Department of Michigan.

Well, I’m going to surprise this gentleman. Another *Meritorious Service Award*, in recognition of his efforts given to preserve the Grand Army of the Republic monument at the Soule cemetery near Maple Rapids, Michigan. This certificate is presented from a grateful and proud father to Douglas R. Armstrong, Past Camp Commander, George W. Anderson Camp 58, Department of Michigan. You’ve got to keep that next generation coming on.

A *Certificate of Merit* in recognition of his accomplishments to uniquely promote the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and garner the most respectful attention by the public toward our fraternal and patriotic Order, thus furthering our efforts. This certificate is proudly presented to Rudy Velasco. Sir.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe you are Camp Commander of the Rosecrans Camp in California. I'll tell you a little bit about this. Rudy went really above and beyond in his community. They have a baseball league and through a lot of communication, as you can imagine, he got the all the red tape cut. They had a fantastic banner promoting the SUVCW on the infield wall of that ball field. And I believe you threw out the first pitch there that night – dressed in your summer-whites dress uniform for the United States Marines. Well, through your efforts, you made quite a lasting impression with those folks and there has been quite a response out of that community. Thank you.

And lastly, to honor a personal membership anniversary, this *Certificate of Recognition* goes to Brother Merrill D. Anthony, recognizing him for twenty-five years of continuous membership.

Thank you very much. At this point I would like to call on Brother Krieser, he's got some more information to share. And then he will have his report of the Council of Administration Meeting from last night.

**National Secretary, Edward J. Krieser**

Okay, this is a resolution of support from the Department of Wisconsin for Brother Stephen A. Michaels as a candidate for the position of Commander-in-Chief in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. "Whereas Brother Michaels is dedicated to continue to build our Order as evidence by his service of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, his leadership of the Program and Policy Committee, addressing revisions of National policies, forms and five-year plan and his public representation of the Order to outside organizations. And whereas Brother Michaels has proved valued support to the Allied Orders. As is testified by including Auxiliary news and information in the BANNER. His editing and publication of the Department Auxiliary News Letter and his council and assistance to the National President. And whereas Brother Michaels has continued to develop the orders leadership as demonstrated in his guidance and support of the Central Region Association. And whereas Brother Michaels has dedicated SVR service, has continued to draw favorable attention to the sacrifice of Union Veterans as illustrate by his work as Fourth Military District Chief of Staff and Artillery School Coordinator. He is representing the Sons in uniform in commemorative ceremonies and parades. The continued growth of the districts headquarters company of which he is Commander and whereas Brother Michaels has effectively managed financial matters as indicated by prudent use of National SUVCW funds budgeted for the BANNER publication. The successful financed restoration of Milwaukee Civil War Memorial, "The Victorious Charge." His organizing financial support for the Milwaukee Soldiers Home Chapel and his continue service as his Camp Secretary/Treasurer. And whereas Brother Michaels has continued his act of service in other organizations including the United States Air

Force Auxiliary Civil War Patrol, Sons of the American Revolution, Descendents of Mexican War Veterans, Cushing's Battery Historical Association, Milwaukee County Historical Society and therefore let it be resolved that officers and members of the Department Wisconsin Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, do hereby submit and support the candidacy of Stephen A. Michaels for the office of Commander-in-Chief to be elected at 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment to be held in Cedar Rapids Iowa August 11th through the 15<sup>th</sup>."

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you Ed. I need to interrupt for just a moment. I want everybody to know that I had prepared a certificate for Bro. Jeffrey Stephen. Sir, if you would please stand up? This is in recognition of his efforts to restore an abandoned Mountain Howitzer and help return it to public display, getting its due respect. I looked through everything here but could not find the certificate. I think what happened is that I was waiting for Council member Dave Stephen to give me some information on a couple of War World II certificates and I was going to bring them all together. So, my apologies for not having it here but I want you duly recognized. Thank you.

**National Secretary. Edward J. Krieser**

This one being from the Department of Ohio. "Whereas Brother Donald E. Darby has served the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans as Camp Commander of Sergeant Richard Enderlin number 73, Department Commander and Department Council Member Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and whereas Brother Donald E. Darby has served the National Order as Patriotic Instructor, Council of Administration and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Therefore be it resolved this gives the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War great pleasure to endorse Ohio's own son, Donald Eugene Darby, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the year 2004-2005."

This is from the Department of Michigan. "Whereas James B. Pahl is a member in good standing of the Curtenius Guard Camp Number 17 Michigan Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War being a direct descendent of Private John Boyer of Company A 29<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Whereas Brother Pahl has served the Curtenius Guard Camp Number 17 as Counselor, Secretary, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander along with being awarded the Curtenius Guard Camp Number 17 Samuel W. Grinell Award for outstanding service. Whereas Brother Pahl has served the Department of Michigan as Counselor, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander along with being awarded the Department of Michigan's Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation

Award for outstanding service and whereas Brother Pahl has served the SUVCW National Organization as the National Counselor for some ten years and member and chair of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations and National Treasurer for four years along with being awarded the SUVCW National Organization Cornelius F. Whitehouse Outstanding Brother of the Year Award. And whereas Brother Pahl is a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve currently serving as a Judge/Advocate General whereas Brother Pahl is the Co-National Counselor to the National Auxiliary to the SUVCW and whereas Brother Pahl is a member of the Board of Administration of his church as an active Civil War Reenactor and the Gideon's International and the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrate's and whereas Brother Pahl has served the State of Michigan for some twenty years as a Police Officer and further after having been admitted to the Michigan Bar has practiced law for the past twenty-one years and currently presiding as Magistrate in and for the 55<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court. Now therefore be it resolved that we the Brothers of Curtenius Guard Camp Number 17, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby endorse Brother James B. Pahl for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded by the Department of Michigan for affirmative disposition at its April 2004 Annual Encampment and this resolution be forwarded to the Departments and Camps. Resolution endorsed by the Department."

This one is from the Department of Kansas. "The following resolution was passed at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment Department of Kansas April 24, 2004 and is forwarded to you National Secretary. Brother James Pahl, Department of Michigan has stated his intention to be a candidate for the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Therefore be it resolved that the Department of Kansas at its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on April 24, 2004 declares its support for the nomination for Brother James B. Pahl to the position of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief."

From the Department of Michigan. "The delegates to the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan unanimously passed a motion supporting the nomination of reelection of Brother Max Newman to the office of National Treasurer at the Orders 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment to be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Rapids Iowa."

From the Department of New York. "The nomination of support for Past Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler as a candidate for the office of National Quartermaster submitted by the officers and members of the 121<sup>st</sup> Encampment of the Department of New York's meeting at

Tarrytown on 5, June, 2004. Whereas Brother Wheeler has served the SUVCW for nearly two decades and whereas Brother Wheeler began that service as a member of D.G. Caywood Camp Number 146 of Ovid, New York and thenceforth organized Sydney Camp Number 41 of Ithaca New York serving as it's Commander building it into an exemplarily Camp and whereas Brother Wheeler led Sydney Camps effort to restore several GAR monuments in the Ithaca New York area and is raising a monument in the city of Ithaca. And whereas Brother Wheeler continues to serve Sydney Camp as Treasurer and Principle Fund Raiser to the result that the Camp's treasury is comfortably ample and whereas Brother Wheeler has opened his home to the Order converting the spacious attic to a meeting room where reminiscent of the GAR and dedicating nearly the entire second floor to the Jerome B. Kelley Memorial Museum and Joseph S. Rippey Memorial Library. And whereas Brother Wheeler has demonstrated uncommon leadership during the three consecutive terms he served as Commander of the Department of New York. The only Brother to do so in the Departments 120 year history. Modernizing and revitalizing the Department and starting it on a new path of continued growth and whereas Brother Wheeler continues to serve the Department of New York to this day as a Counselor and Archivist. And whereas Brother Wheeler has served on the National Order and appointed positions most notably National Historian and Patriotic Instructor. And whereas Brother Wheeler continued to serve the National Order with distinction as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and whereas Brother Wheeler has served as our Commander-in-Chief distinguishing in the South through deeds such as regaining access to the Older of the GAR Home in Gettysburg and establishing the National Headquarters of the SUVCW in Harrisburg and whereas Brother Wheeler loves the Order only less than his family, God and Country and deserves to continue his service. And therefore be it resolved the 121<sup>st</sup> Encampment Department of New York Sons of Union Veterans hereby submits their reports of candidacy of Past Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler for the office of National Quartermaster."

From the Department of Rhode Island. "The members of the Camp sent it to the Department and it was endorsed by the Department so, the Department of Rhode Islands regularly scheduled meeting hereby approved the following resolutions supporting the nomination of Brother Leo F. Kennedy to the Council of Administration at the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment of the SUVCW to be held in Cedar Rapids Iowa. Whereas Brother Kennedy is a descendent of Stephen Kelley and George Kettle, who both served in the Civil War from the state of Rhode Island. Brother Kennedy is a life member of the SUVCW having joined our organization in 1988. He has held every position within the Camp and the Department of Rhode Island except Treasurer and is currently serving

his second term as Department Commander. Brother Kennedy also serves on the Sons of Veterans Reserves since 2001 and is commissioned as a Captain serving as a public relations officer for the Headquarters Company. Whereas Brother Kennedy has served our Order with distinction on both the National Graves Registration Committee and the National Communication and Technology Committee since 1997. Brother Kennedy has been annually appointed as the National Graves Registration Officer and has performed tremendous work in this important duty of our Order. By overseeing the organizing of the graves registration project from 125 records to our database containing over 275,000 records. Whereas Brother Kennedy has twice received recognition for his duty and loyalty to the Order, first in 1998 the Department of Rhode Island named Leo F. Kennedy as the outstanding member of the year and in 2001 Brother Kennedy received a Meritorious Service with Gold Star Award from then Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser. He was also honored as a Kentucky Colonel at the National Encampment in 2003. Whereas Brother Kennedy continues to serve his community for the 23 years as a Captain with the city Fire Department, Rescue Company 3, as a member of Rhode Island Critical Incident Stress and Management Team, on HAS-MAT Rhode Island 1 Department Homeland Security and as the Operations Officer town of Smithville Emergency Management Agency. Whereas since 1988 Brother Kennedy has been a member and serves as a Gun Sergeant of Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Light Artillery, a living history organization and part of the Rhode Island state militia. Sergeant Kennedy received the State Militia Meritorious Service Award in 1998, fifteen years service award from the Rhode Island State Militia and the military order of Saint Barbara. Therefore be it known that the Department of Rhode Island announces the support in nominating Present Department Commander and Past Camp Commander Leo F. Kennedy to the position of the Council of Administration to the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment of SUVCW held in Cedar Rapids Iowa.”

One more if I can read it. This one from the Department of Pennsylvania Sons placing a nomination for the office of Council of Administration in the name of Brother Charles E. Kuhn Jr., Past Department Commander at the Annual Encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Cedar Rapids Iowa in 2004. “Brother Kuhn has been a member of this Order for many years. He has served in every office of the Camp as well as every elected office and chair in the Department for a period of two years. He has served as Department Commander for the largest Department in our Order from 2001 to 2003. He currently serves as the Pennsylvania Department Secretary/Treasurer. During his administration as Department Commander Brother Kuhn arranged for an official storage

location for all Department records open to the public free from theft, fire and the ravages of time. He did this with no cost to the Department. This will assure the preservation of the history of the Pennsylvania Department for a time inescapable. He also placed into affect a Civil War cannon tube and inspection program that helps as a protective measure against those who excel or broke our original cannon tubes from monuments dedicated to deeds of our ancestors. Brother Kuhn has served for the past seven years and still continues to serve as the chairman of the Gettysburg Joint Veteran Memorial Day Commission. This commission is entrusted with the annual parade and observance in Gettysburg National Cemetery. This observance is currently in its 137<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Brother Kuhn is also active with Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg securing permits from both the National Park and the Borough as well as serving as Provost Marshall for the parade. And is involved with the ceremony at the Wilson Monument/Memorial. Nationally Brother Kuhn has received the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Outstanding Brother Award in 2002 and a Meritorious Service Citation in 2003. He serves on the Remembrance Day Committee and is the Co-Chair for the New Heritage Defense Fund. Brother Kuhn is also active in his church and parish and serves as the church and parish treasurer for the last twelve years. Excuse me. He is active in his local Masonic lodge, Good Samaritan Lodge #366 in Gettysburg and serves kindly as the Junior Master of Ceremonies. We request your support for his seat on the National Council of Administration in 2004.”

That’s all.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

At this time, I would like to respectfully remind those who haven’t had a chance to sign the card for PC-in-C Chuck Corfman, that Bob Petrovic has it back there. So those of you who weren’t here this morning to hear about Chuck, please get with Bob to sign the card that we are all going to send his way. Are there any other announcements while Ed is getting ready for the C. of A. Report? Okay Ed, are you ready to go again?

**National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

Okay. Commander-in- Chief, Kent Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. CDST. He thanked Brothers PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCinC Edward Krieser, PCinC Robert Grim and PDC Ronald Gill for their service to the Order as their terms expire this weekend. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All voting members of the Council were present as follows: Commander-in-Chief (CinC) Kent Armstrong, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCinC) Stephen Michaels, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVCinC) Donald Darby, National Quartermaster PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCinC Robert Grim, National Treasurer Max Newman, National Secretary PCinC Edward Krieser, PDC Ronald Gill, PDC Robert Petrovic and PDC David

Steven. In addition were PCinC Richard Greenwalt, PCinC George Powell, PCinC David Medert, National Counselor PDC James Pahl, and Executive Director PCC Lee Walters, National Chief of Staff PDC Michael Bennett, and PDC Todd Shillington.

Officers' reports were reviewed for possible Council action.

JVCinC Donald Darby moved, PDC Robert Petrovic seconded that the Pre-1996 Life Membership Program reimbursement rate remain at \$4 for another year. The motion was passed unanimously.

PCinC Bud Atkinson moved, second by JVCinC Donald Darby that the proposed budget as amended above be adopted. Passed by unanimous vote.

PCinC Robert Grim moved, SVCinC Steve Michaels second to approve CinC Kent Armstrong's recommendation to grant Honorary Membership to Attorney Carole Wildoner Walbert. Passed by unanimous vote.

PCinC Robert Grim Moved, PDC Robert Petrovic second for the Order to pay the Remembrance Day expenses of insurance, streamers, mailing and postage for the year 2005 onward. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Okay, and these are the Boardroom votes that have been done through the year. In recent years the Council of Administration communicates by the Internet and when it comes to a time that that a vote has to be taken when the Council of Administration is not physically at a meeting somewhere we vote over the Internet at a specific place on the Internet called Boardroom. These are the votes that have taken place during the past year.

1. Brother Don Darby moved Max Newman, Dave Stephen and Bob Grim Seconded to approve minutes of 10 August 2003 Council of Administration meeting. 10 (ten) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no. Passed unanimously.
2. The minutes of the 7 August 2003 Council of Administration meeting needed approval also. All 9 (nine) eligible votes yes, 0 (zero) vote no. Minutes approved.
3. PCinC Grim moved to approve proposal of CinC Armstrong to offer a Camp/Department the option of purchasing the Order's official ROTC Certificate or the entire Award (with medal, ribbon and certificate). There was a friendly amendment to set the price at \$5 per certificate by JVCinC Darby. The motion and friendly amendment was seconded by Council Member Petrovic. 10 (ten) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
4. National Secretary, Ed Krieser moved seconded by JVCinC Don Darby that with the understanding that the National Defense Medal had been previously removed from the list of those qualifying for the SUVCW War Medal, that the American

- Defense Medal also be removed from the list and that the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal be added to the list. 10 (ten) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
5. Don Darby moved, second by Bob Grim that the War Medal and Membership badge (Gold Star attached) be presented to Brother Geiger's family and that the expenses incurred for the Medal and badge be taken out of the Contingency Fund. 10 (ten) vote yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
  6. Bob Petrovic moved, second by Don Darby to donate \$50.00 each to the Shriners' Children's Hospital and the DUVCW Headquarters & Museum in Springfield, IL in the memory of Past National President Bessie L. Smith. 9 (nine) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
  7. It was moved and seconded to remove the C&R from the National Quartermaster's supply list. 9 (nine) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
  8. Moved by Bob Grim, seconded by Bob Petrovic to pay the \$205.85 for office table and lamp to be placed in National Headquarters office. 9 (nine) votes yes, zero votes no.
  9. It was moved and seconded to give Gold Star Meritorious Service Award to Brother Lance Corporal Ty Streeter in recognition of his outstanding service to his country in Iraq. 9 (nine) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no.
  10. Motion by Max Newman Second by Ed Krieser to make procedural changes to the "Guidelines for the National Credentials Committee" so that:
    - 1.) All National Encampment Pre-registrations be sent directly to the National Credentials Committee;
    - 2.) The pre-registration blank form is put on the National Web site and in the hands of the BANNER Editor (or printer) by a date prior to the Winter issue of the BANNER. (The only exception to #3 being that since the Winter issue of the Banner has already been published for 2003, that it shall appear in the Spring 2004 issue of the Banner to take effect immediately to be applicable for the 123rd National Encampment in August 2004.);
    - 3.) The Credentials Committee shall, on a weekly basis, inform the Host Department Committee with an updated head count total of how many members are planning to attend;
    - 4.) The Credentials Committee shall send the collected pre-registration fees to the National Treasurer on a two week basis, since the checks need to clear the banks for both the National Organization and the individuals; and that
    - 5.) These changes take effect immediately. 9 (Nine) votes yes, 0(Zero) votes no.

11. A request by the CinC to exercise summary discipline was approved with 8 (eight) votes yes, 0 (zero) votes no. The CinC as well as the Sr. Vice CinC did not vote. Copies of the full complaint may be obtained from the National Secretary.
12. Moved by Don Darby, seconded by Bob Grim to reimburse Council of Administration Member PDC Robert Petrovic for his expenses incurred in assisting Department of Iowa with National Encampment planning. 8 (Eight) votes yes and 1 (one) abstention.
13. Don Darby moved, seconded by Bob Petrovic the following:  
Whereas a number of Brothers currently on active duty with the United States Military Forces are in active combat zones, Whereas these Brothers cannot respond to requests for payment of dues, Whereas this Order has a history of waiving the National Per Capita Dues in such instances, Therefore be it resolved that any Brother serving in an active combat zone as of March 31, 2004 shall be exempt from paying the 2004 National per Capita Dues, Furthermore, all Departments and Camps are hereby memorialized to likewise waive Department and Camp dues for these Brothers for the year 2004. Implementation: To request the waiver, the Camp must indicate on a sheet of paper the names, rank and unit of each Brother being exempted. Note the Brother must be in an active combat area/zone to qualify for the exemption. For purposes of implementation any Brother deployed to Iraq or the Afghanistan theaters shall be deemed to be in an active combat zone. 9 (Nine) votes yes, 0 (Zero) votes no.
14. Don Darby moved, seconded by Max Newman to prepare a letter to be sent to the Allied Orders regarding National Encampment contributions. Eight (8) votes yes and One (1) abstention.
15. Max Newman moved, Don Darby Second to approve minutes April 17, 2004 Council of Administration meeting minutes. Seven (7) votes yes, two (2) did not vote.
16. Don Darby moved, Max Newman second that we purchase a floral arrangement (up to \$100,00) for Mrs. Martin when the time comes. Eight (8) votes yes, one (1) did not vote.
17. The Council of Administration concurred that services rendered to our Order by PDC's James Pahl and Robert Petrovic merit the distinction of receiving the SUVCW's 'Gold Star' in conjunction with Meritorious Service Awards being issued by the CinC. Approval was unanimous albeit the voting was kept secret from CoA voting member Petrovic.
18. Don Darby moved, Robert Grim second to design a plaque to be presented to the local Public Library in the city which the

National Encampment is held. Nine (9) votes yes, Zero (0) votes no.

19. Don Darby moved, Ed Krieser second to move to an alternative server for E-mail addresses for the National Officers due to the problems we are having getting to site. Nine (9) votes yes, Zero (0) votes no.
20. Robert Grim moved, Robert Petrovic second to present the Order's Founders Award for 2004 to the Friends of the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery Park located in Seattle, Washington. The vote was Nine (9) votes yes, Zero (0) votes no.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you Ed. Just as a matter of information, the motion that you heard in reference to the plaque for the Abraham Lincoln Gettysburg Address going to the library. We did indeed contact the folks here in Cedar Rapids about that, and they respectfully declined due to the fact that they already had a plaque. So, that's why we did the next best thing and asked for honorable display somewhere in the city government here. A moment ago we talked about the memorial cannon that Brother Stephen had worked on here in town. I would like to call on our Brothers from Pennsylvania to give a little background information about the lady we honored with *Honorary Membership*.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

This lady, unbelievable lady, she has spent her life learning the law and practicing law to the benefit of the community and historical preservation. She has personally fought this case in Summit Hill in the courts pro bono as attorney, she has personally carried a writ in her dress clothes in high heels up to the top of the hill on Jim Thorp to stop another cannon tube from being taken by....I would like to have seen that. You know her and her secretary are going up this hill in their dress clothes with the writ from the Court to stop the purchase of the cannon tubes in Jimthorp, Pennsylvania. She has preserved properties in the county there, wherever possible. She obtained federal funding to help preserve those properties wherever possible. Where the money was not available she personally has bought the properties and restored them. She and her husband own several historical properties in the community there. She has done a great deal and currently she is working with US Army TACOM for future cannon fights to preserve monuments. She has provided a great deal of information to them. This woman is Carol Walbert, an outstanding lady. I have never met the lady personally. I have talked to her on the phone a number of times. Our Department Commander and Lee Walters both I believe met her when they went up to Summit Hill to the Court case. I will bring up some more information about the Court case at Summit Hill but the gun tubes are back in Summit Hill and that is what is important. Mr. Walteson and Mr. Stiles

went running away like dogs with their tails between their legs, basically. So what she did was utilize an act of repleven, where as the fact that the Camp gave those gun tubes to the city. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania private individuals and corporations only have one year to apply for compensation of restitution if they realize something is stolen or taken from them whereas the government I believe the term is “The sun never sets on the Government in Pennsylvania.” So they can go after somebody forever and they went after these people who sold the gun tubes and purchased them two years ago and they got them under an act of repleven. And they are returned now the preliminary hearing was just this past week and from what I understand there was some real good evidence presented in that preliminary hearing. And they basically have said that’s it, we aren’t going to argue it any more you know this is what we want to settle with and what it amounts to is the American Legion, who sold the gun tubes originally which really annoys me. They had to give the money back and the gun tubes are already there. They went with a Sheriff outside of Pittsburgh this mans quote unquote “museum” which is a barn full of artillery pieces. There is a lot of information in this came out in this hearing about those gun tubes he has in his possession over there. And that is another thing for new business that I’ll bring up it has to do with the trial so.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Well, through those efforts maybe we will see the demise of these characters yet. Thank you. I wanted the Brothers here assembled to know the special nature of all of this.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Since she is a woman she is ineligible to become a member of the Sons and we have made the *Last Living Widows* Honorary Members of the Sons and this woman has donated a great deal of time and effort and money into the preservation of the memory of the men from the Grand Army and preservation of the men who served the Union Army from 1861 to 65 so we felt it necessary to honor this lady with some type of an honorary membership.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you Chuck. Sir?

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

I just want to get clarification on that. I wasn’t clear on how that worked in terms of membership to a woman even though it’s honorary per the Constitution & Regulations.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

I had our Counselor ready to go on that. Sir?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Our National Constitution, Article 7 Section 1 C makes eligible for Honorary Members. The Commander-in-Chief upon recommendation

from a Camp, Department, or National Council of Administration with the approval of the National Council of Administration may grant Honorary Membership to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution Laws of the United States of America and to have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in the Order. So it does not disclude. And I think she is not eligible.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

At least not the last time we checked. All right gentlemen, seven o'clock tonight is the Campfire for those who are so inclined. Tomorrow morning we will reconvene at 8:30 sharp. Another announcement here.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

At the conclusion of this business session will the Encampment C&R Committee meet with me up here?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. We are now adjourned for the day, gentlemen. Those Encampment Committees, you know where to get together. Brother Michaels already talked about the Department Officers meeting. Gentlemen, it has been a great day and I thank you for your cooperation.

**SECOND DAY – SESSION THREE**

**123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment (Third Session August 14, 2004)**

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Gentlemen, those who are not seated, please take a chair. Good morning. I'm going to call Dr. Les Webber up. He's got some words to share with us. They were able to find some more accommodation at the banquet tonight.

**Dr. Les Webber, MD, Department of Iowa**

Good morning everybody. We have a banquet tonight and we have some tickets. There are a bunch of guys who haven't picked their tickets up yet. I don't want to be here at six o'clock right before the doors open and have you coming to get your tickets. So, will you please pick up your tickets by noon? You know who you are and I have a list here. In addition in our final rechecking we have some banquet tickets left. So if you'd like be sure to get the tickets. Remember they are thirty dollars each and there are one or two pork dinners but most of them are chicken. So please get around and get your tickets. Pick them up by noon and if you want to buy some if you are there early why we will have a couple for you. This will be at the registration window, at the registration window.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, Dr. Webber. We have got a couple of recognitions here that the ladies from our Auxiliary inadvertently forgot to bring with them yesterday. I was asked by Danielle Michaels if I would share these and I will gladly do so. The first, "Auxiliary to Sons of Union of the Civil War, presented to the Phil Sheridan Camp number 4, Department of California & Pacific, August 1, 2004. In grateful appreciation of exceptional leadership and dedication in the organization of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52. In testimony whereof and by authority vested in me, Danielle Michaels, National President ASUVCW." Gentlemen.

**PCinC George L. Powell, Department of Pennsylvania**

Commander-in-Chief, at the PCinC and Past Presidents Dinner last night you snuck out early. This was made for you and was supposed to be presented to you. So, I would like to do that at this time.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, thank you very much.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

As long as you are on your feet George don't set down. I want the entire Pennsylvania delegation to please rise. Gentlemen of this Encampment, if you weren't able to make the festivities last evening, you'll never know what you missed – but you owe it to yourself to try to make it to one of those the next time around. These guys are *Jekyll and Hyde* I'll tell ya. You'll never guess what they looked like last night. It was one of those things that you truly had to be there for, and I thank you very much for a great evening, gentlemen. Seriously, you all did a great job. I thank you all for everything you extended our way.

All right, to get a little more serious here, the same honor to the fellows of Robert Finch Camp number 14 from our Auxiliary, Department of Michigan, again dated August 1. "In grateful appreciation of exceptional leadership and dedication in the organization of the Francis Finch Auxiliary number 9."

We have a couple of things that we would like to rap up this morning. Ed, I'm going to have you get up and share the recommendations that were inadvertently overlooked in the report from Real Sons and Daughters Committee Chairman Jerome Orton from New York.

**National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

Okay, this is from the Real Sons and Daughters Committee. Recommendation number one. That the Committee be continued for another year. This falls upon the shoulders of the next Commander-in-Chief.

Item 2. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War marked the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of General of the Army Douglas McArthur on January 26, 2005. Brother McArthur was the first name on our Congressional Charter. Without a doubt he is the most controversial

general and one of the greatest patriots of our nation's history. Both he and his father Arthur McArthur received a medal of honor. The incoming Commander-in-Chief should seriously consider appointing a committee for this occasion.

Item number 3. The Constitution and Regulations be amended so that the Real Sons may wear a bronze star on their regulation badge.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Those first two will be at the discretion of the incoming administration and the third of course will have to go to our standing committee on Constitution and Regulations. At this time I would like to call on PDC Gary Gibson who's a well-known historian of our Order. A lot of you from Iowa are already aware of the fact that our organization had a university here. Gary put a nice full-page story on that, in the "SUVVCW History" book that was made available. How many years ago?

**DC Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan**

About nine years ago.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Wow, time flies.

**DC Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan**

It is still available at Amazon.com.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, while we are here in Iowa, I wanted to share that story. So Gary, please come up.

**DC Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan**

As Commander Kent mentioned we did have a university here in the state of Iowa well over a hundred years ago. let's see. Here it is right there. The year 1901 was a year of change and progress. At the 20<sup>th</sup> National Encampment held in Providence Rhode Island more changes were made in the Sons of Veterans than any previous Encampment. The Encampment was presided over by Commander-in-Chief Edgar W. Alexander of Redding, Pennsylvania. It is recorded that the membership was greatly depressed by the death of President William McKinley. Edgar R. Campbell of Washington D.C. was elected Commander-in-Chief. Brother Campbell interestingly was a Civil War Veteran and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. At the Encampment the Constitution and Regulations were thoroughly revised being cut to about two-thirds in content. The BANNER was formally adopted as the official publication of the Order and replaced the National Reveille, which had been printed in Chicago. An increase in the per capita of five cents was to cover printing and mailing costs. Another increase in fees and dues was the muster fee or as we know it now, the application fee. It was raised to three dollars. Fifty cents of this was marked for the Sons Memorial University. Memorial University was the dream of Captain or at that time he was the Camp Commander, Alexander Louis Sorter Jr. of

Minneapolis. Brother Sorter was the son of Alexander Louis Sorter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Ohio Battery. For several years Brother Sorter talked of his dream at the National Encampment to all who would listen. And all told him that it could not be done. Finally at the 1900 National Encampment in Syracuse, New York it was voted to establish Memorial University as quote “The Greatest Memorial to the Men and Women of the Civil War” close quote. Memorial University was to become the *Harvard of the West*. The Campus was placed on Patriot Hill just south of Mason City. Mason City was chosen for several reasons. Foremost it’s central location, also with accessibility by five trunk lines of railway, modern waterworks, gas, electricity, paved streets and streetcars. Mason City was the ideal location for the great seat of learning. Another factor was that Mason City had no saloons. It was felt that with all the young men coming to the area, a dry city would be a great asset. The Campus was comprised of forty acres. The only collegiate building ever built was the Liberal Arts Building. A three-story limestone structure. It contained over thirty large classrooms, a chapel with seating for four hundred and the library of four thousand five hundred volumes. In the basement were the gymnasium and the armory. The building was built at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars. The money was given by the citizens of Mason City. Also on Campus were the dormitories, Lincoln Hall for men and Barton Hall for women, of course being named for Clara Barton. The cost for the accommodations was a dollar per week. The college also had its only railway station. Other buildings that were planned but never built were the Administration Building, a Library Building, a Civil War Museum, and the National Headquarters for the Sons of Veterans. The corner stone for the Liberal Arts Building was laid June 26, 1901. The Mason City Globe Gazette carried the headline “Memorial University Corner Stone Laid and the Day of Jubilee is here.” The entire front page of the paper was devoted to the event. There was a parade consisting of members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Women’s Relief Corp., Daughters of Veterans and many other civic organizations. At the formal ceremonies several prominent citizens and officers of the GAR and the Sons spoke to the immense crowd. The exercises were held in a big circus tent formally owned by the Ringling Brothers. The tent seated five thousand people and was not able to hold everyone. On Wednesday, September 10, 1902 the building was formally open to students. A dedication ceremony was postponed until arrangements could be made. The guest of honor was to be President Theodore Roosevelt. No record has ever been found as of this writing to tell if the dedication took place or not. The college offered the usual courses of study, the Normal or Teachers College, Commercial College, School of Oratory and the College of Music. Memorial University also offered two unique courses of study, the School of Military Science and

Tactics, which may be comparable with today's ROTC Program and the School of Applied Patriotism. The June 1908 college catalog states that Applied Patriotism was a year long course and begins with the Origin and Development of Government followed by a brief study of Constitutional Liberty in England leading up to the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America. Throughout the course special stress is laid upon the duties and applications of citizenship and the necessity of early and thorough preparation for them. The first graduating class was the class of 1903, with seven students. The biggest class was 1908 with ten graduates. The University was not a large school as originally planned. Overall only forty-six students graduated from Memorial University. The college was closed in 1910 presumably from lack of enrollment and perhaps support. The evidence for this is that no other buildings were ever built. The building was used for many years as a school building by the Mason City Public School System. Sometime in the 1980's the old Liberal Arts building was torn down. Since this was written we have also found that they did had a football team. They had athletic fields. Is Larry Roach here? I believe that Larry told me at one time that he actually attended elementary school in that building. But, I also found out that in the late 1940's - early 1950's, a community college was organized in Mason City and they used that building as the college building and just last week on E-bay, I saw a yearbook for the college dated 1954 and there was a picture on the front cover of the old school building. I asked Larry if the building had been torn down or not, and he said, "yes, some time about 1979-1980, it was gone." So, that in a nutshell is Memorial University.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

A different day and time indeed. Are there any physical traces of this left at all?

**DC Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan**

I honestly don't know. I've never been to the site.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Gentlemen, please be thinking about some escorts. We are going to have the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic joining us shortly, if all goes well. All right. With that, we are going to start our reports from the Encampment Committees and first off is going to be Constitution and Regulations. Jim, are you ready?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

We've got five items that have been referred to the Encampment Committee. The first is from yesterday where we tabled a consideration from the Standing Committee. The amendment would amend National Regulations Chapter 3, Article 5, Article 4, Section 2 and if the amendment is passed it would read as follows: The Commander-in-Chief Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary,

National Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer, National Quartermaster and the elected members of the Council of Administration shall be elected at the Annual Encampment by a role call of the Departments. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. We would add the following words: except in the case of Council Members wherein a plurality vote shall elect and then the current reading ends up, if there is but one nominee for office they may be elected via voice vote. This would place the language for National Elections to be exactly the same as elections are held at the Camp and Department level. The Committee concurs and so I move you that the amendment to the tabled item be adopted.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Is there support?

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any discussion? All in favor say Aye.

**All**

Aye.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All opposed? Motion carries.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Therefore we come back then to item number two from the Standing Committee report that is in your materials. As we now have settled on how the elections would occur or the voting would take place that the Council of Administration be expanded increasing the number of Council Members from three to five and further that no two such Council Members may be from the same Department. It would also change the quorum requirement for meeting of the Council of Administration from four to six. As those specified amendments are spelled out in the report of the Standing Committee as amended by your action just taken. The Committee recommends and moves that the motion as amended be adopted by this Encampment.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second. Any discussion?

**Brother Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. We voted yesterday that twenty-five men being added to the Council would be unmanageable. That, there is a further step however to make everything democratic and that would be I'd propose an amendment that would state no Department could have more than one elected officer at the National level and that would give everybody an equal vote on the Council went it

meets which includes Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer. What did I forget? Quartermaster. No Department could dominate the works. No Department would have more of a voice than any other. I make that proposal for an amendment. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

You are making a motion to amend?

**Brother Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I'm sorry, motion. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Is there any support?

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any discussion?

**National Counselor James Pahl**

I would speak in opposition to the amendment. If this had been the rule in the past when Bud Atkinson was National Quartermaster that would of prohibited any other Brother from the Department of Pennsylvania from running for National Office. So George Powell would not of been Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr would not of been Commander-in-Chief. I think it places too much of a limit that if you have one Brother in an elected office of that type that is continuing in nature of Secretary or Treasurer which are three year terms, you've already excluded a number of other people from even thinking about considering aspiring to National Office. So, I stand in opposition to that the amendment.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby**

I believe that you need to think about this passing. Because, if you pass it then we're going to have to start electing some more people that are already on the seats. Because right now you know we have a couple of gentlemen from Michigan that are already elected. What do we do? Are we canceling them out? I think that we are all grown men and we can govern ourselves accordingly. If the Brothers want to run and they are qualified then the Encampment will make that choice on their own. We don't need a regulation to govern that portion of it. Thank you.

**PCinC Danny Wheeler, Department of New York**

Gentlemen, I was on the Council for over four years. Since then I have been on the Council as a non-voting member and I have set with two members from Pennsylvania or wherever and I can tell you now everyone of them has acted as individuals in their decisions and trying to do the best for the Order. I have never seen anybody do anything different or gang up on people or whatever at a Council Meeting. We are all grown men just as the other man said. And I think we have to remember that when you elect people they are there to do the job for you. And I don't think it matters what state there from.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you very much.

**Brother Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

Gentlemen, I rise in opposition also. We want the best man for the position. I don't like the concepts of quotas. I think that fairness will come about if we put the best people in.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussion?

**Brother Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker Department of Massachusetts. What we are really talking about is everybody having a voice. I don't think anybody has ganged up on anybody. I think that all the Elected National Officers have done a great job in the time that I have been in the organization. But my Department and I know some of the other Departments feel that we are not represented by two guys from Pennsylvania, one guy from New York. We want to have our voice heard. We can't do it every time but this adds a little more democracy to the proceedings now. Small Departments get shut out. This is the remedy to that. In its fairness everybody has a voice. Those large Departments have a voice and there is a chance that more small Departments will have a voice. It's not about anybody ganging up or that anybody did a bad job its just about a little more fairness in the proceedings. Thank you.

**PDC Ken Hershberger, Department of Maryland**

Brother Commander, I think the issue is not so much the largeness of the Department as it is who attend the Encampment. Department of Maryland yesterday I think we were entitled to sixteen, we have three here. The other problem is where the Encampments are held. There again that is subject to the wheel or the industriousness of the particular Departments. The Encampment has been held in the west so to speak for a number of years but then who else is jumping up to host the Encampments. The distance of travel is a problem but if you are really concerned about the organization you will make time and come. And I am a little troubled by saying the smaller Departments don't have a say. Does any Department ever other than a real small Department field as many delegates as they are entitled to and I don't think I have seen that happen in the ten or so years that I have belonged to this organization.

**PCinC Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Speaking from a Department that was small at one time, basically we increased our numbers. We decided that we were going to make an effort to try to come to National. We were going to seat as many delegates as we possibly could. Any other Department can do exactly the same if they so desire.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

This is an echo of what you just heard here. Pennsylvania is the largest Department in this body. We have almost a thousand members. What do we have here nine fellas? The problem isn't small Departments get left out. The problem is apathy. A lot of our members are apathetic. They don't come out and participate. All right, it's a commitment. What do you want to do? What do you want to commit your life to? You want to commit your life to playing baseball then go out and do that. You want to commit your life to this organization you can come and do that. What we need to do is create awareness and get people out here okay. At that point when every Department has a full delegation then it may be a problem. But for right now we need the people in that position that's going to do the job. You know I am singing to the choir here because everybody in this room are the ones that come out. You know, all these faces are familiar. Every year I come here and some of you have become good friends, some of you come here to hate me but...Especially the Commander-in-Chief after last night with the little whirly gigs, I.... it's a matter of getting the people out here. Also, another point to make is the fact that a democracy which this body is based on the majority decision. We don't even have majority here in Pennsylvania. You know, California & Pacific who is not the largest has more people here than we do and they've traveled just as far. So it is the matter of majority, it's the matter of how many men you field here. The majority's got to rule in this body because we are the body of the National Order. The people that attend this meeting are the ones that care about this Order. Thank you.

**DC John Irons, Department of Oklahoma**

John Irons from Oklahoma. Probably the smallest Department we have. We have I think sixty-seven in members, we have four Camps. We have three members here and so I feel pretty good about that. I don't think size has anything to do with it. We are excited and we want to learn, we want to move forward and I think that is the key is you come and learn.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any other discussion on the proposed amendment? Brother Tucker I would like you to restate that.

**Brother Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

My proposal is that no Department have more than one Elected National Officer.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All in favor, say aye.

**A few**

Aye.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All opposed?

**Many more**

Nay, and No.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Motion failed. Any further discussion on the original motion as amended? No further discussion. Can you read that again?

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Okay. What we are doing is if you refer back to the packet of reports page twenty-three item number two. This is what was tabled from yesterday, that the Council of Administration be expanded increasing the number of Council Members from three to five. Further, no two such Council Members may be from the same Department also to change the quorum required for meetings of the Council of Administration from four to six and that has now been amended to that in a case of elections for Council Members a plurality vote shall elect.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, James. Any further questions? All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed? Motion passed.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Number three we have an item referred from the Military Affairs Committee to amend Chapter four, Article one, Section five in the fifth sentence; in no case may the rank of the Commanding Officer be higher than that of Major General. At the same time then if we do that we would also amend the Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations, which are part of the National Regulations by reference. Section two, the third sentence again would read the same; in no case shall the rank of Commanding General be higher than that of a Major General and then amending Section five of the SVR Regulations, that would set out the rank structure for the various offices of the National Staff. And this could only become affective if the membership of the SVR exceeds fifteen hundred members would Major General rank be allowed. And then the other changes would be the Deputy Commander could then be promoted to Brigadier General. The only other change is the DC liaison that if it is less than five hundred that rank be Lieutenant Colonel if it is five hundred to a thousand Colonel and if it is over fifteen hundred, Colonel. The Committee concurs and we move adoption of this amendment to the Regulations.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, that motion has been seconded any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. All opposed same sign. Motion passed.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Item number four this is an item referred from the Special Committee on Digest to amend National Regulations. Chapter three, article five, which addresses duties of officers and would add in italics to the job description of the National Counselor. It currently reads: the National Counselor shall act as the legal advisor to the Commander-in-Chief in the National Organization. This proposed amendment would add the following language: He shall also act as editor of the Digest of the Order as each National Encampment proceedings are published. He shall glean from the proceedings the various rulings and opinions as to our Constitution and Regulations and then cause to be published an updated Digest. The Committee concurs and I move adoption of this amendment to the Regulations.

**Severall**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second. Any discussion?

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby**

Commander. The only thing I have is the definition of cause to be published. Is that going to mean electronically, is that going to be that we have to pay for it in print and the one thing that I would ask is there be a further definition of what the word published is so we don't get ourselves into where we have to have it printed in the document when we can do it on a CD or something.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Are you offering a friendly amendment?

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby**

I'm offering that as a friendly amendment that there be a definition of what published actually means.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any support for that?

**Severall**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second. All right, any further discussion? Okay, let's vote on his motion. All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed? Passed.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

For the purpose of actually placing language into the C&R if I may be allowed a little latitude when I'm drafting my Post Encampment Report and actually putting the language in. The word "Publish" shall mean any means of disseminating the information as the Order may chose from time to time.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby**

That works for me.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Yeah, so it would be something similar to that and so therefore again this would add to the job description of National Counselor act as editor of the Digest so this be a living document.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Without further discussion, we will proceed to vote. All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed, same sign. Passed.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

The last item yesterday the Encampment added a Standing Committee to the Organization on GAR records. After the Encampment did this, a few of us on the C&R Committee got together and realized that actually a Standing Committee has to be defined in National Regulations. So to formalize the action of the Encampment we move to amend three different Articles in the National Regulations. Chapter three, Article four, Section one, the officers of the National Organization shall, and we would add to that a GAR Records Officer. The second amendment then would be Chapter three, Article seven, Section one, the Standing Committees of the National Organization shall be as follows and we would add to that list a GAR Post Records Committee. And finally to amend National Records Chapter three, Article three, Section twenty-one this would be a new Section. It would define the role of the GAR Records Officer the GAR Records Officer shall chair the GAR Records Committee, he will provide leadership and direction to Departments and Camps regarding the locating physical examination of and recording of all GAR records of all types. The Committee therefore moves the adoption of theses amendments to the Regulations.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed? Passed. Very good.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

That concludes the Encampment Committee Report of Constitution and Regulations this will be the last time I stand before you in a C&R role for quite some time. Thank you Brothers.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Medert.

**PDC David V. Medert, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, There was another one that was in there proposed change to the Regulations Chapter four, Article one, Section two, allowing Juniors to be members of the SVR.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. We are looking for that now.

**PDC David V. Medert, Department of Ohio**

We didn't hear the juniors. We heard all the other rank structure and all that but we didn't hear the juniors.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Yes, I missed it. I got so excited, I missed it. There was one other item for Military Affairs Committee. I apologize. This would amend National Regulations Chapter four, Article one, Section two, which currently reads to be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR our Brother shall be a member, associate, and we would add the words then "or Junior" and then it currently reads in good standing of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Then we would also add the following language, "Juniors at SVR events may not carry any weapon or accoutrements pertaining to weapons nor may they work any artillery piece except position five, six and seven." For those of you not schooled in artillery five, six and seven are the runners of the ammunition from chest up to the gun. That would allow that but any other military participation would not be allowed. The Committee concurs and moves the adoption of that regulation.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second. Any further discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried. Thank you.

Bob, would you and Jim like to come up and speak on behalf of the Foundation?

**PDC James Houston, Department of Ohio**

I would like to present our report that we published as of July the thirtieth and then we'll have some updates on that by our chairman and so forth. This is from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation and we are located in Sandusky Ohio. And this is the report of the Board of Directors at the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War. Brothers on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation I am pleased to report on the progress of the Foundation since it's authorization. As you may know, the Foundation was authorized by the National Council of Administration at Sandusky Ohio on March the eighth, two thousand and three based on recommendations from the National Committee on the SUVCW alternative funding. The Foundation was organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes. These purposes broadly include providing information and enlightenment of the armed conflict 1861 to 65, supporting projects and charities attributable to Civil War history, monument preservation/restoration, monument construction and erection, scholarships and benevolence to members of Sons of Union Veterans of

the Civil War. At the Sandusky meeting seven Foundation Directors were appointed and those Directors include H. Scott Banker, Linn P. Hoadley, myself, Edward J. Krieser, Robert M. Petrovic, the Honorable Henry E. Shaw Jr., and John V. Silvis. Subsequently the following actions were taken to place the Foundation on an operational tax-exempt legal footing. Articles of incorporation were filed by Director and Statutory Agent, Henry E. Shaw Jr., with the Ohio Secretary of State and certified on August the fourth, two thousand and three. A bank account in the Foundations name was open with the Fifth Third Bank of Cincinnati Ohio on June the twenty-fourth, two thousand and three, with starting funds of thirteen hundred dollars authorized by the Council of Administration. Application for recognition of tax-exemption was filed with the Internal Revenue Service and on March the fourth, two thousand and four the IRS determined that the foundation was exempt under section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code. With the formation activities accomplished and the IRS tax-exempt approval granted the Board started to consider ways of raising funds to meet the objectives of the foundation. E-mail discussions have been frequent among the Directors. A number of ideas have been and are being reviewed for funds generation. Director Robert M. Petrovic on behalf of the Foundation has obtained authorization from the National Council of Administration for use of the SUVCW logo on sell merchandise and certain sell merchandise and also received approval for sale of various merchandise categories. They include GAR canes, GAR key chains, license plate frames, SUVCW cork coasters, a compact disk containing three GAR books, lapel pins for members. Past Camp Commander, Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief and a GAR sword and hat pin. We encourage you to visit our display of the items, which is in the rear and you can see Bob at the table back there and please look and consider buying some of those items. That will help us meet the objectives of the Charitable Foundation. In the future we hope to have many additional items for sale with the ability to order them through the SUVCW Web site. The Foundation also encourages Camps, Departments and individual members to consider making contributions to the Foundation. Two Departments have already done so. Three members of the Foundation Board have made or offered loans to help pay for start up merchandise inventory. Beyond in-house contributions the Board will be actively seeking funds from outside organizations in the next year. Please let us know about prospective sources so that we can help follow up with them. We enthusiastically look forward to serving the educational and charitable purposes of our Order through the operation of the charitable foundation. On behalf of the Board I've submitted this report and we have since as I mentioned July the thirtieth was the date of this report but we have a couple activities that have occurred since that time and there

may be some other comments that we have to by other Board Members but I would like to call on Past Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser to give an update from July thirtieth.

**National Secretary, Edward J. Krieser**

We have since that time our first endowment or whatever. We are able to accept money from organizations such as this one, Fidelity Charity Gift Foundation of Boston Massachusetts. They gave us \$1,000 specifically to go toward the Grand Traverse Area Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Monument Restoration Project. This is in Traverse City, Michigan and the check from that gift foundation in Boston is already in the mail. It probably arrived at our address this weekend but it will be deposited and therefore a check made out to the Traverse City Soldiers and Sailors Monument Restoration Project next week . So, we have started what the main purpose and we are glad to be able to accomplish this.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good.

**National Guard, Charles Engle**

Commander, may I present the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Yes, indeed. Do all of the ladies have escorts?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, WELCOME.

**PCinC Gordon R. Bury, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, to you and through you to this Encampment here assembled, I present to you Past National President and Current President, Lynn Bury of Ohio.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Welcome President Bury. Would you care to come forward for any remarks?

**National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lynn Bury**

What a great delegation you have. I can remember when the Ladies of the GAR had also a number like this and I am delighted to see that you gentlemen are here and carry on the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War. I, I'm just amazed how you have grown recently. Keep up the good work gentlemen. I am very pleased to be here to present the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish to tell you what a nice Commander-in-Chief you had this year. Any problem I ever had, all I had to do was call or e-mail him and he was right there on the spot with information or whatever I needed. And I certainly appreciate all his courtesies and help to me. As well as several other Brothers this year, I've had an occasion to contact for advice or sympathy or what have you. Mainly Brother Pahl and Brother Harrison wherever

you are. I can't find you. Oh...way back there. Okay. Uhm...anyways, anyone of the Brothers that I have had occasion to speak to this year for any reason has always been very courteous and helpful to me and I do appreciate that. We've had kind of a struggle with a few things this year. I think things are looking up after consulting with your Brothers. So,I just wanted to greet you and tell you that the Ladies are very happy to be here and we're having a very nice time and getting a lot of business done as we hope you are as well. So thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

We thank you ladies and congratulate you on another successful year. Past Commander-in-Chief Bury, sir, would you please render our response?

**PCinC Gordon R. Bury, Department of Ohio**

It's always a pleasure when the Allied Orders of the Grand Army get together in harmony to put forth the ideals, principles and the goals, which we all inculcate. Especially when the Ladies carry the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is quite a unique thing. I can stand here and tell you a lot of things about some of these ladies. We would probably be here all day. But it's always a pleasure to have the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic visit us. I know that you have a lot of business this morning so I will not take too much more time other than to say that it's a pleasure to have you with us and we look forward to dining with you this evening at the banquet and thank you for coming.

**PCinC Robert Grim, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, can I make a comment regarding the last report from the Charitable Foundation?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Certainly.

**PCinC Robert Grim, Department of Ohio**

Last year I had the privilege of serving as your Commander-in-Chief during the formation of the Charitable Foundation and I must say that it's functioning very well. The Directors have done a fantastic job with this new foundation that we have created with the idea that we would be able to get funds to help in some of the projects that normally our organization would like to be involved in. And as Brother Krieser commented, a thousand dollars flowed through that organization to help restore a monument in Michigan. Had we not had the Charitable Foundation that would not of happened. You also will notice in the report that has been given that those Directors have been providing their own funds as loans to help the start up operation as far as getting merchandise to sell. You have seen some of the items that they have been producing back here. One of the things that we would like to do with that Foundation is to have them get rather large grants from institutions. Many of you have employers who provide matching type grants. So they

need a little base from which to have an operation to match some of these grants. They also need funds to provide for the inventories that they want. I noticed in reading that report from the National Membership at Large Coordinator that they donated two thousand dollars to the Sons this year. That is a fine gift from them and is greatly appreciated but I would like to move that our organization donate that to the Charitable Foundation to help them with the costs and operations that they have.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

It has been moved and supported. Any further discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed? Motion passed. Congratulations to the Foundation.

**Brother Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

A few years ago in Springfield I rose to support the Foundation and suggested that if every member present were to put a codicil in their Will donating five thousand dollars or two percent which ever is greater or lesser as you may see fit. The Foundation would have a very adequate amount of money in time. Remember this Foundation when you make out your Will, when you revise it and put that in and funds will begin flowing.

**PDC Donald Palmer, Department of Missouri**

There is a book that is being passed around. It is a *Greetings/Signature Book* that C-in-C Armstrong would like to have as a keepsake after this Encampment. So, that is why you see the book being passed around. If you haven't had a chance to sign it, please do. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, thank you for that courtesy. Brother Michaels, are you ready for the Encampment Resolutions Committee report?

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels**

Yes, I have asked Brother Don Palmer to read that report.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, Don would you like to come up here? It's your choice, sir.

**PDC Donald Palmer, Department of Missouri**

Actually, Steve didn't tell you the whole story. I drew the short straw so that's why I'm up here. In reality I was the only one that could read Don Darby's handwriting so that's the real reason. Okay, we had six resolutions that we addressed last night. The first one from the Ohio Department. Basically, the Ohio Department resolves that Past Department Commander, Alan Howey, have his Past Department Commandership transferred to the Department of Ohio. He moved from Tennessee and the Committee concurs with this resolution.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any support?

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any further discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed same sign. It Passes. Very good. That was easy.

**PDC Donald Palmer, Department of Missouri**

First couple are easy. Okay the next resolution is from the Department of Maine. It urges the National Encampment to modify its dues structure and associated cost to reduce the monetary burden on the Brothers of the Order. The Committee does not concur with this resolution.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brother Commander-in-Chief.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Sir.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Point of Order. I believe we voted to be at the ‘sound of the gavel’ yesterday, for all Committee reports.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

You’re right. Thank you. Any objections to the Committee’s report? [Sound of the gavel]

**PDC Donald Palmer, Department of Missouri**

Resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania. The Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Encampment here assembled requests that the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Union War reconsider its forms and redesign them to include the information needed by Officers in the Departments. And the Committee referred recommends referring this to the Program and Policy Committee.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Donald Palmer, Department of Missouri**

Okay next one from the Department of Pennsylvania. Be it resolved that the Department of Pennsylvania in Annual Encampment Assembled does encourage the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to participate and meet the standards of the National Digital Strategy Advisory Board. The Committee determined that there was insufficient information provided and referring this back to the Department for additional information i.e. cost, feasibility of the Department and National to implement into affect.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objections to the Committee’s findings? [Gavel ]

**PDC Donald Palmer, Department of Missouri**

Okay, there were two resolutions that were related to pushing the Congress to adopt May Thirtieth for the Observance of Memorial Day

and to restore it to May Thirtieth and so basically these two are lumped into one recommendation from the Committee. And basically the recommendation for both of these is to defer them back to the Legislative Committee for current information i.e. bill number and forward to Council of Administration for appropriate action. The bill numbers that were listed on there were from 1999 and it's doubtful that they are still those actual bill numbers are being used in 2004. Those numbers typically change with the new Congress. So we need the additional information as far as the current bill numbers.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Is there an objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Donald Palmer, Department of Missouri**

And the last one, funding of Civil War National Parks is from the Department of Ohio resolved at the Brooks Grand Camp number 7, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War whereas the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War adopts this position or refer it to the National Organization. The Committee recommends concurrence in that the National Secretary drafts a letter to this effect.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

Leo, are you ready for Officer Reports?

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

Yes, sir. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports had ten items to look at last night. The first one is from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, recommendation. I would recommend that in the future that we enlarge the ads and place them in special editions. We feel that we could save money and still reach a larger audience. The Committee did not concur.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

On the National Secretaries Report, I recommend revising the requirements for all awards that are determined from reports to include that the report must be received by a date required. Currently this entails the Davis-Linder Award for the most new members in the Department and the Grand Trophy Award for the highest percentage increase of new members in the Department and we concurred.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

National Patriotic Instructor. This is referring to the ROTC Medals. Graduating college seniors are soon commissioned and will not wear ROTC Medals on their uniforms. Graduating high school Seniors generally do not wear JROTC Awards in a college program. So basically

our award is never worn after presentation. So it has been suggested that the award be made available for any grade level. We did not concur.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection?

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Our organization is a historic education foundation, correct? And our job is to educate the youth of this country. To have recognition on a young person that exemplifies our Order, I think is a good thing. We may be able to get some membership out of it. That is something that will always be there. They will remember that and cherish that and I think the sooner we make that recognition, the better it will be.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Is there support for the objection?

**Brother Joseph Selega, Department of New Jersey**

Yes, there is. I had the opportunity to give a ROTC Medal to a graduating senior from one of our high schools in Riverside New Jersey this year. There was a very large gathering of people who were there at the award ceremony. This was one of the awards that was provided. I think that by allowing it to be given to a member of ROTC organization or a JROTC organization prior to his graduation would enable the medal and certificate to have a longer life in being able to promote the Order by having it visually displayed on a regular basis. To give it to somebody and to have only the people who are at the award dinner kind of defeats the purpose for having the medal its self. So I concur with Commander Kuhn that it would be appropriate to have the medal so that it is given and can be worn and can generate interest and enthusiasm in our Order. Thank you very much Commander.

**Brother David Schleeter, Department of California & Pacific**

I agree with the previous speaker that in a military setting, which is where these medals would be awarded, a junior cadet will get a much better feeling of patriotism and achievement if you pin a medal on them then if you hand him a certificate. I still have all my junior ROTC medals.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Charlie, can you offer that up in a form of a motion?

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

May I just explain for a minute, Commander-in-Chief?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Surely.

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

Our thought process on this was two fold actually. We weren't entirely sure that Junior students would be allowed to wear medals and we realize that the medal that we provide is extremely high quality medal and we

felt that it would be something for them to work forward to get in their Senior year and that's what our thought process was on this.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

As a point of order, when a committee does not concur and there is an objection, there is nothing on the floor at this time to be discussed unless someone makes a motion.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

I move you that we would accept that as the way it is printed. I guess is that correct what we are saying here that they will get the medal earlier?

Is that the way it is written?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Can you restate?

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

I move you to approve the recommendation as written.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, for the benefit of everyone here, let's have a refresher. Could you read aloud, the recommendation as presented?

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

The recommendation as written in the National Patriotic Instructors Report is, Graduating college Seniors assume commissioned and will not wear ROTC medals on their uniforms and graduating high school Seniors generally do not wear JROTC awards in their college programs. So basically, our award is never worn after the presentation. So it has been suggested that the award be made available for any every grade level.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, let's have an official second on that.

**Severall**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, any further discussion?

**Brother Dean Airy, Department of Iowa**

Commander, Dean Airy of Iowa. I agree with this I think we ought to go ahead and do it. I know I was lucky enough to be a ROTC and receive an award or two awards as a matter of fact from Veterans Organizations following my Junior year and I know I was very proud to wear those and I know many people asked me what they represented and I was very happy to tell them that they were from patriotic organizations. And in fact other people have in our ROTC unit did in fact try to strive to win some of these same awards. Believe me, it helps. I think it is a great deal for those kinds of recommendations. It didn't do too bad for me; I retired a Brigadier General.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. With no further discussion, we will proceed to vote. All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed, same sign. Approved.

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

This second one is from the National Patriotic Instructor. It is not clear as to what criteria is needed to present the award for example a high G.P.A etcetera and a discussion with an officer at a college program revealed that the cadre of the schools like some flexibility in the criteria so they can choose more recipients for the various awards. So it is suggested that our criteria be quote “Display a patriotic spirit to his or her Nation and demonstrate the high academic performance” end quote. The cadre at the school can help determine which cadet fits these criteria and we concur.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

It is not clear from the current form seven if a JROTC Cadet is eligible for our award. They are so it is suggested that this be included on the form. We concur.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

The current form seven requires a Camp or Department Commander signature. It is suggested that this be extended to a quote “authorized Brother” end quote. Perhaps a new office of ROTC award coordinator. We did not concur.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

The current form seven seems to limit the presentation of the award to a Camp or Department it is suggesting to be extended to SVR Units. We did not concur.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

And the last three are from the Graves Registration Officer. First, to work with Communication and Technology Committee to get the online database running. The Committee concurred.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Sound of the gavel]

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

Have a Graves Registration Chair appoint a member of the Graves Registration Committee to collect and complete the listings in National Cemeteries and include them in the database. Did not concur.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

**National Counselor James Pahl**

Could you repeat that again?

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

Have the Grave Registration Chair appoint a member of the Graves Registration Committee to collect and complete the listings in National Cemeteries and include them in the database. I actually wrote this recommendation. The Committee convinced me otherwise. The point of the matter was years ago the policy was, we did not include National Cemeteries in our work in Graves Registration. The though process at the time and this came down from I believe it was Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr that the National Cemeteries were doing their own work, they were developing their own databases so we need to concentrate on areas that weren't being done. We're in at a point now where we wanted to bring all that information into the database. The reason the Committee did not concur was they felt that there was no reason to put this as a mandate. The newly appointed Graves Registration Chair had the authority to do so without being mandated to do so.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Brother Commander, I'm going to object to non-concurrence. May I speak?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Certainly.

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

We did not concur with it.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

You did not concur and I am objecting. I think that the committee should have the ability and I think this Encampment should pass a resolution that the Graves Registration project can be affirmatively allowed to include the graves in National Cemeteries into our database for Civil War veterans. I think that we need a single source of information for people to turn to in search of their ancestors and information and if they are buried in a National Cemetery and they turn to us and we don't have it we've left someone wondering about what the in the world are we out there for then, and I think we need to include that.

I'm making a motion that the committee be instructed that they are free to include grave registration information from Civil War graves in National Cemeteries.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Yeah, I'll second that. Okay I think the wording needs to be may rather than required yeah. That's one of the reasons I got up here. But do we remember yesterday I believe somebody I forgot who it was got up and spoke about some woman that was looking for an ancestor buried at

Jefferson Barracks and they couldn't find it. The National Parks Service says, "Oh, no we don't have anybody like that here" but yet when our Brother went to look they found somebody whose spelling was similar and here it turned out to be their relative. So this is the type of thing you are really going to get from the National Park Service. They are busy people and their list might be available to them but unless you actually have the time to look it is not there.

**Brother Stephen J. Twining, Department of Massachusetts**

Just as a point of interest on this subject that a lot of this data is available on the Internet and if we choose to do that we could get that information fairly easily. There are CD's out there that have the Graves Registration from the National Cemeteries. I'm sure we could get permission to copy it to our own database.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby**

Commander-in-Chief, I think in the Digest that we published there is a reference to a decision that was done previously that says that the Graves Registration will include National Cemeteries. I think maybe we need to check that, and we could just use that for the wording.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. Jack?

**Brother Jack Grothe, Department of Missouri**

The National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks which is the second largest, I've checked with them. Although you as an individual looking for your ancestors in a cemetery can go over and use the computer and find them very nicely. Their computers are not set where you could go in and say we would like a printout of all Civil War Veterans. No can do. So thankfully the Gentlemen that was just shortly before me said that someone has done that. Secondly we had a little interesting situation in Jefferson Barracks where we found a lady was buried there under a man's name. And luckily it fell within the range of our Veterans and it got worked out. But you talk about red tape and you talk about up and down the channel and all over the place. First of all they were embarrassed that they had made that big of a mess up but it was taken care of. When you work with the Federal Government they are very polite and they are very nice over there. They do a good job. But don't think you are going to run over and push the button and it's going to print out a list for you because it's not going to do that. It's going to be work.

**Brother Kirby Welman, Department of Ohio**

I am also the Graves Registration Officer from Montgomery County of Ohio. And let me begin by saying that I have registered so far fifteen hundred graves and I would say three quarters of those are from the Dayton National Cemetery. So feel free to Court Marshall me. Now, they do have a database for National Cemeteries on the computer. However, many of these do not list the persons outfit. They don't tell you what he

has served, they don't even tell you who he served with and believe me while this one gentlemen said the people who work at the National Cemeteries are usually very courteous and polite. They could give a rats rear-end less about Civil War Soldiers. Anyway my personal opinion is either Court Marshall me or include National Cemeteries. Thank you gentlemen.

**Brother A. Dean Sargent, Department of Massachusetts**

We have a Committee of about five or six fellas from all over the United States, Brothers from all different Departments working on a situation that we consider has been disastrous. If any of you have researched the burials of Andersonville Prison, Sulisbury, Mullin knowing all those different places have been moved and changed and bodies put all over the place, it's a disaster. It is our goal to correct all of these. We have men working day and night going through the State of Maine one years production and both production. Actually the General of the state had taken almost a year to go through man-by-man and match-to-match records to correct them. We have men buried in three cemeteries the same man. Okay. It's difficult but when we get through we are going to present this and this better be on our National Program. Thank you.

**PDC Bob Lowe, Department of California & Pacific**

I think we are getting away from the thing. I think what we are really talking about here is and the statements made are you demanding that the Graves Registration Officer assign someone to do National Cemeteries or leaving it up to him if they will be done anyway, they are going to be put in. I mean, I don't know of a Department that I have worked with, I'm on the Graves Registration Committee that hasn't input Graves from National Graves or National Cemeteries. So I think we are going too far extremes here. Yes they are going to be done. Here we are demanding that the Graves Registration Officer requiring him to set aside a specific person to do that. Thank you.

**National Counselor James Pahl**

May I speak to that? My motion wasn't to demand, it was to allow. And the reason for that is that there is authority that a Past Commander-in-Chief at one time told the Committee don't do it because the National Parks Service is recording this information. This Committee was just getting started. The focus was to be on the other cemeteries and I think we are at a point where with three hundred thousand names in the database, let's include it. So, my purpose in doing this is to kind of do away with that previous Past Commander-in-Chief's instruction and be on record as affirmatively saying "Yes, if you have the information include." It wasn't specifying how to do it or had to do it but that they be allowed to as they see fit to it. And that was the purpose of my motion.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any further discussion? I think we are ready to vote. All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed, same sign. Okay, carried.

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

And the last item still under Graves Registration that they set up a recognition program for Brothers that are doing exceptional work on this project and the Committee concurs.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any objection? [Gavel]

**PDC Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

And that is the last item for the Encampment Committee from Officer's Reports.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Very good. Thank you.

**National Guard Charles Engle**

Commander, may I present to the Order at this time, the Daughters of the Union Veterans?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Oh, absolutely.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 to 1865, WELCOME. Would you care to share some words with the Encampment?

**Sister Ruth Marie Funck, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 to 1865**

Commander-in-Chief and Sons, it is with great pleasure that I can bring greetings from our newly elected National President Ozzie Thompson, she lives in Wisconsin but she is from the Minnesota Department. She was planning on coming herself and bringing greetings but her daughter-in-law has a brain tumor and she felt that she needed to stay there. So in the line of Fraternity and Charity and Loyalty the Department of Missouri, I'm from Saint Louis, has voted at our last Department Convention to host the 2007 National Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans in Saint Louis at the same time you will be there. So hopefully we can join an activity or something. I was also supposed to have another, our National Junior Vice is from Missouri and she would be National President in 2007 Pat Mullenix and she had some words that she wanted to share with you. She called me this morning and said that her van wasn't running so if she can get it fixed she will make the announcement at the Allied Orders Banquet pertaining to a burial of the last Civil War Veteran, probably.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, thank you. Brother Pahl, would you care to render a response to these Ladies?

### **National Counselor James Pahl**

Having been informed thirty-seven seconds ago that I was going to be the Responder, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to this Encampment. Your representatives in the Michigan Department work very closely with a very strong and active Daughters Department and it just gives me great pleasure to recognize it at the National level. The activities of our Sisters as we strive together to accomplish the goals of keeping alive and green the memory of the Veterans that have fought so bravely to preserve the nation that we have today. Depending on the elections this afternoon the 2007 Encampment will have very special meaning to me. It just pleases my heart to no end that the Ladies may once again join with us and I hope the Women's Relief Corp can join also, all five Allied Orders meeting together again.

### **Several**

Here, Here.

### **Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

I don't think old Jim did too bad, do you?

### **PCinC Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief, may I approach?

### **Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Certainly.

### **PCinC Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Obviously, every year the Commander-in-Chief passes out a series of awards to very deserving people. And there are still a couple of awards that he may have missed. I wanted to make sure that they didn't get missed because they are very important. Actually, I have two. They are both very similar. One is from the Commissioners of Clinton County, Michigan and the other one is from the City of DeWitt, Michigan. And if you don't know, that is basically where the Commander-in-Chief resides. So, Commander-in-Chief, this is a resolution honoring Kent L. Armstrong. It says, "Whereas in honor to recognize Kent L. Armstrong, a life long resident of Clinton County, who has diligently and honorably served as the 117th Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Whereas Commander Armstrong was instrumental in garnering the support of the Michigan legislature in naming Highway US 12 as the "Iron Brigade Memorial Highway," and Whereas Commander Armstrong submitted a design proposal for a special historical marker honoring the Iron Brigade and the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry to be installed at the I-94 *Welcome Center* and coordinate the installation and dedication of each of the historical markers, and Whereas, as a member of the State of Michigan *Civil War Battle Flags Task Force*, Commander Armstrong raised several thousand dollars towards the professional care of Civil War Banners, and Whereas Commander Armstrong worked with his

legislative representatives to raise the penalty for theft and damage to the veterans' grave markers, Now therefore be it resolved that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners salute Kent L. Armstrong for his exceptional service as the 117<sup>th</sup> Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and be it further resolved that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners commends and offers respect to Kent L. Armstrong for his dedicated service to Clinton County and especially his work on behalf of the veterans as he plays a significant role in other projects, too numerous to mention." Signed the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004 and the other one is very similar, from the City of DeWitt.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. Thank you very much.

**DC Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan**

May I make an announcement?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Surely.

**DC Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Brothers, the Department of Michigan has for sale the hat wreaths that you see adorning the kepis of several of the Brothers. I will be out in the lobby during the lunch hour selling these. If you would like to purchase one, come right up and we will get you fixed up. I got a lot of them.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

The Chaplain will now close the Bible. Please be back at 10:30 a.m.

## MORNING BREAK

**DC Eric Schmenke, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brothers attending the Pennsylvania Luncheon, it will be at twelve o'clock in the Dogwood Room. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Eric, could you describe how to get there?

**DC Eric Schmenke, Department of Pennsylvania**

All I know is that it is around here, and around here, and around here.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

So, when you go out the door, just keep bearing left. All right. Thank you. Doug?

**Brother Douglas Niermeyer, Department of Missouri**

I just wanted to say that yesterday when I made an announcement to the Encampment I was running on an hour and a half of sleep. I feel a little bit better now after actually being in a bed overnight. But a lot of discussion had been done on the Graves Registration with use of the Internet. A lot of the databases that are out there give us about fifty percent of the work already done so it is great to be able to build upon

that. Add the additional information Downey's position on the index or the Kentucky Civil War Web site information for educational purposes I think that it is great that all the different Departments can look into that. Missouri has done that back in nineteen ninety-seven, developed a Web site and it has been accessed by many, many people for the Loyal, Legion had initially created it but we're going to try to go ahead and get that transferred over into the Sons whether it is done at the Department or now the National level. There are a lot of projects on the Internet that have a great deal of benefit for multiple organizations as well as public education. The GAR Commanders-in-Chief Web site, which lists all the Commander, and Chiefs is a project that could use some help as well. I have gone and tried to help in adding biographies on members from the Illinois and Missouri areas. And if different people from your own Departments if there is interest just take a look and see. You know there might have been a GAR CNC from your state and if the biography is not there or it's very small please encourage people to try to take a look and see how we can end up helping the history, help the Order and help the education of the country in general. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you for sharing that, Doug. Gentlemen, the floor is now open for New Business.

**PDC Ron Aronis, Department of Wisconsin**

Brothers, Commander, I would like to introduce a man that is the driving force behind our newest Camp, the L.G. Armstrong Camp number forty-nine in Wisconsin, Gary Young.

**Brother Gary Young, Department of Wisconsin**

Thank you Brother Ron. Commander, I represent L.G. Armstrong Camp number forty-nine who meets monthly in the John McDermont Post number 101 Grand Army of the Republic call in Boscobel. It is the last remaining home in Wisconsin and it has great needs at this time. After a hundred and thirty years development in the neighborhood has made. This old hall built in 1871 and bought by the old gentlemen in 1896. It has become the oldest spot in the neighborhood and we need to raise it up and put a basement under it before it sinks into it's self. I've been appointed by the Stewards of the hall as their agent to raise funds for that purpose. We have good opportunities for grants to do the work but we need a little seed money. Therefore I am requesting from the special projects fund an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars that will allow us to hire an architect to do the architectural documentation that is necessary for us to apply for National Historic Site status as we work through the Wisconsin Historical Society. I have positive responses from the Jeffery's Foundation out of Jamesville Wisconsin for a matching grant. In fact a personal letter from Tom Jeffery's encouraging me and telling me how to go ahead. We have also some positive response from

the National Trust for Historic Preservation in this regard. The problem is the immediate business of raising enough money to buy an architect if you will pardon the pun. To do this the Stewards of the hall and of course our new Camp doesn't have the resources to come up with this immediately. We have just spent eighteen months defending GAR Artifacts in Court, In terms of Grant County, Wisconsin deciding they wanted to own them. So funds are a little bit depleted and if we could at the pleasure of the Brothers we would appreciate a little handout to help us with this important project to save this hundred and thirty year old hall.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Not to exceed two thousand. Well, let's have a motion for an exact dollar figure, here.

**Brother Gary Young, Department of Wisconsin**

Moved to expend or allocate \$1,500 from the Special Projects Fund for the purpose of getting started on saving this hall.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Does that have support? That dollar amount? Very good. Any further discussion?

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, I would ask these gentlemen behind me are also lining up for funds that before we vote one specific fund that we listen to the requests of the other gentlemen and then deal. Is it possible to deal with that all in one motion so we are depleting one fund and kind of leaving our other Brothers...I support this Brothers motion but I would like to have everybody get their turn in the barrel.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

As far as the mechanics of it, I have no problem with that. Is that agreeable to you, just as a courtesy? And I would like to ask our treasurer for the benefit of all here today, to let everyone know just how much money is in that fund. This would have to come out of the next year's budget. So, there is only twenty-five hundred? Because at the end of the fiscal year.....

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Commander-in-Chief, can you give us an idea of how much money is available totally, depending on which fund or whatever? If there is money in this fund or that fund, if we could get a breakdown of that?

**National Treasurer Max L. Newman**

The balance from last years Memorial Civil War Fund, that was being transferred into next year, is six thousand two hundred and forty-three dollars. Plus the twenty-five hundred dollars special project, which is in next years fund.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Has that been transferred already or will that be effective as the end of this Encampment?

**National Treasurer Max L. Newman**

It's already effective.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby**

So we have eighty-five hundred dollars available...

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, we have \$1,500 asked for so far. Sir?

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

As you know, we have been fighting a battle on Summit Hill to get the cannons returned. They are returned. Basically what has happened is they went to a preliminary hearing and that's all the further it really went. More or less the defense conceded the fact that the guns are the towns and they are waiting for papers to come through. But in Pennsylvania and get me correct Henry, if I am not right here. Is Henry in here? He is a Judge practicing, he can practice in Pennsylvania. Henry? Yeah, okay. I think in a preliminary hearing it is not required for them to transcribe the depositions at a preliminary?

**Brother Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio**

That is very unusual. I have practiced in Pennsylvania since sixty-seven. But that is totally unusual. The Court is supposed to take that.

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Well, I know it is on tape but it is not in a printed format and the Burrough of Summit Hill is the one that actually made the claim against these people who bought the guns and they do not have a desire to have this printed transcription done. They have the transcription on tape they don't want it printed. I would like to see two hundred and fifty dollars come from the Special Project Fund and two hundred and fifty from Monuments Fund, which is in Special Projects now and that is a total of five hundred dollars to have the transcription put into writing. A lot of that is admissible into Court. From what I understand there is some damning evidence that could be used in future cases to get cannon tubes back and protected. Also as a second part of that motion I would like to place on our Web site a page if possible as kind of a warning for those who wish to go after cannon tubes in the future. I was fortunate enough to deal with U.S. Army TACOM and they were gracious enough to send me a copy of all the Congressional Records for gun tubes that were given in the entire state of Pennsylvania. At the very bottom of each Congressional Record starting at about 1898 it specifies that these cannon tubes are given under the umbrella, which they fall under the Command or the Secretary of War. Okay, that means that those cannon tubes to be sold or to be disposed in any other way than the way they are given has to be approved, which is now the Secretary of Defense. Which

a lot of these people do not go to the trouble to do. This is an important thing I think people who are out there that possibly have those cannon tubes do not realize. Well these things have been sitting here in the city park and we can sell them or do what ever and let them be worn that if you sell them you are subject to criminal activities by selling of government property. Basically is what it amounts to. I would like a Web page to be put up, stating that.

**Severel**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second. Okay, we are going to put that one on hold then. He must have been speaking with our friend, Mr. Wolverton, down there. A good guy. Unfortunately, the Congressional Record does not have that stipulated in all cases, but through their efforts, we are finding out where that language **does** apply.

**Brother John Hart, Department of Pennsylvania**

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. I'm John Hart. I'm with the Camp in Scranton. I was asked to participate almost two years ago in the restoration of the monument on courthouse square in Sheridan and we agreed to do that. The work that has been done it was a nice restoration. I had submitted the paperwork just recently to Mr. Darby after talking to Don about a year and a half ago on this and I am seeking from the Monument Restoration Fund five hundred dollars from the Sons to assist us with coming up with our obligation on the final cost of the restoration.

**Severel**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Support. All right I'll set that one aside for a moment.

**DC Dale Theetge, Department of New York**

I'm Dale Theetge. I'm Commander of the Department of New York. Also, Past Commander of Ziler Smith Camp in Halsavania, New York. The Camp meets in a building in Halsaviana, New York was built by the GAR men. It is a building that was erected by them, for them and it is to our knowledge the only building in New York State and possibly in the Nation that has continuously functioned as either a GAR or Sons of Union Veterans Hall since the building, 1893 was when it was done. The building is old. We are beginning to do some work on it and one of the things that was on the agenda for this next year was to apply to the Monuments Fund for at least five hundred dollars to help with restoring the building. One of the problems we have is that the highway that runs in front of it has been built up in years and if you are there in a rainstorm you actually have a flood that flows underneath the front porch and disappears into what is I think mildly considered a foundation because it is laid up stone. There is no basement underneath it. So what we are

going to have to do in order to keep this building available for the future is to have a new foundation put underneath it. What I'll tell you is that we have already gotten the building put on the National Historic Register. So I would respectfully submit that right now we would appreciate the possibility of getting five hundred dollars from the Monument Restoration Fund.

**Second**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, we will set that one aside then for some funds.

**DC Michael Beard, Department of Texas**

Gentlemen, I bring to your attention our ad in the brochure that we have for this Encampment of the GAR Monument that we have located in the great state of Texas is in need of desperate repair or it is going to fall down. And it is so bad down in Texas, the locals in the town of Dennison assumed "GAR" stood for *Grand Army of the Rebellion*. The Lone Star Camp has started work on this and we have hired some people to take a look at it and give us an assessment. It is in bad shape and I would like to ask for the Special Projects Fund to give us five hundred dollars for this and I will say that we have already received five hundred dollars from the Monument Fund. Thank you Sir.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Second, all right let's put that one aside temporarily. Next?

**PDC Dean Speaks, Department of Kansas**

The legislation that my Brother from Pennsylvania was referring to I believe is Chapter 231 from 1896 and I have a copy of that thanks to my local congressman. I will provide it to the National Counselor.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you, Dean.

**PDC Dean Speaks, Department of Kansas**

It helped us restore a gun tube by the way.

**Brother Mark Copeland, Department of Missouri**

I have two items I would like to bring before this Encampment. The first one is more of a I guess a visional site. I was sitting here yesterday admiring all the awards being given out and seeing how we all look great in our uniforms but I noticed there is no photographer here. And in 1999 I believe in Springfield we had a photographer taking photographs occasionally of everything and they were in the Banner and really nicely presented. I wasn't sure if this would be an Encampment Committee issue or we have a photographer arrange for each Encampment so that candid photographs of the events could put on our records for our ancestors or descendents I mean. So that when we look back when we

have all the written information but photographs would some times nice to look at to see what we look like now and ten years from now. Yeah I'll have less hair but we can look back and see records of photographs. So my motion I guess would be to have the Encampment Committee look into having a photographer or arrange for each Encampment.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, but keep that thought in mind. I want to finish up with the requests for money from the Funds. So, if I could ask you to just put that on hold. Are there any more folks that want to come up right now with requests for money? Let's get those out of the way first. No one else? All right.

**Brother Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

Founder of the Grand Army of Republic, Doctor Benjamin Stephenson is buried in Petersburg Illinois. Every year after the Lincoln Death Day Services or around that same time there is a memorial service held at the gravesite of Doctor Stephenson founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. The cemetery has begun repairing the guns that sit in front of his gravesite but they like many small country cemeteries they are lacking in funds. I ask the Brothers to support the efforts of the Department of Illinois and the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District SVR to help repair the road leading up to Doctor Benjamin Stephenson's gravesite in the amount of five hundred dollars.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Thank you. Any others? Okay, we're going to go back through and knock those requests out. Thank you.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

I have a motion to amend. Brothers, I amend all requests for money on the floor at the Encampment at this time to one lump amount to approve each request to be coming out of the Memorial and Monuments Fund. I would leave the Special Projects Fund open for other uses down the road. GAR Halls are monuments and memorials to the Grand Army so I move at this time to amend each of those motions to grant them and that the money come out of the Monuments and Memorial Fund for each of these requests.

**Severel**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, any further discussion on that? All right, all right. Let's proceed to vote. All in favor of the motion to amend, raise your right hand. All opposed? All right, this is all going to come out of the one fund then. In the Boscaville case, just a recap, that was fifteen hundred. Five hundred to Brother Kuhn, five hundred to the effort by Brother Hart (as presented), five hundred to Dale Theetge, five hundred to our Brothers in Texas, (*Grand Army of the **Rebellion***, indeed...) and five hundred to our

friends in Illinois. All right, and to double-check with our Treasurer, are we going to be okay then with that total?

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby**

Commander-in-Chief, we have six thousand. When the dues are paid in January there will be two dollars from each member which will end up being an additional twelve thousand dollars in that fund.

**Brother John Evers, Department of Oklahoma**

I would like to ask all of the Departments, and I'm going to put the Oklahoma Department kind of on notice here but I think that we should be helping each one of our other Brother Departments. I am going to put in a motion for my next Encampment to give some money to the GAR Rebellion in Texas..... to help in this cause. But I think that we need to go back to our individual Departments and our individual Camps and also solicit for these projects. I think they are important and I know that National is here to give money and all but I think that we need to make sure that we go back and make everyone of our members aware of this and give. We are doing that in Oklahoma to get us a flag. We are going to our members and asking them along with other things and I think that we need to do that on every Department level to go back and solicit funds and other Departments that might have a little more money. You know, right hand can help the left hand along the way. But I think that we need to remember that go back to our individual Departments and ask them to help on these projects. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. All right, any further discussion? Let's vote to help these guys out. All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed, same sign. Passed. Very good. Thank you, gentlemen.

**National Counselor, James B. Pahl**

While he is coming up, for a point of reference and information, for those who have had money just granted – will you provide information to the National Treasurer so he knows where in the world to send the check?

**National Treasurer Max L. Newman**

Plus, I need to keep the auditors happy.

**Brother Mark Coplin, Department of Missouri**

I am currently the new Secretary/Treasurer for the Department of Missouri and I was the former Secretary/Treasurer for the U.S. Grant Camp number 68. And what I found frustrating over the past two switches is that the person before me they did a good job I could find out the information I needed but a lot of the things not what I would say to accounting practices. Is there any way that we could have standard or the suggestion that I was thinking about last night is I'm Cub Master in the Boy Scouts and during our meetings we have what we call break out sessions. I don't know if anything in the Encampment could be where you have the Secretary/Treasurers from Departments have a separate

meeting to kind of discuss the problems and we go through standard accounting practices so that across the country we have acceptable standards. If each Camp does their own style of accounting you might have one guy with a little box with all the receipts in it and you have one guy doing all the check boxes and all your ledgers and that is the right way to do it because when I was getting these boxes with this stuff I was able to sort them out. It took me sixteen hours to go through two years of information to sort everything out. In the end the balance was right but if an accountant or somebody came to me to audit my books I wouldn't have anything to show them that I could really say yes this is it. So my suggestion is that we maybe adopt an Encampment where we have a break out session for Secretary/Treasurers so they can learn more about how to do this more efficiently.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, that is a *suggestion*, and I'm sure it will be well taken by the incoming administration. Both Brother Michaels and Brother Darby have already worked with Department Officers on other issues.

**Brother Mark Coplin, Department of Missouri**

Thank you, sir.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby**

Commander-in-Chief, I would just like to remind the Brothers where this money came out of the Monuments and Memorial Fund there is some paperwork required in the wording where they need to do the forms that request the money so that the Committee has it as well as putting that in the Monument and Memorial filling out the form for the Monuments and Memorials that needs to be done so that we follow what the C&R requires us to do.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you. Well said, well stated. Does everybody understand that?

**Several**

Where are the forms?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

They are on the Internet site.

**Brother William Callahan, Department of Florida**

I'm not very used to public speaking, so I have to read some of what I have written. It would be advantageous to every Camp if we were to fulfill our obligations to our deceased Brothers by appropriately remembering them through our music. Therefore, I purpose that our Quartermaster be instructed to procure an audio tape of music and list them in his price list. Said tapes should include the "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "A Military March", "Taps", played by a bugler and "Amazing Grace" by a bagpiper. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Are you stating that as a motion, sir? For that to be made available?

**Brother William Callahan, Department of Florida**

Yes, I will make that in a form of a motion.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Made and seconded. Let's have some discussion.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby**

Commander-in-Chief, I would like to ask the Brothers if we could make a friendly amendment and put that task towards the SUVCW Charitable Fund and have them produce that rather than the Quartermaster? Would the Brother accept that friendly recommendation.

**Brother William Callahan, Department of Florida**

Yes, that would be fine as long as it was available to all Camps.

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby**

It would be, yes, sir.

**Unidentified Speaker**

Would that include other songs as well?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, I'm sure it could.

**Unidentified Speaker**

Especially, *Marching Through Georgia*.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

I couldn't help but think about that one when I visited the SCV Reunion in Dalton...

All right, any other points to share? Let's proceed to vote. All in favor, please raise your right hand. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. All right, Brother Peterson, you are up.

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California & Pacific**

Commander, as you know as I stated yesterday that I personally and the Department of California take the Eagle Scout Program very seriously. We have come a long way with this program. When the National Eagle Scout Coordinator presents his report it appears to be very deceiving because all he is reporting is what the National Boy Scout Headquarters sent to him saying that here are some Eagle Scouts in various states and then he sends them to the various Department Commanders or the Eagle Scout Coordinator. We need to recognize the Departments and the Camps that are working hard to distribute and or go out to the Eagle Scout Court of Honors and present these certificates. Okay, Camps and the Departments need to be recognized. Give them the deserved recognition on working so hard in this program. So when the National Eagle Scout Coordinator gives this report let him report each Camp within the Department or each Department and give the total numbers. And I make that a recommendation or a resolution to approve.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Well, at this point, you would present that as a motion?

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California & Pacific**

A motion.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay. For that canvassing of those Departments and the Camps within to provide that information, to then be added to his report, correct?

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California & Pacific**

Correct.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, is there support?

**Unidentified Speaker**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Okay, any discussion?

**Brother Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

I rise in opposition to the proposal. Illinois has sent out over four hundred Eagle Certificates my reward will be great in Heaven. I don't think it is necessary to burden the people who have the task with more paperwork that simply amounts to a round of applause for a job well done. Let's just give a round of applause to California.

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California & Pacific**

Commander, we are not talking about rewarding we are talking about recording. That is what we need to do. Record.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Recording and reporting.

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California & Pacific**

And reporting. Not to praise somebody and give them whatever just to record.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Understood. Any other discussion on that? Sir?

**PDC Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

I am the National Eagle Scout Coordinator, Al is bringing this up and he has brought it up several other times about the Departments and Camps. I have a problem with this because this year I could not get any request to the Department of California. He could not open up any of my attachments so he has never received any from me. All the other Departments that I have sent them to, never had a problem. So how can he come up and say we should be doing this when he can't even open up the attachment and accept anything that I send him.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

You have been up twice, I believe, sir.

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California & Pacific**

Commander, it has no relevancy. That is absolutely irrelevant I mean there is still the U.S. Mail. I mean he reported that California & Pacific

had a hundred and eleven I never received one. And this is in no regard because I have a great deal of respect for Brother Bob.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, sir, but you have been up twice already for this.

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California & Pacific**

Okay, I mean that is not even relevant.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

In the interest of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty here this morning, is there anything else to be shared? All right, we will proceed to vote on the motion. Well, let's restate it. Brother Peterson, for the benefit of those who didn't hear it earlier, will you please restate the motion?

**PDC Alan Peterson, Department of California & Pacific**

The motion is for the National Eagle Scout Coordinator to report the numbers of Eagle Scout presentations or awarding of Eagle Scouts for each Department as they present their reports. In total, in other words, California Pacific had seven hundred there is no mention of that. The Department would like to have you know that recorded.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. All in favor, as stated, please raise your right hand. All opposed? Motion failed.

**PDC Charlie Engle, Department of Missouri**

Commander, we have at the door, the Missouri Department Junior Vice President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Please provide her with an escort.

**PDC Charlie Funk, Department of Missouri**

Commander-in-Chief, I want to introduce to you Pat Mullenix, who is the Missouri Junior Vice Department President, Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War 1861 to 1865. She has a greeting and she has a special message that she is going to lay on you that has not been known.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Welcome. Would you like to come up here or use that microphone? Whichever is more convenient for you.

**Pat Mullenix, Missouri Department Junior Vice President, DUVCW**

Thank you. Oh, I think you can all sit down now, that's one wrap isn't it. Thank you so much for that wonderful introduction and for all of you to stand up for a lady. That is what we like to see. As Charlie said I am the Junior Vice President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 through 65. Charlie has been round my right arm for quite a few years and so it was quite appropriate that he escort me up here. I bring greetings from the National Department our National President couldn't attend this weekend there was some illness in the family and I think Ruth Funk gave you some greetings earlier. I have some special greetings to give to you and I'm going to have to put my glasses on to

read my own typing. I'm here to extend an invitation in the highest honor to your organization and all of its members. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 through 1865 is organizing the funeral and burial of a Union Soldier. Perhaps the last funeral and burial of a Union Soldier, this is not a reburial. John P. Burns served as Corporal with the 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry. He died on January 6, 1920. He was cremated and placed in a storage mausoleum. No one came to claim him or bring him home to Missouri for a funeral and burial. His great, great, great, great niece while researching her Civil War Veteran John's Brother became intrigued as to where this uncle was buried. It took her three years to locate him and much to her amazement discovered that he was waiting for someone to find him, take him off the storage shelf, and return him home for a proper funeral and burial alongside his two Brothers who also fought with the 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry. The date has been set for Saturday, May 28, 2005. This should allow us enough time to prepare and to allow those attending time to make their plans. We are announcing this to all the Allied Orders first because before we send out press releases, we are asking that each of the Allied Orders send their highest-ranking officer or representative with a live wreath to place upon his grave. We are also asking for assistance from individual members who will be needed in many ways at the funeral home and the cemetery. We expect nationwide attendance and need to prepare for the crowds. This funeral and burial will bring attention to our Allied Orders and to the projects that we have to save our Battle Fields, Cemeteries and Historic Sites. We will be posting a page from our Web site as to information and scheduling and that is [ducvw.org](http://ducvw.org). I will be here for the Allied Orders banquet and will be happy to answer any of your questions.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Thank you very much.

**Severel**

Where? Where at? Where?

**Pat Mullenix, Missouri Department Junior Vice President, DUVCW**

He will be buried at Memphis, Missouri and we are planning a visitation and will need guards doing guard duty all night. We haven't checked everything out it takes permits to do a lot of things but we are figuring that we are probably going to have to have a parade route to take him from the funeral home to the cemetery. It's in the very northeast corner of the State of Missouri. We're going try to get an Encampment right there in Memphis in the Courthouse Square which is adjacent, across the street from the funeral home. This funeral home has been in business for a long, long time and many of his comrades of the 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri laid and stayed there and took the same parade route all the way to the same cemetery. We're going to do as much as the descendants will allow us to

do and I keep pushing things to them and suggestions. I don't know what schedule yet of what all is going to happen. I know she does want three buglers. One for each final Camp of each of the Brothers that were there and so we are working out all of the details. If you have any suggestions or can offer me any advice on it I will be here all afternoon and this evening and if you have business cards right on them. You know, you're willing to help or you have a suggestion and give them to me.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. Where did we leave off?

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Commander, if I recall correctly this isn't going to cost us any money so this is in good shape. If I recall correctly, I want to say it was in Indiana. There was a motion approved to develop the rituals committee to develop a complete funeral service for the Sons of Union Veterans rather than the little abbreviated thing we have in our book, which is about two minutes at the funeral home. I mean like a complete Sons funeral. At that time I believe Rich Orr said that he had a book of the Sons of Veterans Funeral and I believe you have a book on the Sons of Veterans Funeral the old Sons of Veterans Funeral. I wonder if that could be looked into again to find out whatever became of that because I would like to see that adopted as an official funeral that we can offer to Brothers who pass away. It is kind of ironic that occurred right at the time that I was standing here to do this.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

That's your respectful suggestion to the incoming administration. Is that correct?

**PDC Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

This is a motion to do it.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right. There is a second. Any other discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried. All right, anything else for new business? Anything else for New Business? Going twice, going thrice. Gentlemen, let's enjoy our lunch. Please be back at 1:00 p.m.

## LUNCH BREAK

### 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment (Forth Session August 14, 2004)

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brothers, we have a series of announcements. I would like to call on Max Newman, our Treasurer, for the first please. Max?

**National Treasurer Max L. Newman**

The six gentlemen that we awarded Civil War Memorial Preservation Award to I wanted to reiterate that you need to send, fill out the form that's on the Internet and send all of your paperwork and documentation to the Chairman of the Civil War Committee. Then they will forward the coversheet to me so that I can send you the check. We don't have any problem sending the check but we just need to follow procedure and make sure that we keep the auditors happy. A couple of years ago they were pretty upset with us because we didn't do that and when you also send that information in it tells us who you want the check made out to. Thank you.

**PDC Todd Shillington, Department of New York**

Brothers, I would like to add that as Chairman of the Civil War Memorials Committee, just because I see a form CWM61, which is the assessment form that does not necessarily mean that I know that you are applying for funds from the Restoration Committee. You will need to let me know that if you would like me to contact Max about that. The CWM61 is the program in which we assess the memorials. There, unfortunately recently it has become a tool. You have got to file this to get money. We want people out assessing the memorials. If you wish to have funds that's the first step but if you want to apply for the funds and you want me to inform Max that you have actually submitted the documentation you need to tell me because, hopefully I'll be getting fifty of these a month and Max isn't going to want to cover fifty of these if he is going to write ten checks. So if it's in support of a request for funds I must be specifically notified of that. Thank you very much.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

For the good of the Order, I would like to have the Department Commander of the Great Department of Maryland, Brother Hanby, to please come forward. I have to say it that way (Andy paid me five dollars).

**DC James Hanby, Department of Maryland**

I'll have to repay Andy. Would you invite the representative of the foundation to approach?

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Surely. Jim Houston, please come on down.

**DC James Hanby, Department of Maryland**

Thank you Commander. I would have handled this earlier but however anybody who disburses money knows you got to check with the boss first so I had to call long distance and check with the wife. But I would like to present the foundation with a check for a hundred and twenty-five dollars. As mentioned, corporations do apply matching grants to 501C3 organizations so I would also like to present you with the documentation that you need to send in to have my company match that contribution.

**PDC James Houston Department of Ohio**

Oh, wonderful Jim and thank you very much on behalf of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Moving on, I would like to have our musically inclined Commanders of the Departments of Indiana and Kansas to please come forward with an idea.

**DC Tom Schmidt, Department of Kansas**

Gib (Young) and I had a conversation last night and did a little brainstorming. Last night, the music at the Campfire was just great. Even better out in the atrium afterwards. And in that regard, the GAR, I have done a lot of research over the years and they did a lot of singing because that built upon what was shared while they were soldiers. So in that regard, I would like to throw out an idea to see what kind of response there is to putting together a men's chorus at each Encampment – to do a couple of numbers at some point in time during the Encampment. We are interested in doing some songs out of the old GAR Song Book and we are interested in finding someone who could direct. I sing but I am not a director. As you know, Gib sings, but says he is not a director, either. It is a great way to meet people and a great way to have a shared experience.

**DC Gib Young, Department of Indiana**

And what we are looking for is one, two or three members from each Department so we will need you to get back and spread that out and if you've got any suggestions please come up and let us know so that the next Encampment and the Encampment after that the voices that the men raise here can be heard by our ancestors as they look down on us. I tell you what thirty for forty men singing "Marching Through Georgia" would be heard a long way.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Anything else for the good of the Order? Anything at all? John?

**Brother John McNalty, Department of Pennsylvania**

On behalf of the Brothers of Joel Searfross Camp in Bangor, Pennsylvania we would like to thank the National Order for your generosity in supporting the construction of the Civil War Monument in the town. There had never been a monument in Bangor for some strange reason even though there had been a GAR Post and the Searfross Camp has been there since 1890. The cemeteries in the town are full of veterans. One of our members, a seventeen year old, who is going into his senior year in high school, decided he had to do something about that. And he got permission from the town fathers, raised the money, designed the monument and it was just dedicated on the anniversary of the mustering out of the 153<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania. The sum from the National Organization's generous donation, the donation from our Department, and from our Camp, helped to make this possible. There were well over a

hundred people in attendance and this is a small town and we have at least six new members coming out of this. So thank you Brothers for your help. We appreciate it.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Guard, would you see if Credentials Committee Chairman John Mann is waiting in the wings? All right gentlemen, if you've got any emergency to take care of, I suggest you do it very quickly because we are going to be barring the door very soon.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

I have a couple of housekeeping motions. Motion number one is that we discharge and thank the Special Encampment Committees.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Is there a second.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

**All**

Aye

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All opposed? Carried.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

The second motion is that we thank very much the Host Encampment Committee for this fine Encampment that they put on for us.

**Many**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All in favor, say aye.

**All**

Aye.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

That was unanimous.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Third, I think as a special tribute, there are a couple young men of this Order who spent the night in the room next door, who have guarded the room. They provided the facilities with a little *color* with their uniforms and in taking care of the exhibit room, I think they deserve our special thanks and I so move it.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All in favor, say Aye.

**All**

Aye.

**National Counselor James B. Pahl**

Finally, that this Encampment instruct the National Secretary to write a letter to this hotel, thanking them for the facilities and the fine services they have rendered to us.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Seconded. All in favor, say aye. Motion passed.

**PDC Todd Shillington, Department of New York**

I move that when the tapes, notes and minutes are transcribed and approved by the outgoing and incoming Commander-in-Chief, they become the official record of the Encampment.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Support? Seconded. All in favor, say aye. Motion passed.

Do you have another?

**PDC Todd Shillington, Department of New York**

I further move that the Encampment allow the Credentials Committee to file a final Post Encampment Report to become part of the Official Record.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Support? Seconded. All in favor, say aye. Motion passed. Let's make it a ten-minute recess, if we can. Please stay close.

**BREAK**

After the short recess the Encampment proceeded with the Roll Call of Delegates. Those that were present as follows:

**Department of California & Pacific**

PDC Daniel Bunnell	Tad Campbell	Daniel Earl
DC Linn Hoadley	Jerry Sayre	PDC Bob Lowe
PDC Al Peterson	Gary Parrott	Glen Roosevelt
Robert J. Kadlec	PDC Brad Schall	Christopher Schall
Dave Schleeter	Rudy Velasco	Braden Schall

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

DC Doyle M. Brewer, Jr.

**Department of Florida**

William P. Callahan

**Department of Illinois**

Lionel Kinney	Jerome W. Kowalski	Jon E. Lickey
Everett Nylund	John R. Pletkovich	Tim Pletkovich
Stuart Stefany	Steven J. Westlake	

**Department of Indiana**

PDC Ronald B. Gill	Eric Fricke	Rick Henly
PCinC Edward J. Krieser	Richard McConnell	Jack O. Shaw
PCinC Allen W. Moore	Cody H. Shaw	DC Gib Young
PDC Alan J. Teller		

**Department of Iowa**

R. Dean Airy	PDC Merrill Anthony	Larry Brewer
PDC Roger A. Batchelder	Dennis Geesaman	Carl J. Fulk
PDC Michael Friedel	Lee Fritz	James T. Hawk
PDC Robert A. Kennedy	Von R. Kennedy	Karl Nichols
Ronald Rittel	Douglas Slauson	C.R. Stephen
PDC David P. Stephen	James L. Stephen	Jeffrey Stephen
Ken Lindblom		

**Department of Kansas**

Randal L. Durbin	PDC Alan L. Russ	James R. Knopke
Douglas E. McGovern	DC Thomas E. Schmidt	PDC Dean K. Speaks
PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon		

**Department of Kentucky**

PDC James C. Kiger	PDC Timothy H. Downey
PDC John A. Mills III	

**Department of Maryland**

DC James R. Hanby, Sr.	PDC Kenneth D. Herschberger
R. Keith Young	

**Department of Massachusetts**

DC John W. Bates	Nicholas W. Eastman	Franklin N. Haley
Richard J. Eccleston, Sr.	Richard J. Eccleston, Jr.	Perley Mellor
PDC Robert H. Knight	Richard P. Lufkin	Stephen J. Twining
Kenneth R. Burns	Kevin P. Tucker	A. Dean Sargent
PDC William T. Ryerson		

**Department of Michigan**

CinC Kent L. Armstrong	Douglas R. Armstrong	Neal F. Breaugh
PDC Bruce B. Butgereit	Edgar J. Dowd	Dennis G. Felton
DC Gary L. Gibson	Robert C. Grove, Sr.	Richard Greene
PCinC Keith G. Harrison	L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.	Richard F. Lee
William B. M <sup>é</sup> Afee	Max L. Newman	Brian J. Shumway
PDC James B. Pahl, Esq.	Richard A. Williams	Richard E. Danes

**Department of Missouri**

Jack G. Grothe	Mark Coplin	Gregory Decker
PDC Donald D. Palmer	Douglas Niermeyer	Gary Scheel
PDC Robert M. Petrovic	PDC Vern Stotelmyer	

**Department of Nebraska**

PDC Merle Rudebusch	Joseph C. Mettenbrink
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**Department of New Hampshire**

PDC Daniel W. Murray	PDC David Proper
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**Department of New Jersey**

DC Joseph F. Seliga	Wayne Johnson
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**Department Of New York**

DC Dale E. Theetge	PCinC Danny L. Wheeler	Earl E. Allen
PDC Michael S. Bennett	PDC Todd A. Shillington	Robert G. Dauchy

**Department of Ohio**

PCinC David R. Medert	PCinC Richard L. Greenwalt	Kirby Bauman
DC Bradley Tilton	PDC Donald D. Darby	PDC Jim Houston
PCinC Robert E. Grim	PDC Howard T. Frost	Henry Shaw
PDC David V. Medert	Gregory A. Kenney	Ray Nagel

**Department of Oklahoma**

DC John Irons	Philip P. Owens
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**Department of Pennsylvania**

PCinC George L. Powell	DC Eric Schmincke	John M. Hart, Jr.
PDC Chales E. Kuhn, Jr.	PCinC Elmer F. Atkinson	Harry Lamb
Lee Franklin Walters	John T. McNulty	John M. McNulty

**Department of Rhode Island**

PDC Ellsworth Brown	PDC Leo F. Kennedy	Joseph Hall Jr.
William C. Vieira		

**Department of Southwest**

DC D. Michael Beard	Blair G. Rudy
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**Department of Tennessee**

PDC Charles H. Engle

**Department of Wisconsin**

DC Ronald M. Aronis	Thomas J. Brown	Dan Chroninger
Garen Enquist	Bruce C. Laine	Brent Norlem
Kent Peterson	PDC Stephen A. Michaels	Gary Young

**Registered at the Encampment but absent at the time of Roll Call:**

Eugene T. Beals	Hiram Shouse	Donald L Cope
Thomas Flagel	James H. Johnston	James R. Kennedy
Bob Kline	Larry McConahay	Larry A. Roach
James Wolf	PDC Charles E. Funck, III	Lindin Lairson
PCinC Gordon R. Bury	PDC Carl Fallen	James Kiger II
Andrew Bollen	PDC Frederick F. Muphy	

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Nominations are now open for Commander-in-Chief.

<The National Secretary calls the roll of Departments, alphabetically.>

**DC Ronald Aronis, Department of Wisconsin**

I'm Ronald Aronis, Department Commander of the Great State of Wisconsin who sent ninety-one thousand men into the conflict, of which eleven thousand never came back. I wish to present to you the Commander of CK Prier Badger Camp number one in Milwaukee. He is also a Past Department Commander and he is your Webmaster what was that name again .... Kent Peterson. That was an inside joke. Brother Kent Peterson.

**Brother Kent Peterson, National Webmaster**

Commander-in-Chief, Council of Administration, delegates, Brothers. This afternoon I am privileged to submit to you the nomination of a

Brother for Commander-in-Chief. This Brother is uniquely, distinctly and indubitably qualified to serve in our top leadership role. His list of accomplishments in the eleven years that he has been a member is both impressive and extensive. One of the very first things that he did as a member was to transfer into a Camp that was floundering. He was immediately elected Camp Commander, which was not the normal path that you would take to that position. And proceeded to reorganize and revitalize the Camp. In just four years Camp membership tripled and since then CK Prier Badger Camp number one has been among Wisconsin's most active Camps. He even served three terms of Wisconsin Department Commander during which time he helped organize three new Camps and Department membership doubled. The entire Department of Wisconsin is stronger, larger and more active today thanks to this Brother. He was the project officer for the nineteen ninety-seven Central Region Conference and since has chaired the CRC Steering and Training Committee. He developed the curriculum for the very successful series of Member Orientation Seminars. He is a Captain in the SVR and serves as 4<sup>th</sup> Military District Chief of Staff and Commander of Headquarters Company. Nationally he has served on the National Headquarters Staffing Committee, the National History Committee, Chaired the National Fraternal Relations Committee and Chaired the Programs and Policies Committee and he is an author. In addition to publishing countless newsletters at the Camp and the Department level he has been our Editor of the "Banner". He has written introductions of the SUVCW for new members. The Camp Companion which is a guide to improving Camp management and programs. The SUVCW recruiting handbook, "How to Organize a SUVCW Camp", the Junior Handbook, volumes 1 and 2 of the Wisconsin Department History and that's only up to nineteen twenty-three. And he has written "The Camp One Centennial History". Brothers he is a builder, an organizer, a communicator and most importantly a leader. And he will bring these talents to bear on every issue that effects us on the National level. This organization has many challenges and opportunities ahead and we can best meet these challenges and opportunities by electing a Brother who truly loves his work for the Sons. Therefore it is my honor to nominate for Commander-in-Chief our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Michaels, are you willing to serve?

**Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels**

Yes, sir.

**DC Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief, I move you that where there be but one candidate, that the National Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for that candidate.

**Several**

Second, Second, Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All in favor, say Aye. <Unanimous Response>

Congratulations, Brother Michaels. <Elected CinC, 2004-2005>

Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

<The National Secretary calls the roll of Departments, alphabetically.>

**DC Brad Tilton, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, Brad Tilton Ohio Department Commander. I would like to give the floor to Past Commander-in-Chief Bob Grim.

**PCinC Robert Grim, Department of Ohio**

Brothers it is my privilege to nominate a member of the Department of Ohio. A very distinguished Brother of our Order. A member who has served his Camp in all the offices of the elected positions including Secretary and Treasurer. A person who has served the Department in most of the elected offices. A person who has served the National Order twice as Patriotic Instructor. A person who has served on the National Council of Administration. A person who has served as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of our Order. A person who has served as Monuments and Memorials Officer. The Department of Ohio would like to place in nomination a very distinguished member of our Order. A person who has served as Monuments and Memorials Officer. A person who has on his own transcribed the Civil War Veterans Digest, the blue book, the items that you find on the CD that he made and donated to the foundation so that they could help raise funds. He is right now in the process of transcribing a GAR history. You can imagine the amount of time that goes into that. As Graves Registration Officer he recorded over thirty-seven thousand graves. He is dedication to the Order. This is a person who served twenty-three years in the United States Navy, Retired as a Warrant Officer. You can imagine the leadership's skills, the types of things that he would have to do in the military to be able to work with people. This is a person who now serves as a Mediator for the Ross County Ohio Juvenile Court. You can imagine what he has to deal with in that situation. This is a person who has served our Order with distinction and it is a great honor and it gives me great pleasure. To nominate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief our present Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brother Don Darby.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Darby, are you willing to serve?

**Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby**

Yes, sir, I am.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Congratulations. <Donald E. Darby elected SVCinC, 2004-2005>

Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

<The National Secretary calls the roll of Departments, alphabetically.>

**PCinC Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief, keeping with my stature within the Order I will keep this short. I too have the distinct and great pleasure of introducing this individuals name as a candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I have known Brother Jimmy Pahl for well over twenty years. He is a member of our Camp and little be known to most people he started off with as an associate. It took him three years to find his ancestor, he found his ancestor after a lot of struggle and obviously then converted his membership to hereditary member. Brother Pahl as the resolution was read earlier has received highest award from his Camp, from his Department and from the National organization he received the same Greenall Award from his Camp. The Abraham Lincoln Award from the Department, the Cornelius Whitehouse Award which I happen to be very privileged to be a recipient at the same time he was and he has just recently received the Gold Star. And I believe there are few individuals who have those many citations that are and he is extremely well deserved of them. In addition to that and it has been again referenced in the previous resolution he served briefly every position within the Camp, within the Department and within the National. And with the National he began his National career I believe as he when he was first appointed as National Counselor under my administration. And he has been an individual who has guided this organization for well over ten years. In the legal mine field if you will that the organization encounters and up until then I don't think that we really took advantage of a lot of things that could have been taken advantage of including such things as insuring we garner money that's actually is ours from various estates that have just disappeared. He has actually sought those out and actually got a lot of money for this Order as a result and that wasn't really in his career. The number of stuff that he has done since then is just enumerable to count. Also, he has served as a Veterans Reserve for many years. Again serving as the Judge Advocate General recently and again helping to guide that organization which again has greatly enhanced that organization tremendously. Both in the eyes of SUVCW it's self but also in the eyes of the reenactment community, which I think, is extremely important. Finally his role as an attorney well I knew him back when he was a police officer. But when he was a police officer in Little Sunfield he was highly regarded in that community as a community leader. He has

been and of course he was practicing law at that time. He has since of course went on to become a Magistrate for 55<sup>th</sup> District Court and just as a word of warning do not speed in that in his jurisdiction. Friend or not, if he sees you before his bench you are dead meat. No, not from personal experience. I live in his jurisdiction I know better. Again I am extremely pleased, extremely honored to present a very close friend of mine, a true Brother. True in the sense in terms of his dedication to this Order, Brother Jimmy Pahl for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Pahl, are you willing to serve, sir?

**PDC James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

Yes, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Congratulations. <James B. Pahl elected JVCinC, 2004-2005>

Nominations are now open for National Secretary.

<The National Secretary calls the roll of Departments, alphabetically.>

**DC Dale E. Theetge, Department of New York**

The Department of New York nominates for Secretary a person who I have had a long period of time to work with, who has done an excellent job in every position that he has ever had. He was our Department Commander. I was able to work very closely with him in that position and I cannot think of a person who would be any better qualified and I highly recommend that all of you support this individual and that is Michael Bennett.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Bennett, are you willing to serve, sir?

**PDC Michael Bennett, Department of New York**

I am, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Congratulations. <Michael Bennett elected Ntl. Secretary, 2004-2005>

Nominations are now open for National Treasurer.

<The National Secretary calls the roll of Departments, alphabetically.>

**PCinC Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief for the Michigan Department I have the distinct pleasure of nominating Mr. Max Newman who has been the National Treasurer now for several years. He has taken on an absolute impossible role and impossible task and been exemplary in that particular task. I can think of no one else that would be as qualified to continue on in that role as Max. Therefore I place in nomination Max Newman's name for National Treasurer.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Newman, are you willing to serve, sir?

**Brother Max Newman, Department of Michigan**

Yes, sir.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Congratulations. <Max Newman elected Ntl. Treasurer, 2004-2005>

The office of National Quartermaster is now open for nominations.

<The National Secretary calls the roll of Departments, alphabetically.>

**PCinC Elmer E. "Bud" Atkinson, Department of Pennsylvania**

For the position of Quartermaster, which I've been holding for the last fifteen years, and I said if anybody ever ran against me in that time I would be glad to retire. I just finally found somebody *stup*--I mean somebody. Well, nobody was willing to take the job over. By the look in his eye, this man is very capable. He has been in my house, I took him through all the operations for the thing, the amount of room that he needs to run this. I even went as far as to talk to his wife and got his wife's permission that he could run for the job. So, it's a great honor for me to nominate Danny Wheeler for the position of Quartermaster. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler, are you willing to serve, sir?

**PCinC Danny Wheeler, Department of Pennsylvania**

Yes, I am.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Congratulations. <PCinC Wheeler elected Quartermaster, 2004-2005>

Gentlemen, we have three positions on the Council of Administration to fill. One of those would be for the three-year term being vacated by Past Department Commander Ron Gill. There will be another three-year term and the third position will be for a two-year term. Motion?

**PDC James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

I have had conversations with Brothers from several Departments and from a consensus of what I have heard, I move that as we go through the nominations, if we have a nominee for any one of those three positions, place the names in nomination. We can then caucus for a moment and then vote from that group for the first position. Then taking the candidates not elected, those become the candidates for the second position and then elect that one. Then taking the candidates not elected, they become the candidates for the third position. But understand there are more than three candidates. So, I move you that we follow that system of voting for these next three offices.

**Several**

Second.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Any discussion? Let's make a decision on the motion that has been made and seconded. All in favor, say Aye.

**All**

Aye.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All opposed? That's the way we will do it. Nominations for the positions on the Council of Administration are now open.

<The National Secretary calls the roll of Departments, alphabetically.>

**DC Linn Hoadley, Department of California & Pacific**

Whereas Brother Brad Schall has been a faithful member of the Department of California and Pacific and derives his membership from his two great grandfathers Sergeant William Brandon Schall of the 11<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Calvary and Sergeant William T. Reed of the 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Light Artillery. Whereas Brad Shall has served as Department Commander, Department Senior Vice Commander and Department Junior Vice Commander in the Department of California and Pacific and has successfully completed all the duties while in office. Under his leadership the Department has grown in numbers of new Brothers, added three new Camps and overall saw an increase in activities of the Order. Whereas Brother Brad Schall was the founding Commander for the General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 in Castro Valley, California. Membership and activities grew every year while he was Commander. The Camp started a yearly picnic with Brothers participating from neighboring Camps, a Lincoln Dinner that now numbers sixty participants per year from four Camps attending this annual event. Whereas Brother Brad Schall has participated for the past six years at one time or another as an Aide to the Real Sons and Daughters Committee, on the E-bay Surveillance Committee and currently is Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee. Whereas Brad Schall has brought recognition to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War by his participation in other Civil War organizations and activities. He was an officer in the Tri-Valley Civil War Round Table, Member of the San Francisco Round Table and Sacramento Round Table, Member of the Sacramento Civil War Speakers Bureau and recently put on the Civil War Programs for the County Library System. He is a member of the Lincoln Hill's Genealogy Group, the Civil War consultant for the Lincoln Hill's Antique Group and the Chairman of the Friends of the Civil War Alcatraz Committee. Let it be resolve that the Brothers of the Department of California Pacific do hereby submit and ask for you support for the candidacy of Brother Brad Shall from the position of Council of Administration.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Schall, are you willing to serve, sir?

**PDC Brad Schall, Department of California and Pacific**

Yes.

**PDC James Kiger, Department of Kentucky**

The Department of Kentucky the Commonwealth is very pleased to place a nomination Timothy H. Downey for the position of Council. He was

the first Commander of the Sergeant Elijah P. Marss Camp in Kentucky. The Camp grew from five members to thirty in its first year. It is still the largest Camp in our state. He formed the only SVR Company in Kentucky and has been elected to command it every year. Was appointed SVR 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chaplain. Spearhead in the formation of the first ever MOLLUS Commandry in Kentucky. Elected Department Commander for two terms, edited and printed the Marss Camp Newsletter for five years. Served on the Americanization and Education Committee and brought forward the resolutions for the ROTC Medal Program. Formed an educational resource project for the Kentucky and that Committee. MOLLUS Liaison Medal for recruitment. Meritorious Service Medal from the SVR. Rewrote the Bi-laws for the Kentucky Department. Member of the Scottish Right Free Masons, Sons of the American Revolution and National Rifle Association. He has been an educator for the last ten years in secondary and college. And I would like to end with one statement I would like to quote from President Lincoln who said, "Without Kentucky all is lost." Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Downey, sir, are you willing to serve?

**PDC Timothy H. Downey, Department of Kentucky**

Yes.

**DC John Bates, Department of Massachusetts**

It is my privilege and honor to place in nomination for the National Council of Administration a Brother who has served our Order for many, many years, twenty-five to be exact. He is currently our Department Secretary; he is Past Department Commander two terms. He has held every elected Department office except Treasurer. He is a former Department Editor for our newsletter. Past Camp Commander of two Camps, Camp thirty and one oh four. Past Camp Commander of the New England Regional Association. He is currently the New England Regional Association Publicity Director. He is a member of both the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution. Member of the Winchester Massachusetts Historical Society and is a Retired News Photographer for the Boston Globe, a nationally recognized newspaper and the largest newspaper in New England. Bill was Department Commander in our Department during some very trying times and he has managed to reform the organization and lead it back on a course towards success. This past year he was very instrumental with the Massachusetts Legislature in establishing a new law, which halted the removal and destruction of GAR grave markers. He has shown time and time again that he is a man of focus and determination. We believe he is the right man to represent the members of this Order on the National Council of Administration. It is my privilege and my honor to introduce

my friend Bill Ryerson. I nominate him for Council of Administration and I assure you that Bill is one for fairness. Thank you.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Ryerson, are you willing to serve, sir?

**PDC Bill Ryerson, Department of Massachusetts**

Yes, I am.

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

I have the distinct pleasure of being able to nominate Brother Leo Kennedy. Brother Leo Kennedy is a descendent of Steven Kettle and George Kettle who both served in the Civil War from the state of Rhode Island. Brother Kennedy is a Life Member of the SUVCW having joined our organization in 1988. He has held almost every position within Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp number 12 and in the Department of Rhode Island and served two terms as Department Commander. Brother Kennedy also serves in the Sons of the Veterans Reserve and was commissioned to Captain in 2003 serving as a Public Relations Officer for the general staff. Brother Kennedy has served with distinction of the both the National Graves Registration Committee and the National Communication and Technology Committee. Since 1997 Brother Kennedy has been annually appointed as National Graves Registration Officer and has performed this tremendous work in this important duty of our Order by overseeing the real organization of the Graves and Registration Project from a hundred and twenty-five records to a database containing just under three hundred thousand records. Brother Kennedy has twice received recognition for his duty and loyalty in the Order. In 1998 the Department of Rhode Island named Leo F. Kennedy as an Outstanding Member of the Year and in two thousand and one Brother Leo Kennedy received Meritorious Service with Gold Star from then Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser. Brother Kennedy continues to serve his community as a twenty-four year veteran in the City of Cranston Fire Department. He holds the position of Deputy Chief. He is a member of the round and critical incident stress management team on D map and our number one Department of Homeland Security. He is the Operations Officer for the town of Smithfield Emergency Management Agency. Brother Leo Kennedy is a graduate of Providence College and was inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society. Since 1988 Brother Leo Kennedy has been a member and serves as a gun sergeant for Battery B 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Light Artillery a living history organization in part of the Rhode Island State Militia. Sergeant Kennedy received the State Militia Meritorious Service Award in 1998, ten-year service award from the Rhode Island State Militia and the Military Order of Saint Barbara. Therefore it is my pleasure and privilege to place into nomination Past Department Commander Leo F. Kennedy to the position on the Council of Administration.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Kennedy, are you willing to serve, sir?

**PDC Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

Yes, sir. I am.

**PCinC George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brothers, I am here to nominate Brother Charlie Kuhn. To read his list of accomplishments within our Order, he has served in all elected positions of his Camp. He served two terms as Department Junior Vice, Senior Vice, and Commander. He is currently serving as our Department Secretary/Treasurer. He is also serving on a national level as the Co-Chair of the Heritage Defense Fund. He also served national as a member of the Legislative Affairs Committee. He is a Major in the SVR serving as a Provost Marshal for Remembrance Day. He is a recipient of the Cornelius Whitehouse Award as an outstanding Brother. He is well rounded, he is active in his church serving as the Treasurer for the past twelve years. He is active in his Masonic Lodge and he is a Chairman of Gettysburg Joint Veterans Memorial Commission. Planning and running the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony. I got to represent Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler at that ceremony and I got to ride a fully restored 1966 cherry-red Mustang Convertible. It was a beautiful car the best part I found out later that car had been reserved for the Mayor of Gettysburg and he kicked the Mayor out and I got to ride in it. The first time I met Charlie, I was Department Commander and there were problems in the Camp in Gettysburg. It was almost folding. I brought several other officers up there with me and I got up and I'm talking about what we want to do in saving the Camp; and Charlie was one of the Brothers there. He got up and he said what about this problem or what about that problem and I am thinking why doesn't this guy shut up. But I found out later, when they did the election Charlie ran for and was elected the Camp Secretary/Treasurer and every all the Department Commanders and all Department Secretaries will tell you this when you don't hear about problems it's wonderful. Well, right after Charlie taking over, all of sudden the Gettysburg Camp reports were in on time and they were correct. He not only was pointing out the problems but he was working to solve those problems. Danny Wheeler will tell ya he worked with Charlie in saving the GAR Hall in Gettysburg. Charlie is well rounded, he is a good friend and he will be an excellent man on the Council of Administration. So I am very happy to nominate Brother Charlie Kuhn of the Department of Pennsylvania.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brother Kuhn, are you willing to serve, sir?

**PDC Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania**

Yes, I am.

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

All right, thank you. Gentlemen, the doors are going to remain closed because we are going to have a ten-minute caucus. So let's take care of that business and we will be on our way. Brothers, we will be caucusing between each vote.

**Session re-opened by CinC – Department delegation vote by roll call National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

Okay, there were eleven votes for Brother Schall, seven votes for Brother Downey, eighteen votes for Brother Ryerson, eighty-nine votes for Brother Kennedy and nineteen votes for Brother Kuhn. Brother Kennedy is winner of that election (three-year seat on Council of Administration).

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brothers, we are going to recess for a five-minute caucus. This next position is for the other three-year seat.

**Session re-opened by CinC – Department delegation vote by roll call National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

Okay. With seventy-nine votes for Brother Schall, thirteen votes for Brother Downey, forty-eight votes for Brother Kuhn and nine votes for Brother Ryerson, Brother Schall won that vote (3-yr. seat on the CoA).

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brothers, let's have another quick recess. This will be for the two-year position.

**Session re-opened by CinC – Department delegation vote by roll call National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

It's twenty-six for Brother Downey, eighty-six for Brother Kuhn and thirty-eight for Brother Ryerson. Brother Kuhn won that election (2-yr.).

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Gentlemen, we need a break, plus there are several things that need to be taken care of yet. The Installation of course, and the closing of the Encampment. I would like everybody to be back in ten minutes.

**BREAK**

**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

Brothers, we appreciate the efforts of everybody here this weekend. All candidates deserve our respect for their willingness to serve. At this point, the chair devolves to Brother Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert, who will serve as Installing Officer. Past Commander-in-Chief Medert, sir.

**PCinC David R. Medert, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief Armstrong, 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 interests in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your

continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. The Past Commander-in-Chief's badge can be presented at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong has the Past Commander-in-Chief Jewel pinned on by his wife, Judy. He then received the appreciative applause of the membership present.

**PCinC David R. Medert, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so, the Guide will hand your list to the Secretary. Secretary, you will call the roll of the officers elect and staff appointees who as their names are called will rise.

**National Secretary Edward J. Krieser**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald D. Darby; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl; National Secretary, Michael Bennett; National Treasurer, Max Newman; National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler; National Council of Administration Members, Leo Kennedy, Brad Schall, and Charles Kuhn. National Aide de Camp, Frederick F. Murphy; National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski; National Chief of Staff, Donald D. Palmer, National Civil War Memorial Officer, Todd Shillington; National Color Bearer, Thomas J. Brown; National Counselor, James B. Pahl, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert M. Petrovic; National Graves Registration Officer, Bob Lowe; National Guard, Jack Grothe; National Guide, Robert H. Knight; National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Richard L. Woodbury; National Liaison to MOLLUS, Robert J. Bateman; National Patriotic Instructor, Bruce Butgereit; National Signals Officer, Nathan L. Orr; National D.C. Representative, Andrew Johnson; Assistant Secretary for Proceedings, Edward Krieser; Assistant National Treasurer, Richard Orr; National Webmaster, Kent Peterson; Assistant to the National Webmaster, Keith Harrison; Assistant National Webmaster Family Tree Maker, Robert J. Schaffer. Sir the roll is called.

**PCinC David R. Medert, Department of Ohio**

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 piece. Brother Lowe, you will act as Guide and present these Brothers before the Altar, for installation.

Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interests of this National Organization and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for

zeal, ability and good works. I trust that you will appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you will remember that upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective offices will depend very largely the success or failure of the administration of your Commander-in-Chief.

Are you now willing to solemnly pledge to the faithful performance of your several duties?

**All Officers**

I am.

**PCinC David R. Medert, Department of Ohio**

You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible and repeat after me. If you are not near the Bible then put your hand on the shoulder of the Brother nearest you and repeat your name after I do mine. I, David Medert, 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 Almighty God, and the members of this Encampment here assembled, do furthermore, solemnly and sincerely, promise and declare, that I will, to the best of my ability, in word and deed, and without fear or favor, faithfully, honestly, and impartially, perform all the duties of the office, upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Guide you will conduct the officers to their respective stations, acting officers vacating. Guide you will conduct the Commander-in-Chief Elect to this station.

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 an evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you.

As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Devine Provider, the Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

**National Chaplain**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that Thou art 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 more competent to administer

the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action in Your name through the mediation of Your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Encampment—(in unison)**

Amen.

**PCinC David R. Medert, Department of Ohio**

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 fraternal 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; three raps calls up the entire Encampment.

And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me, as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the officers of the National Organization legally elected and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending in August of 2005 or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed. Now, I am pleased to present you with the badge of the office.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels has the Commander-in-Chief badge pinned on by his wife, Danielle (Past National President of the ASUVCW). He was then saluted with applause from the membership.

Before we go with this next paragraph I just want to mention one thing. I think it was about eleven or twelve years ago when I was conducting a recruitment campaign at the *Mansfield Civil War Show* that a young man came up to me and said, “What is the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War?” And I gave him an application and that is the man that stands here now as 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.

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

Brothers, I just had a few comments before we leave. I came across the first tough decision, probably one of many, when I became a candidate for this office a couple of months ago. Being the first Commander-in-

Chief from the Department of Wisconsin, who shall I select as an Installation Officer? Truly, every Past Commander-in-Chief has been an inspiration to me during my years in the Sons of Union Veterans in the Civil War and knowing each of them to one degree or another and I've held them in highest esteem and great respect. As Past Commander-in-Chief Medert indicated, that weekend in Mansfield he interviewed forty-five people he handed out forty-two applications. Three of those applications were returned to them and one of those was mine. It serves as an example as well as other people who like him serve as an example to all of us that we need to get the word out about our organization. Each of us, each of our Camps can't long survive if we solely depend on walk-in business. Another Brother that was very important in my early days. A lot of folks don't know that I started out as a Member-at-large in the Department of Ohio for about a year and a half. And I didn't really know that much about the Sons. And one year I decided to come to a National Encampment and I didn't know anybody. The only person that I had contact with was the Department of Ohio's Secretary, which was Past Commander-in-Chief Dick Greenwalt. And Dick Greenwalt took the time during that National Encampment to sit with me through each business session and explain to me what was going on and answer my questions. And I guess the story there is that any act of charity and fraternity to a fellow Brother, especially a new Brother, is not forgotten and Dick I want to thank you very much for that. It meant a lot to me.

There being no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed to close.

If you would please give attention while the National Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations.

**National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski**

Our Father in Heaven, we pray You will deal with the events of this meeting as you deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while we remain here, and when our mission on earth is ended, take us to a better world. Please say Amen.

**Encampment—(in unison)**

Amen.

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

Brothers – We are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity and unswerving Loyalty. I now declare the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Encampment of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

**Appendix 1**

**Reports of  
National Officers  
And  
National Committees**

## **Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Report and National Program & Policy Committee Report**

The following is respectfully submitted as a final report:  
Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer Banners-Much of the last 11 months were taken up with duties incidental to the position of editor-publisher, that is:

- + reviewing and re-writing submissions from Camps and Departments.
- + photographing artwork for the cover.
- + emailing and re-emailing Mr. John Hart the material to be printed in the four editions. Coordination via the telephone took approximately 24 hours.
- + preparation of a rate card for Banner advertising
- + ad sale coordination with the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans (DMWV).

The Program & Policy Committee reviewed and revised the following policies:

- + Use of Badges, Emblems , Seals and Symbols (March 1994)
  - + Unused GAR & SUVCW Graves (March 1997)
  - + Statement for The Banner (August 1998)
- It revised the Awards & Recognition Policy (November 2001) to include:
- + Information on the newly-created Joseph Rippey Award
  - + Revised National Aide award term designation and ribbon wear instructions.

The committee's recommendations were adopted:

- a) adaptation of an SUVCW copyright statement, to be downloaded from the National Web site.
- b) publication of statement on SUVCW Application (Form 3), regarding membership dues structure

In addition:

- a) Br. Dick Williams, in cooperation with Executive Director Lee Walters, has developed a roster form for Departments to report membership.
- b) The following "fill in the blanks" on line forms were completed and added to the National Web site:  
2, 4, 9, 51, 52, 54, 55.
- c) A formatic change was made to Form 49.
- d) The committee considered building a 5 year plan 'for our Order.

The SVCinC has also:

- A. Written a letter to an appraiser on Antiques Roadshow, commending him for his televised remarks regarding a GAR grave marker.
- B. Appointed a Hearing Council to consider the matter concerning Br. Douglass Knight. Documentation was compiled, copied and distributed to Committee Members.

The SVCinC represented the Commander-in-Chief at:

The Gen. Wm. T. Sherman Birthday Ceremony in St. Louis, Mo.

The Massachusetts Dept. Encampment in Milford, Mass.

The Wisconsin Dept. Encampment in King, Wis.

## TRAVELOGUE

The SVCinC promoted the SUVCW during the following:

10 Aug. Post Encampment CofA Meeting, Ft. Mitchell, KY

13 Aug. MG John Gibbon Camp #4 meeting, Waukesha, WI

25 Aug. Alonzo Cushing Camp #5 meeting. Port Washington, WI

3 Sep. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 meeting, Milwaukee

6-7 Sep. Recruiting Booth and Reenactment Battle narration. Black River Falls, WI

20 Sep. Semi-annual Camp cleanup of Oak Hill Cemetery, Wauwatosa, WI

27-28 Sep. Recruiting Booth, Wade House CW Weekend, Greenbush, WI

1 Oct. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 meeting, Milwaukee

4 Oct. Central Region Conference, Monument Dedication and CinC Reception, Grand Rapids, MI

15 Oct. Meeting with Soldiers Home Foundation, Milwaukee

18 Oct. Color Guard Commander at U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony, Cudahy, WI

25 Oct. Keynote Speaker at Soldiers Home Walk and Silent Auction, Milwaukee

29 Oct. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 Staff Meeting, Milwaukee

5 Nov. Keynote speaker at rededication of Milwaukee's newly restored Civil War monument

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 meeting, Milwaukee

15 Nov. Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremonies, Gettysburg, PA

16 Nov. Council of Administration Meeting, Gettysburg, PA

30 Nov. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Aux. #4 Christmas party and Nat. Aux. Pres. Reception, Milwaukee

4 Dec. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 meeting, Milwaukee

28 Dec. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 Staff Meeting, Soldiers Home, Milwaukee

7 Jan. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 meeting, Milwaukee  
 10 Jan. Renovation Meeting, Soldiers Home, Milwaukee  
 17 Jan. Wis. Div. SCV Lee-Jackson dinner, Mukwonago, WI  
 27 Jan. Presentation on CW Monument to Lake Park Friends meeting,  
 Milwaukee  
 7 Feb. Wisconsin Dept. Mid-Winter Meeting, Wauwatosa, WI  
 34th Annual Patriotic Luncheon, Wauwatosa, WI  
 17 Feb. Presentation to Milwaukee Hobbyists, Inc., Wauwatosa, WI  
 21 Feb. SUVCW Member Orientation Course, Milwaukee  
 29 Feb. Gen. William T. Sherman Birthday Ceremony, St. Louis, MO  
 3 Mar. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 meeting, Milwaukee  
 24 Mar. Milwaukee Preservation Alliance meeting, Milwaukee  
 15 Apr. Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. Springfield- IL  
 17 Apr. Council of Administration Meeting,, Huntington, IN  
 24 Apr. Dept. of Massachusetts Encampment, Milford, IviA  
 i-2 May Civil War Living History, Brooicfield, WI  
 5 May C.K. Pier Badger Camp ^l meeting, Milwaukee  
 8 May Oak Hill Cemetery Cleanup, Wauwatosa, WI  
 19 May Presentation to Civil War Reading Club, Racine, WI  
 22-23 May Coordinator, 4th MD SVPv Artillery Safety School,  
 Boscobel, WI  
 29 May U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony, Zablocki VA Center,  
 Milwaukee  
 31 May Memorial Day Ceremony, Calvary Cemetery, Milwaukee and  
 Prairie Home Cemetery, Waukesha  
 2 Jun. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 meeting, Milwaukee  
 5-6 Jun. Booth, Parade, Candlelight Cemetery Tour at Reclaiming Our  
 Heritage Event, Soldiers Home, Milwaukee  
 12 Jun. Dept. of Wisconsin Encampment, Veterans (GAR) Home, King,  
 WI  
 18 Jun. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 Staff Meeting, Milwaukee  
 27 Jun. Civic Veterans Parade, Kenosha, WI  
 7 Jul. C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 meeting, Milwaukee  
 10 Jul. South Shore Frolic Parade, Milwaukee  
 17-18 Jul. Recruiting Booth, Civil War Wknd, Menomonee Falls, WI  
 24 Jul. Charter ceremony of Frances Finch Aux. #9, Traverse City, MI  
 1 Aug. Rock ofChickamauga Ceremony, Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL  
 Respectfully submitted:Stephen A. Michaels

## **Report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief Armstrong, Members of the Council of Administration, Members in attendance at the National Encampment  
Re: Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief National Encampment Report  
Commander,

Recruitment for the Order appears to be doing well based on the number of applications I have received since I was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. To date, 31 July 2004, the Order has received 306 applications.

I wish that I could say that all these applicants were handled in an efficient manner. There were about three Departments where reminders had to be sent via the chain-of-command (Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander and a couple a members of the Council of Administration thrown in for good measure) to get the proper response to the applicants. I realize that we are all “volunteers” in the Order however; when we take a Department or Camp “chair” we are saying that we will do the job.

Another problem that reared its ugly head was the Department Junior Vice Commanders changing e-mail services and failing to notify National of the change. Communication is paramount between the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the Department Junior Vice Commanders.

But all is not doom and gloom, I would like to commend California and Pacific Junior-Vice-Commander (now Department Senior Vice Commander) Tad Campbell, his replacement the new Junior Vice Commander Jerry Sayre and Brother Linn Hoadley, MAL Coordinator, for their fast action in placing members into Camps. All have responded by notifying me that the application had been received and the applicant had been assigned to a Camp, usually within 24-48 hours after the application was in their hands.

The total number of applications sent to Departments is as follows:

California and Pacific 18  
Colorado 2  
Connecticut 5  
Florida 9  
Illinois 8  
Indiana 2  
Iowa 0  
Kansas 1  
Kentucky 4  
Maine 3  
Maryland 18  
Massachusetts 4  
Michigan 11  
Missouri 7

Nebraska 2  
New Hampshire 1  
New Jersey 10  
New York 17  
Ohio 11  
Oklahoma 2  
Pennsylvania 24  
Rhode Island 0  
Texas 18  
Tennessee 12  
Vermont 0  
Wisconsin 8

### Camps at Large

Arizona 2  
Georgia 9  
North Carolina 0  
Oregon 3  
Washington 3

National Membership at Large 15

Breakdown: Canada 2; Arkansas 1; South Carolina 2; Utah 2; New Mexico 7;  
South Dakota 1

Regarding advertisements, I followed the lead of past Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief and renewed the ads through PRIMEDIA. I would recommend that in future, we enlarge the ads and place them in the “Special” editions. I feel that we could save money and still reach a large audience.

I attempted to contact the History Channel Web site regarding the costs of ads on their web site but they never returned any phone calls or emails.

My activities over the past year included:

I had the privilege of representing Commander-in-Chief Armstrong at the Michigan and Ohio Department Encampments.

I attended the National Council of Administration meetings in Gettysburg, the mid-winter meeting in Indiana, and the Pre-Encampment CoFA meeting here in Iowa.

I have attended every meeting of Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp # 73, my home Camp.

I participated in re-enactments at Guyandot, WV; Charleston WV, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA; McConnelsville, Ohio; and Newark, Ohio.

I remain  
In F.C. & L,  
Donald E. Darby

## **Report of the National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief Armstrong and Brothers of this Encampment. For the past year I have worked with Camp organizers and Department officers in the forming of 19 new Camps, 15 of which have been completed and charters issued.

By this time I had hoped we would be all on the page concerning filing reports. Brothers, the Order is still being dragged kicking and screaming into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century while there are still a few mired in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. By that statement I mean to say surprisingly that there are still Brothers of the Order that by failure to read instructions or by stubborn will find it necessary to delay reports to their Departments and to the National Organization. While this is a minority it creates chaos for those Department and National Officers attempting the next to impossible task of doing their jobs well. We have many Brothers all over the country at all levels who really want to get it right. They read their Job Descriptions, read the instructions and ask questions in areas they do not understand. There is nothing wrong in asking and getting answers. I commend all of you who are just doing your job and doing it right. In keeping with that idea I submit the names of eleven Departments and three National Camps-at-Large for the 2004 National Secretary's Roll of Honor: The Departments of Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont, along with Camps-at-Large Gov. Issac Stevens Camp #1, Maj. Gen. Gibbon-Burke Camp #2, Maj. Gen. T.H. Ruger Camp #1.

I recommend revising the requirements for all awards that are determined from reports to include that the report be received by the date required. Currently this entails the Davis –Linder Award for the most New Members in the Department and the Grant Trophy Award for the Highest percentage increase of New Members in a Department.

All together, This has been another great transition year for the SUVCW. Much has been accomplished to move the organization onward into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Much more is left to do. I thank you for the opportunity to serve this great organization. God Bless the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and God Bless the United States of America again.

Respectfully Submitted in F., C. and L.,  
Edward J. Krieser, PC-in-C  
National Secretary

## **Report of the National Quartermaster**

To Commander in Chief Kent L. Armstrong and Delegates of the 123rd National Encampment, Greetings:

There is very little to report. I have processed over 500 orders and answered countless emails, phone calls and letters requesting information on ordering supplies.

My term of office of Quartermaster will expire this Encampment and I will not be a candidate again. I have held this job for over fifteen years and it is time to cut back on some of my activities. I have talked to Brother Danny Wheeler, PCinC of New York. He is willing to be a candidate for the job. Danny has been in my home, seen the space required and has a good understanding of the job. He has the permission of his wife and the room space needed.

This position takes a lot of time, but I have enjoyed doing it and have made a lot of friends through it. Thank you for your support through the years.

Submitted in F, C, and L,

Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC  
National Quartermaster

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

I have been honored again to serve in this office and say thank you to Brother Commander in Chief Kent Armstrong for his confidence in me, along with my thanks to this Encampment. I have rendered a few opinions concerning the Constitution and Regulations of this Order during this term in office.

I. The question has been asked concerning life membership and payment of National Per Capita for the life member, when that Brother is a member of more than one Camp of the Order.

Dual membership has been allowed for a short time now, as recorded in National Regulations, Chapter I, Article II, Section 6:

“Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in another Camp or a Member-at-Large may become a dual Member of another Camp. The applicant need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps.”

Those Brothers who have applied for Life Membership and paid the appropriate fee, are exempt from National per capita assessment. See National Constitution, Article VII, Section 1(b) Life Members:

“Members who have paid the requisite Life Membership fee as established by the National Organization. Life Members are exempt from the National per capita tax and otherwise, enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.”

There are two life member programs where the National Organization shall reimburse a Camp various amounts, but such reimbursement is limited to one Camp only, at the designation of the Brother. See National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI, Section 3.

Our Constitution in Article VII, Section 1(b), makes no distinction between those Brothers who are in one Camp and those Brothers who are members of multiple Camps. The Constitution says that Life Members are exempt from the National per capita tax.

Therefore, it is my formal opinion that Brothers who are members in multiple Camps, are exempt from all National per capita. Rendered April 16, 2004.

II. I have been asked to render a formal opinion concerning a matter of procedure in relation to National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI (Discipline), concerning appeals. The question is: May a Brother of the Order who was not a party to a discipline action, request an appeal of that decision to the next higher body within the Order?

In considering this question, I consulted several legal sources. I found a case from the Supreme Court of the United States that appears to be on topic. There is a legal encyclopedia that gives an attorney a place to start research on a particular topic, which will state the general rule of law, with cases to support that position and then state any exceptions to that rule, with cases to support the exceptions. This set of wonderful books is American Jurisprudence, second edition. Within this set of books is the following:

“General rule of law: An appeal is generally available only to persons who were parties to the case below. *Marino v Ortiz*, 484 US 301, 98 LEd2d 629, 108 SCt 586.” 5 Am Jur 2d, Appellate Review, §264. There are exceptions to this general rule, but they are usually limited to those whom an adverse decision has greatly impacted - such as the press appealing an order to keep the press out of a courtroom during a particular proceeding.

After reading the article on Discipline in effect when the incident in question occurred, and the current article on Discipline, it is my formal opinion that only a party (complainant or respondent) to the disciplinary action, may appeal a decision to the next higher authority in the Order. Any person requesting an appeal who was not a party to the original action, should be ruled out of order and such motion or request is void. Rendered June 29, 2004.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

James B. Pahl  
National Counselor

## **Report of the National Patriotic Instructor**

I filled orders for 43 ROTC Medals during my term in this office. We have 37 Medals in stock, so I would suggest that an order to replenish the stock be made.

I was informed by one Brother that the ink on his ROTC certificate “melted” when he used a laser printer to print his information on it. I began enclosing a note with all orders after this explaining this problem and suggesting that an ink jet printer be used. I would suggest that a different type or quality of certificate be prepared when the current stock runs out.

I worked extensively with Brothers Ken Walker and Linn Hoadley in the Department of CA and Pacific to carry out their suggestion that the ROTC award criteria and application form be revised. These suggestions have been submitted to proper authority to be dealt with at this Encampment.

Briefly, these suggested changes are in regard to:

- Graduating college seniors are soon commissioned and will not wear ROTC medals on their uniforms and graduating high school seniors generally do not wear JROTC awards in the college programs, so basically our award is never worn after the presentation. So it has been suggested that the award be made available for any grade level.
- It is not clear as to what criteria is needed to present the award; for example, a high GPA, etc. and a discussion with an officer at a college program revealed that the cadre of the schools like some flexibility in criteria so they can choose more recipients for the various awards. So it is suggested that our criteria be “displayed a patriotic spirit to his or her nation and demonstrated high academic performance.” The cadre at the school can help determine which cadets fit this criteria.
- It is not clear from the current Form 7 if a JROTC cadet is eligible for our award. They are. So it is suggested this be included.

- The current Form 7 requires a Camp or Department Commander's signature. It is suggested that this be extended to an "authorized Brother", perhaps a new office of ROTC Award Coordinator.
- The current Form 7 also seems to limit the presentation of the award to a Camp or Department. It is suggested that this be extended to SVR units.

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## **Report of the National Membership at Large Coordinator**

This office is in good order. All National Reports have been filed and monies paid to National. All new members have been entered into the system. As of this date there are 121 NMAL Members. The break down is...106 Annual Members, 10 Life Members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Junior Member.

I have contacted all the Commanders of the Camps at Large, and Department Commanders where I have NMAL's living in their area, by phone or by e-mail. If the NMAL's living in these areas transfer into a CAL close to there residence, my numbers will go down to about 50-60 Members. The areas affected are the 3 CAL's in North Carolina, 1 in Georgia, 1 in Arizona, 1 in Washington, and 1 in Oregon. There is a second CAL in the process of forming in Oregon.

In talking with the different Camp at Large Commanders, I have found interest in the forming of new Departments in the states of North Carolina, and the Department of the Northwest, consisting of the Camps at Large in Oregon and Washington. The future looks promising in these areas. It will depend on the leadership on these Brothers. I will keep the COA informed as their progress.

Expenses are much lower than last year, under \$200.00. I will again elect to donate these expenses in the memory of all the members of the Hoadley Family that served in the Civil War.

As it has been the tradition of this office to give its excess funds to the National Organization, this year that amount will be \$2000.00. This amount will be given to the National Treasurer at National.

In conclusion, and as our NMAL Membership grows, I am confident that more Camps at Large might be formed in the states of New Mexico and Arkansas. This will depend on finding the proper leadership in these areas.

If there are any questions or concerns, I will be more than happy to go over them with you, as a group, or individually.

Respectively Submitted in F, L. & C....

Linn P. Hoadley

## **Report of the National Camp-at-Large & Department Organizer**

Commander-in-Chief Armstrong, Officers, Delegates and Brothers:

As another year comes to a close on our Order, I am happy to report on the accomplishments of this office. During this fiscal year, we have chartered two new Camps-at-large. The Daniel Ellis Camp No. 3 in Asheville, North Carolina, organized by Bro. Yale Mooers, and the Pvt. Ellis Moon Camp No. 2 in Atlanta, Georgia, organized by Bro. Eric Peterson. Both of these Brothers are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to seeing those Camps brought to fruition.

We currently have another Camp “in the works”. The Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 in Springfield, Oregon is being organized by Bro. Harold Slavik. If all goes well, a charter could be issued by the end of the year. This will bring a total three Camps in the State of Oregon, and the possibility of a new Department in the future.

We have a few leads in Arkansas and Louisiana that we are following up on, also.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bro. Linn Hoadly, National M-A-L Coordinator, for his assistance rendered these last three years. Organizing Camps is a team effort, and Linn and I make a pretty good team. Thank you, Linn.

Commander Armstrong, it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the National Organization on your staff, and I thank you for the opportunity.

Submitted in F., C. & L.,  
Gary L. Gibson  
National Camp-at –Large and Department Organizer

## **Report of National Civil War Memorials Officer**

Growth in the National Memorial database for the year 2003-2004 has been somewhat slow, with only fourteen new memorial assessments submitted on form CWM #61, bringing the total to 94. A few of these were submitted only because doing so is required to receive funds towards restoration from the National Order. As with the National Graves Registration database, participation in the cataloging of Civil War Memorials varies greatly from Department to Department. Michigan, New Jersey, New York and California & Pacific lead the way with significant work already completed.

Restoration projects vary from large, significant memorials having been completed, such as the Kent County Civil War Monument in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to smaller, but important monuments in Carson City, Nevada and Denison, Texas. These are local projects, which are spearheaded by local SUVCW in co-operation with municipal authorities. A restoration project at Shiloh National Battlefield has yet to make significant progress, and requires further research by the Park Staff. Vandalism of memorials continues to be a problem, as the Civil War Memorial in Boston Common was recently reported damaged. I'm certain that other memorials have likely been vandalized, without the news of it reaching me.

Federal legislation enacted in 2003 to protect memorials on Federal property is a significant step in punishing those who would damage memorials on National Battlefields. Another provision of the law makes it illegal to cross state lines to damage a memorial on public property, or to use the U.S. mail to make arrangements to do the same. This should help to curtail the Pennsylvania cannon thieves somewhat, but it doesn't protect memorials on private property, such as private cemeteries, which are the most vulnerable. State legislation, such as that enacted in New Jersey, Kentucky, and California further protects memorials. All Departments should be actively lobbying their state legislatures to pass laws to severely punish those who would steal or harm memorials. This was not necessary in the first several decades of the existence of G.A.R. memorials, because that type of behavior was unthinkable.

As time passes, memorials are lost. This has been the situation since the scrap drives during the world wars, and continues due to the memorials' age and neglect of today. Only by actively pursuing the care for each and every memorial will we be able to stop this loss.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Todd Shillington  
National Civil War Memorials Officer

## **Report of the National Graves Registration Officer**

It has been my honor to serve as the National Grave Registration Chair and work on this important project.

We have now entered 283,785 records in the MS Access database. We have also been testing the online database since January. The online version has been tested for these past months with five Brothers entering records. However, we have no idea how many are in the online “test” database. One major problem is that we cannot view the records in a spreadsheet format. They have to be searched separately and by entering something into a field.

On preparing this report, I was unable to determine how many records we really have. Also, to date, none of the 200,000 records previously done have been placed in the online database. I have asked the Brothers to stop entering records online until we can get it setup for better use. We need to be able to check for duplicates and to authorize groups, such as a Camp or Department, to enter records with out having to OK each record. This is very time consuming. The good news is that the database works. It is searchable and can provide information to researchers. The problem lies on the entering data end of it.

Attached is the listing of records that we have in the MS Access database to date. Not included are the online listing or the NY listing just received. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, the Department of NY grave registration officer, Brother Bob Pugsley, sent in a database with 20,245 records. Some of these are duplicates and Bob Lowe will be working to remove them. Once the duplicates are removed this will push us over the 300,000 record mark.

The Brothers of the Grave Registration Committee are very hard working and deserve the thanks of all of us; especially mine – and I do thank them. In addition, I cannot list all of the Brothers that have helped in this project and continue to do so, but my thanks go out to them as well.

### **Recommendations**

- 1 – work with the Communications and Technology Committee to get the online database running.
- 2 – have the GR Chair appoint a member of the Grave Registration Committee to collect and complete the listings in National Cemeteries and included them in the database.
- 3 – set up a recognition program for Brothers that have done exceptional work on this project.

I submit this report in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Leo F. Kennedy,  
National Grave Registration Officer

State	Jul 99	Jul 01	Oct 01	Jan 02	Jul 02	Feb 03	Jul 03	Jul 04
AL	120	246	386	390	357	421	436	702
AK	5	5	4	4	2	2	52	52
AZ	4	4	10	11	11	141	147	194
AR	689	690	699	708	711	735	743	979
CA	3261	3183	3181	3084	4240	6158	9204	11315
CO	1879	1913	1937	1958	1952	3212	3327	4418
CT	2999	2998	3007	3007	3008	3008	3093	3097
DE	1	72	72	72	72	73	81	82
FL	541	542	625	632	604	730	733	1332
GA	888	1075	1547	1668	1754	1854	2001	4215
HI	34	34	34	34	34	34	35	35
IA	388	395	398	401	418	678	892	1235
ID	2	3	7	7	7	26	52	54
IL	413	462	518	522	514	671	1188	30468
IN	355	1257	4673	4680	4671	5119	11161	11335
KS	676	987	1509	1780	1777	2805	4020	4070
KY	1901	1979	2047	2088	1966	2204	2233	2269
LA	406	407	764	771	920	1055	1057	1305
MA	522	1009	1030	1137	1144	1717	2330	6103
MD	198	302	446	473	537	577	594	632
ME	91	91	95	770	810	901	1858	2203
MI	20620	21952	27615	29975	25236	30625	32218	35931
MN	49	79	81	188	189	193	208	216
MO	2572	2582	2694	2698	2710	3253	3684	6052
MS	352	356	380	388	410	426	432	548
MT	48	126	126	127	128	129	130	131
NC	31	32	88	100	200	241	243	562
ND	2	3	4	11	3	13	13	14
NE	47	61	62	69	109	417	19721	19739
NH	481	481	482	482	5001	6853	6854	6888
NJ	117	966	994	1000	968	972	975	980
NM	3	3	8	9	9	15	61	66
NV	0	0	148	147	147	154	189	185
NY	1212	7349	7485	7498	7435	7493	7514	7566
OH	8567	16969	21435	28803	29678	36501	41053	44186
OK	970	5576	7473	10120	10191	10157	10213	10222

OR	16	19	22	12	16	22	287	292
PA	3654	3799	3956	4432	4523	4920	4975	5053
RI	7296	8072	8072	8069	8072	8076	8077	8094
SC	309	316	357	373	413	485	9079	9055
SD	39	39	41	10	15	17	18	336
TN	1553	1681	2117	2902	3015	7180	7481	7733
TX	143	144	205	766	753	841	842	847
UT	4	4	6	6	6	6	357	447
VA	1578	1648	2430	2460	2893	3233	3361	3476
VT	7	7	13780	13782	13782	13784	13784	13800
WA	239	1636	1636	1636	1623	2670	3935	4022
WI	2232	4334	4899	4925	7620	7807	8158	8629
WV	231	330	330	330	331	333	338	338
WY	0	0	50	60	61	78	79	155
DC	168	177	407	183	579	613	632	899
Canada (CAN)	37	40	46	46	45	106	116	157
Australia (AUS)	96	96	96	96	95	99	103	133
Mexico (MEX)	22	23	23	23	46	46	46	46
S. Africa (SA)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
England (GB)	19	19	28	28	28	28	28	28
Holland (HOL)	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
India (INDA)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scotland (SCOT)	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	6
Turkey (TUR)	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
China (CHNA)	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2
Ireland (IRE)	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lost at Sea (SEA)			10	11	16	23	23	23
Indian Terr (TERR)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brazil (BZL)			0	0	0	0	0	0
Peru (PERU)			0	0	0	0	0	0
France (FR)			0	0	0	0	0	0
New So. Wales (NSW)			0	1	1	1	1	1
No state listed			282	291	483	330	103	286
Medal of Honor					140	166	276	314
Total in July of 2004 - 283,785 records								

## **Report of the National Historian and National History Committee**

Dear Commander in Chief, Officers, Delegates and Brothers, All:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to submit to you and the Encampment assembled a report on the past year. It was once said, we were founded upon sentiment and continue to exist because of sentiment. That may still be true. Our members and the general public want to know about the "good old days" and all that might entail.

Our number one request is from individuals and groups seeking family history or community history on the veterans and GAR posts that may have existed in their community. This is always sad, because in pre-computer days we simply did not keep the records they now seek. We have no individual service records that are standard requirements for most heritage based organizations. We have no membership rolls as to who might have joined in the past. We are hard pressed to come up with even a list of post names or Camp names.

As new Camps are chartered in locations that previously held Camps, it would be great to supply a history of the previous Camp. That is almost impossible. I could add we still in a computer age do not seek these kinds of records and that will be equally sad in the future. Unfortunately, this level of record keeping requires a commitment of men and money that we do not have.

I usually answer them with the standard reply. All such records were kept on a local level in both the GAR and Sons and such limited records may still exist in the local historical society, local library or possible state historical society OR they have simply have been destroyed through lack of interest and neglect. I try to refer them to a Brother living in the area that may have localized knowledge as to any remaining records.

Next, comes history of the GAR or SUVCW, I am happy to report we can usually answer any questions in this area. I served the National Organization in the mid1960s and 1970s and count many early members as personal friends. I am a professional historian by trade and have been involved in extensive research into our founding and organization. Obviously, I do not have details on each Post or Camp, but can supply general history answers.

Brother George Kane is the editor of The Veteran, the publication of the Civil War Collectors Society. Together, we have started writing articles for the Banner which we hope will both entertain and educate.

For the last five years, I have been researching a book on the history of all the Allied Orders. Many Brothers have willingly researched long forgotten information that explores areas we never knew existed. While I knew about a number of individuals and Camps that fought in the Spanish American War, I was very excited to learn of two Pennsylvania SVR units that were federalized into overseas service in World War I as part of the Pennsylvania National Guard. A special Sons badge was struck and presented to these troops in addition to the War Service (Combat) Badge we have today. These will be covered in a future Banner article.

On several occasions there have been membership incentive badges to encourage recruitment. Some presented personally by Major AP Davis as early as 1889. Brother Richard Orr stumbled upon a long forgotten letter in Davis "Camp's archives. See the Summer 2004 issue of the Banner for more details.

Some questions have been very technical in nature dealing with the preservation of Camp records, Department records and personal items like photographs and grandfather's discharges. As a museum director, I deal with these issues daily and was happy to reply with personal knowledge or refer them to someone more experienced within the field.

Some questions may be poised to gain bragging rights. Who and at what age was the youngest Camp Commander? What was the largest Camp? Again, we may not have the needed records to reply. I will say the two most distant Camps appear to be Manila in the Philippines (attached to California & the Pacific Dept) and Buenos Aires, Argentina (attached to the Department of New York). President Harry Truman, a Sons of Confederate Veterans member, once said, History is only the knowledge we have not learned.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in F, C, & L,

Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

And for the National history Committee

Tad Campbell, Roger Olsen, Craig Barto & George Kane

## Report of the National Webmaster

A Web site search engine was added to the National Web Site, allowing viewers to search all viewable documents on the site.

A total of 83 new ancestor entries were added to the National Web Site's Photos from the Past during the year; bringing the total of entries to 337. In addition, a total of 131 email requests for ancestor Civil War Military Service records were looked up for Brothers and the public free of charge (courtesy of PCinC Keith Harrison).

Beginning in January 2004, we began tracking Web Site visits instead of Web Site hits, as had been done in the past. There is a big difference between the two numbers. "Visits" refers to individual viewers, whereas "hits" is a count of how many files were downloaded from our site to the viewer's computer. Since each Web page may have several files on it (the text file plus each graphical element) the number of hits can pile up very quickly.

In the past year, there have been 540,302 visits to the National Web Site, for an average of 1,480 per day.

A new top-level directory just for the National Encampment has been created and used this year.

A standard Web page template was developed, incorporating a common appearance, standard footer, and use of meta tags (for search engine indexing).

In July, new e-mailboxes were set up for some of the National Officers as a test of a new e-mail service. The intention of this test was to consider replacing our AOL e-mail service with one that would allow addresses to end in "@suvcw.org", which aids in marketing, addresses are easier to remember, and provide a more professional appearance than a generic AOL account. Furthermore, the e-mail accounts are provided free of charge by our Internet Service Provider. The testing has been successful and therefore I would like to recommend the adoption of the new e-mail accounts.

A few key statistics about the Web Site:

- Four to five percent of viewers are international, most commonly from Canada, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Japan, Czech Republic, Germany and Australia.

- After our homepage, the most popular pages on the Web are:
  - SUVCW Homepage
  - U.S. Flag Code
  - Main Index page
  - Grand Army of the Republic and Related Research Links
  - Brief History of the Grand Army of the Republic
  - Membership Eligibility and Application
  
- Top search terms people use to find our site through search engines:
  1. Grand Army of the Republic
  2. Sons of Union Veterans
  3. Civil War
  4. Flag Code
  5. US Flag
  6. SUVCW

Respectfully submitted,  
Kent A. Peterson  
National Webmaster

## **Report of the National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines**

Sunday, May 30, I had the honor of representing our Commander-in-Chief and our order at the Memorial Day Services held at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. New Hampshire Congressman Charles Bass gave the key-note speech. Representatives of nearly 50 patriotic and civic organizations who contribute to the maintenance of the Cathedral and its work, including the Sons of Union Veterans and the Allied Orders, were called on to stand and be recognized.

The Cathedral of the Pines is a unique memorial to those who fought to defend the United States of America and preserve for its citizens our cherished freedoms. I hope that many of you who come to New Hampshire for the 2005 National Encampment will have an opportunity to visit the Cathedral of the Pines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Woodbury  
National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines

## **REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON DC REPRESENTATIVE**

It has been an honor serving as your representative in the nation's capital. Your Washington DC Representative reports the following actions/events during the year following the last Encampment at Ft Mitchell, KY:

1. Provided room, board and transportation to the CINC for the annual Lincoln Birthday events in Washington, DC. and represented the Order at the luncheon ceremonies sponsored by the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee. The luncheon followed the wreath laying ceremony

2. Made arrangements with the Maryland Department for welcoming the CINC for the official Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery and placement of the Order's wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The 30 May ceremonies by the local Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 were somewhat curtailed this year but none the less succeeded in honoring all those who saved the nation in 1861-1865.

3. I have determined that the SUVCW medal is on display at the museum of the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery and that it is properly labeled.

4. With the cooperation of the Maryland Department and the CINC, a tribute to Past CINC and Past Commanding General Richard C Schlenker was commissioned honoring him for more than 30 years of leadership to the Order. The plaque was presented to PCINC Schlenker at the Maryland Department Encampment on 24 April 04 at Manassas, VA. A news release for BANNER is awaiting a suitable photo.

5. We continue the search to determine who owns the Civil War cemeteries at St Elizabeth's Mental Hospital in the District of Columbia. Senator Collins of Maine has expressed dismay at the general neglect of the former US mental hospital and grounds. The local Camp has undertaken genealogical research on the Civil War burials in the two St Elizabeth cemeteries aiming at publication of a monograph in 2005 for the 150th anniversary of the opening of the National Hospital.

6. Contacted the US Army 3rd Regiment (The Old Guard) located at Ft Myer, VA regarding honoring the Tomb Guard for its persistence of duty during a recent hurricane. After several contacts, it appears that the unit is too heavily committed with ceremonial and combat missions to welcome our attention.

7. Contacted the Department of the Interior regarding ownership of the cyclorama painting at Gettysburg National Military Park. The painting was purchased by the National Park Service in the 1940s. The NP Museum Foundation began to solicit funds for its restoration on 6 Nov 03. The scheduled reopening of the new museum is spring of 2007.

8. Continuing to pursue the issue of private burials of veterans in temporary/rented graves in Europe. Our contact has been out of contact temporarily.

9. Attended the annual meeting of the National Gavel Society as a Member representing the SUVCW. All CINC's and PCINC's are invited to apply for membership.

10. Attended the Pennsylvania Department Encampment at Williamsport, PA during the period 25-27 June 04.

11. Paid last honors to President Reagan at the Capitol building on 10 -11 June 04.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
ANDREW M JOHNSON  
Washington, DC Representative

## NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Dear Commander-in-Chief Armstrong;

While the Order as a whole has had a very productive and successful year, the Chaplain's Report always has a tendency to remind us of the fleeting nature of fame and our time on this earth. We have lost many treasured friends and Brothers in this fiscal year, as 57 have been reported to us as having "slipped the surly bonds of earth" and passed on to the next phase of their journey. Of those 57, nine were distinguished treasures who were the last direct links to those Union veterans whom we honor and memorialize, that is, the True Sons of the Union veterans (noted below with an asterisk):

2003:

- 7 FEB Kenneth H. SCHAFFER, Dept. of PA.
- 27 MAY Desmond DUTCHER, Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp No. 154, Dept. of NY.
- 10 JUN William E. KAISER, Sgt. Frederick R. Jackson Camp No. 7, Dept. of FL.
- 09 JUL Christopher P. GEIGER, Capt. T.H. Howell Camp No.48, Dept. of PA.
- 16 JUL Carlyle M. REED, H.E.K. Hall Camp No. 28, Dept. of VT.
- 21 JUL Clayton J. SCHAFFER, CPT Theodore H. Howell Camp No.48, Dept. of PA.
- 31 JUL David SAYRE, Brooks Grant Camp No. 7, Dept of OH.
- 15 AUG Robert ARNEY, Sr., National Camp-at-Large
- 4 SEP Roswell A. CHAPLIN\*, Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp No. 154, Dept. of NY and William Scott Camp No. 302, Dept. of VT.
- 9 SEP BG Ronald I. WOODIN (Ret.), Grenville Dodge Camp No. 75, Dept. of IA.
- 27 SEP Charles H. BENRUD, MG Thomas Howard Ruger Camp No. 1, Dept. of NC (At-Large).
- 9 SEP Harold N. MILLER, Garfield Camp No. 34, Dept. of PA.
- ? OCT Charles NELSON, Lincoln Camp No. 100, Dept. of NJ.
- 6 OCT Arthur L. BREED, Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No.1 (at Large), Dept. of WA.
- 7 OCT William F. LEWIS, Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, Dept. of NY.
- 7 OCT Albert C. SCHWANKERT, Lincoln Camp No. 100, Dept. of NJ.
- 10 OCT Philip A. BURGIN, Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1, Dept. of IN.
- 17 OCT Lemuel P. ROBERTSON\*, Phelps Camp No. 66, Dept. of MO.
- 23 OCT Harold W. VARNEY, Col. Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Dept. of WI.
- 28 OCT: Edward BLAKELY\*, Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Dept. of MI.
- 28 OCT Milton ARMSTRONG, Col. Augustus Van Horen Ellis Camp No. 124, Dept. of NY.
- 31 OCT: Madison W. GADBERRY\*, Farragut Camp No.6, Dept. of TN.
- 3 NOV Everett B. JOHNSON, Member at Large, Dept. of FL.
- 15 NOV William A. DUNCAN\*, Robert Anderson Camp No. 33, Dept. of IA.
- 21 NOV Clyde G. JOHNSON, Jr., William T. Sherman Billy Yank, Camp No. 65, Dept. of MO.
- 4 DEC Herbert FRAKE, Custer Camp No. 17, Dept. of NJ.
- 25 DEC PDC Charles DOANE, David G. Caywood Camp No.146, Dept. of NY.
- 31 DEC John W. TURNER, JR.\*, Westport Camp No. 64, Dept. of MO.

2004:

- 4 JAN A.C. "Del" FARNSWORTH, C.C., Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20, Dept. of MI.  
9 JAN Victor H. GEBHART, PCC, Antietam Camp No. 3 & Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, Dept of MD.  
10 JAN Clarence L. FROST, John S. Townsend Camp No.108, Dept. of OH.  
10 JAN Aaron M. LANDIS, Jr.\*, Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp No. 15, Dept. of PA.  
18 JAN Kenneth J. WARE, Chapman Compliment Camp No. 2, Dept. of CO/WY  
23 JAN James MATHEWS, Camp-at-Large, Dept. of OH.  
24 JAN Merle "Pete" CARLSON, PCC, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Dept. of MI.  
30 JAN Roy ZIMMERMAN, Gen. Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207, Dept. of OH.  
13 FEB Roger L. OLSEN, PDC, H. A. Grant Camp No. 24, Dept. of CT and L. A. Tift Camp No. 15, Dept.of MA.  
1 MAR Kenneth B. RICHMOND, PCC, Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No.1 (at-Large), Dept. of WA.  
5 MAR Roger D. CARY, Col. Augustus Van Horen Ellis Camp No. 124, Dept. of NY.  
9 MAR Horace N. RUMSEY, Jr.\*, David G. Caywood Camp No. 146, Dept. of NY.  
12 MAR William T. WISEMAN, Thomas E. Bowman Camp No. 12, Dept. of CO/WY  
3 APR Wiley D. GAMBLE, Old Abe Camp No. 16, Dept. of KS.  
15 APR Fred G. COOK, Jr., C.C., Henry Harnden Camp #2, Dept. of WI.  
24 APR James Madison GOWIN, JR.\*, Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, Dept. of TN.  
2 MAY Harold D. VAIL, David D. Porter Camp # 116, Dept. of IN.  
12 MAY Roland SLINGERLAND, Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp No. 154, Dept. of NY.  
7 JUN William O. TAYLOR, Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63, Dept. of TN.  
4 JUN Charles BRANDELL, Russell A. Alger Camp-at-Large No. 462, Dept. of MI.  
18 JUN Carlton E. COVELL, PCC, George L. Willard Camp No. 154, Dept. of NY.  
28 JUN Richard S. BRUSO, Lot Smith Camp No. 1, Dept. of CO/WY.

UNDATED:

Joseph A. CONNELL, David G. Caywood Camp No. 146, Dept. of NY.  
James A. EGAN, Col. Friedrich K.Hecker Camp No. 443, Dept. of IL.  
James HADSELL, General Wm. H. Lytle Camp No. 10, Dept. of OH.  
Rev. Raymond LIEBER, Camp-at-Large, Dept. of FL.  
James R. MATHENY, Camp-at-Large, Dept. of FL.  
Charles PARKER, Ripley Camp No. 4, Dept. of VT.  
COL Clifford POHL, General Wm. H. Lytle Camp No. 10, Dept. of OH.

We take it on faith that they were true to our Order and loyally supported it, true to the principles denoted by Patriotism, Strength, Courage, Charity, Purity, Fraternity, Faithfulness and, last but not least, true to the Flag of our Country, ready to defend it against all enemies, if necessary.

We shall miss them, but we shall remember their good qualities. As we set aside the time of mourning, we can be assured from the Holy Scriptures:

"...the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" (I Cor. 15:54a-55)

Let us turn now, as our forefathers did, to give comfort and aid to the widows and families so that they will not feel forgotten and abandoned. Let us include them in our activities so they will continue to know they are valued parts of our order, even as they were when our Brothers, their husbands and fathers, were alive.

God bless our Order and God bless the USA!

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
William B. M<sup>E</sup> Afee, National Chaplain

"Serve the Lord with gladness."

## **Report of Lincoln Tomb Ceremony for 2003-04**

Greetings. Your committee, appointed to conduct the annual Deathday ceremony held this year on April 15, 2004 begs leave to submit the following report.

1. The 48<sup>th</sup> annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., recorded the attendance of more than 60 organizations that presented commemorative wreaths. Many of the participants attended the luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel following the rites.

2. Brief addresses were given by Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong of the Sons of Union Veterans, and by Douglas R. Niermeyer, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Presiding over the ceremony was Thomas L.W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairperson.

3. Dept. Chaplain Jerome W, Kowalski of the Department of Illinois and a member of P,H, Sheridan Camp No. 2 served as chaplain for both the ceremony and the luncheon. The 114<sup>th</sup> Illinois Vol. Inf. Regt. Provided a color guard and was assisted by other uniformed units. The Springfield Municipal Band played several appropriate musical selections.

4. Dr. Daniel W. Stowell, director and editor of the papers of Abraham Lincoln/Lincoln Legal Papers, discussed Mr. Lincoln's qualities as commander-in-chief and his popularity with Union Soldiers. To the common soldier he was Father Abraham and overwhelmingly won the soldier vote in his bid for a second term in 1864. Dr. Stowell concluded his talk with a recitation of "OH Captain, My Captain."

5. National heads present from the Allied Orders were Danielle Michaels, President of the Auxilliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Donna E. Vaughan, President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Lynne Bury, President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Margaret H. Lauth, President of the Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Past Cornmanders-in-Chief present were Gordon R, Bury II, and Alan R. Loomis.

6. There was good representation from several Departments and a variety of Camps and Auxiliaries throughout the Middle West. It is heartwarming to have this kind of support for this ceremony each year.

We thank all who made the trip to honor the memory and heritage represented by our Sixteenth President.

7. For a brief account of the 2004 ceremony, your attention is invited to a forthcoming issue of "The Banner."

8. Your committee takes pride in serving our National Organization in this manner and is very appreciative of the financial support and continuing commitment provided by our Order. Without those resources, the financial backing of the Lincoln Deathday Association, inc., and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, this ceremony would not be what it has become. We wish to acknowledge the fine work of Co-chairmen Ronald E. Clark and Robert M. Graham, Harold and Jacqueline Wright, and Dr. Wayne C. Temple. In addition, we received excellent cooperation from Nan Wynn, Superintendent of the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site.

9. A budget request for an appropriation of \$400.00 for 2004-05 has been submitted to National Treasurer Max L. Newman. We pledge to do all that we can to continue to contain expenses, bearing in mind the core expenditures required for a ceremony of this kind. A complete accounting of the reimbursable expenses incurred for the 2004 ceremony has been filed with the National Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald E. Clark, Co-chairman  
Robert M. Graham, PDC. Co-chairman  
Thomas L.W. Johnson, PC, Co-chairman

## Report of the National Constitution and Regulations Committee

The committee proposes the following amendments to the National Regulations of our Order:

I. That the National Quartermaster be a non-voting member of the Council of Administration and appointed by the Commander in Chief on an annual basis, rather than be elected. To that end, the following sections would be amended:

A. Amend Chapter III, Article IV, Section 2 (delete underlined text)

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer), National Quartermaster, and the elected members of the Council of Administration shall be elected at the Annual Encampment by a roll-call of the Departments, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If there be but one nominee for an office, they may be elected by viva voce vote.

B. Amend Chapter III, Article IV, Section 4: (delete underlined text, add *italic* text):

Section 4. The terms of office of the National Secretary *and*, National Treasurer, and National Quartermaster shall be for three (3) years beginning in 1995. The term of office of the members of the Council of Administration shall be for three years with one Brother being elected annually except in 1993 when one member shall be elected for a three (3) year term and one member shall be elected for a two (2) year term. The terms of office for all other elective or appointive officers shall be for one year.

C. Amend Chapter III, Article V, Section 5: (delete underlined text, add *italic* text):

Section 5. The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and three (3) elected members of the Council of Administration and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. All Past Commanders-in-Chief, the National Counselor, *National Quartermaster* and the Washington, DC representative shall be non-voting members of the Council of Administration. (The remainder of the section remains unchanged).

II. The Council of Administration be expanded, in increasing the number of council members from 3 to 5 and further, no two such council members may be from the same Department. Also, to change the quorum required for meetings of the Council of Administration from four to six. To that end, the following sections to be amended:

A. Amend Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1: (delete underlined and add *italic*):

Section 1. 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, *three five* members of the Council of Administration (*of which not two may be from the same Department*), National Counselor, National Graves Registration Officer, a Washington, DC Representative, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, National Historian, National Chief-of-Staff, National G.A.R. Highway Officer, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Banner Editor; National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, and a National Civil War Memorials Officer. The same member may hold the office of National Secretary and the office of National Treasurer simultaneously.

B. Amend Chapter III, Article IV, Section 4: (delete underlined and add *italic*):

Section 4. The terms of office of the National Secretary, National Treasurer, and National Quartermaster shall be for three (3) years beginning in 1995. The term of office of the members of the Council of Administration shall be for three years with one Brother being elected annually except in 1993 when one member shall be elected for a three (3) year term and one member shall be elected for a two (2) year term. *with two Brothers being elected in 2004 for three year terms and one Brother being elected in 2004 for a two year term.* The terms of office for all other elective or appointive officers shall be for one year.

C. Amend Chapter III, Article V, Section 5h: (delete underlined and add *italic*):

(h) Four Six members of the Council shall be a quorum, but a less number may meet and transact business provided a majority of those present shall vote in the affirmative on the question to be decided, and

five six members by personal vote or in writing over their signatures shall assent to any final action taken.

III. To properly recognize and thank our former National elected officers who have served the Order over the years, that all former National elected officers (including elected council of administration members) be allowed to wear the gold “national” ribbon on their membership badge, in perpetuity. To that end, the following sections would be amended:

A. Amend Chapter V, Article III, Section 2(b): (delete underlined and add *italic*):

(B) All elected officers of the National Organization, while holding such office or having been granted emeritus status by a National Encampment, and *past elected National officers who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term*, a ribbon, the center a broad stripe of old gold, with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side. (Remainder of the section to remain unchanged).

B. Amend Chapter V, Article III, Section 2C): (delete underlined and add *italic*):

C) While wearing dinner suit, dinner jacket or tails, Members may wear upon the left breast lapel of the coat, about four inches below the top of the shoulder, a miniature of the Badge of the Order without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbons 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, currently elected National officers and *past elected National officers* granted emeritus status by a National Encampment, *who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term*, the ribbon shall have a yellow center. (Remainder of the section to remain unchanged).

IV. That no person may hold more than one elected office at the Camp level at any one time, except Secretary and Treasurer. The same to apply at the Department and National level also. This does not apply to holding an elective office on two different levels of the Order. To that end, the following sections would be amended:

A. Amend Chapter I, Article IV, Section 2: (add *italic*):

Section 2. The Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commander, Camp Council, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Camp between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive. A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers, except members of Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote. On assuming office, the Commander shall appoint all other Camp officers. *No person may hold more than one elected office in the Camp at any one time, except the office of Secretary and Treasurer.*

B. Amend Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2: (add *italic*):

Section 2. The Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary- Treasurer), Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment shall be elected at the annual Encampment by a roll-call of Camps in numerical order, unless the Department By-laws provide for the Australian system of balloting, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of Department Council, delegates and alternates, wherein a plurality vote shall elect. If there be but one nominee for an office, the Department may elect by viva voce vote. Provided, that no Brother shall be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander unless he has served as a Camp Commander. No Brother shall be eligible to election to the office of Department Commander who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment. *No person may hold more than one elected office at the Department level at any one time, except the office of Secretary and Treasurer.*

C. Amend Chapter III, Article IV, Section 2: (add *italic*):

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer), National Quartermaster, and the elected members of the Council of Administration shall be elected at the Annual Encampment by a roll-call of the Departments, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If there be but one nominee for an office, they may be elected by viva voce vote. *No person may hold*

*more than one elected office in National level at any one time, except the office of Secretary and Treasurer.*

V. A deficiency has been identified in our annual reports, that omits several Brothers of the Order from being included on our National membership lists, by omitting life members, juniors and honorary members from being reported, when those Brothers should appear on our membership lists. To that end, the following sections would be amended:

A. Chapter I, Article VI, section 9: (delete underlined)

Section 9. The Secretary of each Camp shall be required to send to the Department Secretary -- together with the annual report required in Section 4 of Article VI, Chapter I, of these Regulations to be sent in on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in each year -- a list of the names and address (including zip code numbers) of all Brothers there carried on the rolls of the Camp, on whom per capita tax is being paid.

VI. Interest was expressed to allow current officers some means of device they could wear to identify the current office held to others. This started with a request from the National Chaplain to allow all chaplains in the Order to wear a small cross upon their membership badge. The committee determined that allowing only chaplains to wear a distinctive device and omit other serving officers, would not be fair to those other officers. The committee also determined that our membership badge is full of devices and attachments already.

We determined to allow Brothers to wear a Union army kepi while attending functions of the Order, with appropriate devices attached. To that end, the following section would be added.

Amendment to Chapter V, Article III Badges and Decorations, by adding section 12:

Section 12. While attending meetings and functions of the Order, Brothers may wear a Union army kepi of dark blue wool with leather visor and chin strap. If the Brother is a National officer as specified below, the Brother is to wear an embroidered Coat of Arms of the Order on the top of the kepi. All other Brothers may wear a corps badge or other appropriate device as adopted by their respective Department or Camp at Large. Affix to the front of the kepi a wreath, with the letters

“SUV” within the wreath. No other device may be attached to the kepi, except as provided below.

Brothers holding certain specified offices may wear under the wreath and on the front of the kepi, a device to indicate current office held within the Order. All such devices to be of standard size as determined by the National Quartermaster, however, the National Quartermaster need not carry or sell these devices. The National Quartermaster may license others to market said devices.

National officers: Commander in Chief and all past Commander’s in Chief: four gold stars. Senior Vice Commander in Chief: three gold stars. Junior Vice Commander in Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and Council of Administration members: two gold stars. National Chaplain: small gold cross. National Patriotic Instructor, National Counselor, Washington, DC Representative and the Executive Director: one gold star.

Department officers: Department Commander and Past Department Commander: four silver stars, Senior Vice Department Commander: three silver stars. Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Treasurer, Department Secretary and Department Council: two silver stars. Department Chaplain, small silver cross. Department Historian, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, Department Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer and the Department Civil War Memorials Officer, one silver star.

Camp officers: Camp Commander and Past Camp Commander: four bronze stars, Senior Vice Commander, three bronze stars, Junior Vice Commander, Camp Secretary, Camp Treasurer and Camp Council: two bronze stars. Camp Chaplain, small bronze cross. Patriotic Instructor, Counselor, Historian and Memorials officer: one bronze star.

If a Brother is entitled to more than one rank indication as specified herein, the Brother may wear only one such device. This section does not apply to the SVR, Department and Camp Guards.

Respectfully submitted in FC&L:  
James Pahl, PDC, Chair  
Richard Orr, PCinC  
George Powell, PCinC  
Robert Grim, PCinC  
Hon. Henry Shaw  
Dan Earl, National Aide to the Committee

## **Report of the National Americanization and Education Committee**

The Committee developed the idea of preparing a list of on-line resources for studying the Rebellion. This list can be made available to and used by public school teachers. The list can be advertised in teacher publications, primarily in those prepared by the individual state's Departments of Education.

I compiled a list of numerous webpages pertaining to the war, with several that deal specifically with Kentucky. An advertisement for this list was sent to the offices of Kentucky Teacher, a publication of the KY Department of Education which is distributed to all KY teachers. This journal features a section of resources for teachers. The ad states that the list can be obtained by sending an SASE to me.

I also prepared an article for the BANNER explaining this project and submitted it to the Editor.

In F., C., L.,  
TIMOTHY H. DOWNEY, PDC

## **Report of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations**

### **Purpose of Committee**

The National Committee on Fraternal Relations purpose is clearly defined in three areas.

To promote the highest level of cooperative relations between the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

To work cooperatively with all Civil War hereditary organizations.

To encourage support of the Order's programs by national veterans organizations.

Committee:

Brad Schall PDC, chairman, Department of California and the Pacific

Keith Ashley PDC, former chairman of committee, Department of Ohio

James C. Kiger, Department of Ohio

Jerry Sayre, Department of California and Pacific

Ellsworth Brown, PDC, Department of Rhode Island

The chairman wishes to acknowledge to the National Encampment the efforts put forth by this committee. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, they attended Allied Order meetings, Department and Camp functions and they interfaced with the Civil War community.

The committee strategy was to accomplish as many of our job description goals as possible during this past year and has as a general rule been successful in these efforts.

Some of our activities were:

- Presented greetings from the CIC at Allied Orders' functions. Brother James Kiger started the year off by bringing greeting from the CIC to the Woman's Relief Corps.
- Provided the CIC with a calendar of activities of Allied Orders and hereditary organizations.
- Had discussions with some of the Allied Orders on how this committee could better service their needs.
- Committee members met at the Department levels with members of the Allied Orders.
- Committee supported the combined recruiting efforts by the SUVCW and the Allied Orders.

- Greetings from the CIC and literature were distributed to hereditary organizations.

Committee supports CIC Armstrong and other national officers in their attempts to have all the Allied Orders at our National Encampment

Jerry Sayre, Department of California and Pacific reported that a current or past president of the Allied Orders attended the Department of California and Pacific Encampment. The last time all the Allied Orders met in California was 1954.

Brother Keith Ashley reported that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War would be joining the Department of Ohio at their 2005 Encampment after a separation of 50 years.

Chairman made contact with the Union League and an attempt was made to open dialog but the decision was made not to expand the dialog at this time.

Discussions were held with several veterans' councils in the Department of California and Pacific in order to learn if the committee could foster a better understanding of their functions and opportunities for mutual benefits of veterans groups and the SUVCW.

Communication has begun between the NCWA, ACWA and the California Artillery Association on the interaction of SUVCW and reenactors. Many SUVCW Brothers are reenactors and honor the Boys in Blue with these activities in all parts of the country. Many of the Allied Orders participate in these same activities.

Dialog has been started with the National Park Service and the Golden Gate Recreational Area on a relationship with the various Civil War installations in Northern California. A common group has been established and discussions are continuing.

Civil War Roundtables have been contacted in Northern California and a speakers' bureau concept was provided by Camp 24 and Camp 22. This has been well received by the roundtables. SUVCW members have spoken at six roundtables for a total of 11 talks during 2004. Roundtables are a national organization but local in activities with each group controlling their activities.

During the past year, Brothers from the SUVCW have accepted positions of responsibility in the Auxiliary, Daughters of Union Veterans and the

Ladies of Grand Army of the Republic. Most compatible positions seem to be as council and membership recruitment. National LGAR President, Lynn Bury has appointed committee member Keith Ashley as National Membership Director.

Ellsworth Brown, PDC, Department of Rhode Island says it best in his summary of activities of Auxiliaries in the northeast, "I know of Camps and Auxiliaries, which enjoy very friendly relations, and cooperate on events and local celebrations as well as civic efforts. It is my feeling that these Camps and Auxiliaries are those whose membership reflects a good number of married couples, and female relatives of loved ones of SUV Camp members, and that membership in the SUV Auxiliary is to be encouraged and promoted by the Camps among SUV wives, sisters, daughters, nieces, friends, etc. After all, of all the Allied Orders, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the Sons very own Auxiliary."

In the view of the chairman, we should all strive to have this type of relationship with all the Allied Orders. In our efforts to Honor the Boys in Blue, our family strengths is in all the Allied Orders, the traditional fellowship and social activities is part of who we are. It behooves the SUVCW to assist each organization in achieving their goals and objectives and assisting them in increasing membership.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L,  
Brad Schall, Chairman  
National Fraternal Relations Committee

## **Report of the National Military Affairs Committee**

A meeting was held on November 21, 2003, at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg with the committee, SVR General Medert, and Col. Shaw, Adjutant General SVR in attendance. The General reported the SVR was growing and there were no problems at that time. Most of the meeting consisted of planning the program and parade.

This past year, the committee had very little to do. The SVR showed a 12% growth in members during the year and has added 7 new units. The total strength as of July 27, 2004 is 1052 members.

There will be a meeting of the NMAC, SVR General and Adjutant at the National Encampment. At that time there will be a number of proposals to discuss. Any proposed changes to the SVR Regulations will have to be presented to the floor of the Encampment.

Submitted in F, C, and L,  
Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC  
Chairman

## **Report of the Remembrance Day Committee**

Remembrance Day 2003 was a complete success due to the fine work of this committee. Special thanks go to Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. for obtaining the parade permits, handling the post of Parade Marshall and being the liaison to the merchants of the town of Gettysburg.

The merchants of Gettysburg once again paid the fee for the parade permit, in 2003 this amounting to \$1145.15. We are grateful for their financial assistance. Special thanks also go to CSA General Arthur Twigg who contacted the Confederate troops and formed them up for the parade. Reports in the newspaper stated that there were over 3000 in the parade.

The National Civil War Ball committee consisting of Margaret Atkinson, PNP Auxiliary; Janice Corfman PNP Ladies GAR, members of Auxiliary #1 Philadelphia, and members of this committee organized and ran the ball. A profit of \$6500 was realized and will be donated to the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument restoration at the 2004 Remembrance Day program.

A complete financial statement was submitted to the National Treasurer along with the check for \$6500. \$1,011.61 was held in a checking account for seed money for 2004 Remembrance Day. All permits have been applied for. It has been rumored that the fee for the parade will be more than last year. We are hoping that the merchants will come to our aid again this year.

This is a fine committee all of whom worked together in raising the funds for preservation.

Dates for Remembrance Days are: November 20, 2004, November 19, 2005, November 18, 2006, and November 17, 2007.

Committee Members - Co-Chairman Chairman Charles Kuhn, David Sosnowski, Eric Schmincke, Charles Corfman, PCinC.

Submitted in F, C, and L,

Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC  
Co-Chairman

## **Report of the Memorial Grant Committee**

The Monuments & Memorials Committee processed a total of 16 applications for funds to maintain and refurbish Civil War Monuments. Also included are some applications for new work being initiated. The committee approved all but one application because of some failings of the requirements noted on the Web site for this protect. That particular Camp was so informed, but to pay attention to the specific requirements noted before making out the application form. Attached is a chart made up

To show the activities that took place during the year, and when payment was made.

There is one rule the committee would like to see added on the guideline sheet that is shown on the Web site. It could be rule #10 that all applications be postmarked by June 15<sup>th</sup> to get included in the funds available before the end of the year. This way, the committee can complete their work and the National Treasurer can make out the disbursement before completion of the annual report for the National Encampment.

This project is an excellent way for the organization to grow and prosper through the upkeep and maintenance of the Civil War monuments around the country. One cannot buy publicity like this when a Camp or Department embarks on projects like this.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
Ronald B. Gill, Chairman  
Monuments Grant Committee

## Report of the National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters

Below you will find a roster of the living children of Civil War veterans that the committee has had contact with this year. There has been an unusually large number of deaths. Memorial Day and Christmas cards were sent out but only about 20 replies were received for each holiday.

Your cooperation in sending out certificates to these people was greatly appreciated. The first children of Civil War veterans were born more than 40 years before the Civil War. The last born of any Civil War veteran was, Jimmy Lee Harper of Bell, Florida, born on October 16, 1943. He was the second child of James W. Harper and Minnie Lee Harper. Sadly, he died at an early age in an automobile accident. This was taken from Jay Hoar's book, The South's Boys in Gray, page 46. Unfortunately, the committee has had no interaction with the Sons of Confederate Veterans this year.

### WIDOWS OF CIVIL WAR VETERAN

**Mrs. Alberta Martin**, 97, Enterprise, AL, died on May 31, 2004, Memorial Day. She was the widow of William Jasper Martin, 4th Al Vols. A Web site, <lastconfederatewidow.com>, gives a story of her life. When she died it was thought she was the last widow of any Civil War veteran. Soon afterwards, another widow made herself known.

**Mrs. Maudie Celia Hopkins**, 89, of Lexa, AR, is the widow of William M. Cantrell. They were married February 2, 1934. He died February 26, 1937. Mr. Cantrell served in the 7th Virginia Mounted Infantry, known as French's Battalion.

### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**Harold Becker\***, 8333 Atlanta Dr., Rockford, MI 49349.  
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**John Brandon\***, 319 N. "C" St., Albia, IA 52531  
Father, John Brandon, Co. A, 6th WS Vols

**Charlie Brock\***, 1414 Matt Baker Rd., London, KY 40744  
Father, Amon Brock, Co. E, 49th KY Vols.

**Arthur W. Clark\***, 9 Eydie Dr., Quispansis, New Brunswick, Canada  
Father, Edwin T.S. Clark, Ordinary Seaman, USS Maria A. Wood and USS North Carolina

**George W.T. Clark\***, 185 Lock Lomond Rd., Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada  
Father, Edwin, T.S. Clark, Ordinary Seaman, USS Maria A. Wood and USS North Carolina

**Dale Collier\***, PO Box 5033, Tiffin, OH 44856  
Father, Harry Judd Collier, Co. F. 140th OH Vols.

**Col. John W. Dinsmoor, USAF (Ret)\***, 2368 S. Lima, Aurora, CO 80014  
Father, Samuel Dinsmoor, Co. B, 116th OH Vols.

**John Johnson**, 211 E. Naperville Rd., #1, Westmont, IL 60559-1572  
Father, John L. Johnson, 3rd NY Cav.

**Raymond J. Kepner**, 3155 W. Belmont Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051  
Father, Elijah Kepner, Co. F, 7th II Cav.

**Eugene J. Mallory**, 234 West 3275 North, North Ogden, UT 84414  
 Father, Diogenes Mallory, Co. K, 2nd MI Cav.

**Onnie Mitchell\***, HC 88, Box 159, Baisden, WV 25608  
 Father, Cager Mitchell, Co. M, 7th WV Cav.

**Ernest John Pool**, 1146 Highway UU, Bolivar, MO, 65613  
 Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D., 6th WV Vols.

**Garland Ralph Pool\***, 1001 Highway T, Bolivar, MO 65613-8112  
 Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. C, 6th WV Vols.

**William Pool**, 1030 Highway UU, Bolivar, MO 65613  
 Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. C, 6th WV Vols.

**Henry Shouse\***, Box 43, Station C, Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada AOP ICO  
 Father, Hiram Shouse, Sr, MD, Drummer Boy, Co. G, 11th IL Vols.

**Hiram Shouse, Jr\*.,** 1905 Elmhurst Ave., Humbolt, IA 50548-1884  
 Father, Hiram Shouse, Sr., MD, Drummer Boy, Co. G, 11th II Vols.

**Jake Thompson\***, 222 S. Willard St., Ottumwa, IA  
 Father, Alester D. Thompson, Co. A, 182nd OH Vols.

**Julius Ward**, 11 W. Belmont St., Bay Shore, NY 11706  
 Father, Julius A. Ward, Co. G, 40th WS Vols.

**Robert Warner\***, 401 Rio Condro Dr., San Angelo, TX. 76903  
 Father, William B. Warner, 9th IN Cav. and survivor of Sultana sinking

**Rev. Kenneth White**, %Susquehanna Valley Presbytery, 12 Whitney Place,  
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 Father, Charles White, Co. G, 17th WV Vols.

**John Whitman\***, HC 52 Box 174-K6, Hot Springs, SD 57747-9696  
 Father, Nathaniel Whitman, 9th PA Cav.

**Federick Upham\***, 5404 Fossil Ct. N., Fort Collins, CO 80525  
 Father, William Upham, Sr., Co. F, 2nd WS Vols. USMA Class of 1866

**William Upham, Jr.\***, 2429 E. Bradford Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211, Past  
 Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS

Father, William Upham, Jr., Co. F, 2nd WS Vols. USMA Class of 1866

**Carson Ward Yeager\***, % Bob Kurek, Sheridan Camp #2, Dept. of Ill  
 Father, Peter Yeager, Co. E, 146th Ill Inf.

## DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**Hattie Loraine Hayse Basham**, 3374 Longhollow Road, Rineville, KY 40162  
 Father, Caleb Hayse, Co. C 17th Reg. KY Inf.

**Helen Beck**, 660 Linlaw Dr., Wasbash, IN 46992  
 Father, Alexander Hall, 16th Battery, IN Light Art.

**Jennie Blackburn\***, Maryville,, TN,  
 Father, Thomas Marshall Anderson, Co. C, 1st TN Light Art.

**Viola Bloomer**, % Hazel Siders, 407 Myrtle Ave., Belton, MO 64102-4911  
 Father, John Leander Wilson, Co. A, 8th Reat. TN Vol. Cav.

**Freda Eliza Baughman Foor**, % Bedford County Pioneer Historical Society, 242  
 E. John St., Bedford, PA 15522-1750. Lives in Everett  
 Father, Adam Baughman Co. E, 186th PA Vols.

**Barbara Beck**, NB Dept. DUVCW.  
 Father, Thomas Shirley, Co. M 14th IL Cav.

**Ada Bowman**, PO Box, 116, Christinburge, OH 45389  
 Father, Jasper Phillips, 1st TN Mounted IN

**Carmen R. Brumley**, 21915 King Henry Ave., Leesburg, FL 34749-7995  
 Father, Nathaniel Amos Whitman, 9th PA Cav.

**Onnie Burgess**, % Allen Burgess, 2859 Mt. Zion Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601  
 Father, Matthew Hughes, Co. K, 12th KY Vol. Cav.

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The New York Times ran a front page article on children of Civil War veterans on May 28, 2004, titled, "Civil War Veterans Are Gone but Kids Have Stories to Tell". There were interviews of members of the SUVCW, SVC and UDC.

Recommendations:

1. The committee be continued for another year.
2. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on January 26, 2005. Bro. MacArthur was the first name on our Congressional Charter. Without a doubt, he is the most controversial general and one of the greatest patriots our nation's history. Both he and his father, Arthur MacArthur, received the Medal of Honor. The incoming commander-in-chief should seriously consider appointing a committee for this occasion.
3. The constitution, rules and regulation be amended so that real sons may wear a bronze star on their regulation badge.

It is hoped that this report shall be found satisfactory by the members of the 123rd national Encampment.

Submitted in F, C and L,

Jerome L. Orton, PDC-NY  
John Anderson, PDC-TN  
Shawn Cox, OH  
Dean Letzring, TX  
Kenneth Butterfield, ME

## **Report of the Special National Committee on Digest**

The work to compiling a Digest of previous rulings and opinions concerning our Constitution and Regulations is concluded. A copy shall be provided to the webmaster, so that this can be posted to our web site, thereby making this resource available to all Brothers of the Order at no cost.

We recommend the committee be discharged.

To continue this work for future years and as we publish past proceedings, the committee proposes the following amendments to the National Regulations of our Order:

Amend National Regulations, Chapter III, Article V (Duties of officers) and add (*in italics*):

Section 8. The National Counselor shall act as the legal advisor of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization. *He shall also act as editor of the Digest of the Order. As each National Encampment proceedings are published, he shall glean from the proceedings, the various rulings and opinions as to our Constitution and Regulations, and then causing to be published an updated Digest.*

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity & loyalty,

James B. Pahl, Chair  
Gary Gibson  
Robert Wolz

## **Report of the National Committee on Scholarships**

The 2004 SUVCW Scholarship Committee is composed of Robert Grim, Anthony Waski, and Craig DeCrane. The committee received 88 applications for two \$1000 scholarships. There were many highly qualified candidates. After careful consideration, the committee selected Jeffrey Albanese of Goshen, NY and Benjamin Stow of Thornton, PA as the 2004 SUVCW Scholarship recipients.

### **Recommendations for 2005**

The number of candidates for the two SUVCW scholarships was huge. The selection process was extremely difficult. On the other hand, it was encouraging to see so many highly qualified candidates. The application form contains a wealth of information; school transcripts, GPA, letters of recommendation, community activities, etc. The candidates should also have a CW ancestor who served in the Union. Given all that information from a huge number of applicants, the task was a bit overwhelming. There are no guidelines for the selection other than to consider all the information given.

The committee respectfully suggests that the national commander consider a couple of recommendations that could help the selection process.

First, preference could be given to those candidates who are active in the Allied Orders.

The second possibility is to prioritize the information in the application. For example, the highest priority could be given to the GPA, followed by the letters of recommendation, the community activities, etc. This is only an example and any order of priority can be constructed.

Either of the above recommendations would help the selection committee reach a decision. Of course, any changes to the selection process must be added to the application form so the candidates know what to expect.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig DeCrane, Chairman

## **Report of the National Encampment Credentials Committee**

A proposed set of guidelines and procedures for the National Encampment Credentials Committee was written and submitted to the Council of Administration this past year.

The committee has been in contact with the Department of Iowa, the host for the 2004 National Encampment. Brother Les Weber, Dept. of Iowa, suggested a design for the nametag and it has been adopted, incorporating the badge the Department of Iowa will be giving to all Brothers registering at the Encampment.

The committee, in cooperation with the host Department, has established hours of registration for the Encampment, which have been forwarded to the Banner Editor and National Web Master, along with registration coupons for the Banner and National Web Site.

All members of the committee have reported they will be available for registration duty at the Encampment.

Submitted this 22nd day of July, 2004  
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty  
John R. Mann, Chairman, Dept. of Michigan  
Les Weber, Dept. of Iowa  
Kenneth Spurgeon, Dept. of Kansas  
Ray Nagle, Dept. of Ohio

## **Report of the Special Committee on Ritual and Ceremonials**

The 2004 Ritual Committee members were comprised of the same members who were on the 2003 committee, Richard Orr, John Mann, Bruce Butgereit, Ken Hershberger, and Dick Williams. We accomplished a lot in the two years to standardize the Ritual and correct several incorrect items that continued on from version to version. Most of the changes were presented to the committee by John but we all had an opportunity to express our thoughts on the change. Most were implemented and some were not. John's eye for detail and standardization was instrumental in modifying the document to have the same look from ceremony to ceremony.

The latest version is available in an electronic format and is stored for safety on our web site for the next Ritual Committee members to use as they continue to make additional modifications.

There are three electronic files filed with this report. The modified Ritual in a 8 ½ by 11 inch format, a list of items that were modified and a list of items for consideration for changes by the next committee.

The members of the 2003 and 2004 Ritual Committee feel the current version of the Ritual can be printed in its current format but because of the number of Rituals already in the Quartermaster's current stock we feel the additional items listed should be picked up by the next Committee for review and possible changes to further strengthen the document.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

The 2004 Ritual Committee  
Dick Williams, Chair  
Rich Orr  
John Mann  
Ken Hershberger  
Bruce Butgereit

These changes been made to the Ritual and agreed upon by the 2003 & 2004 Ritual Committee members.

- Corrections have been made to the brackets and parenthesis, using brackets to start and end an instructional paragraph. Parenthesis are used to set off instructional phrases within paragraphs. All words in brackets and parenthesis have been italicized to further show that they are instructional words and set them apart from the spoken words.
- The following words have been capitalized throughout when they refer to the SUVCW: Brother, Camp, Department, National, Order, Officer, Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, (and all other elected and appointed positions).
- Ceremonies for Department & National Encampments has been split into two sections; Ceremonies for Department Encampments; and Ceremonies for National Encampments. This eliminates the dual wording necessary to fit both Department and National Encampments, i.e., *Commander (Commander-in-Chief), Secretary (National Secretary)*, etc., making the text much easier to follow.
- A new section under the *Initiation, Short Form*, has been added for Juniors.
- All headings have been standardized in their wording, i.e., Opening Ceremonies for the Camp, Opening Ceremonies for the Department Encampment, Opening Ceremonies for the National Encampment; Installation of Officers for the Camp, Installation of Officers for the Department Encampment, Installation of Officers for the National Encampment.
- The headings have been set in 24pt. type, the sub headings in 16pt. type and the body text in 12pt. type; all Times Roman. 12pt. for the body text is the smallest size that should be used in long lines of text such as these, for the eye tends have a hard time tracking a line of text across the page if it is too small. 14pt. body text would be even easier to read and follow, but might make the overall number of pages unacceptably large. The text sizes will have to be adjusted down when creating the smaller 4 ½ x 6 format Ritual.

- The margins have been set at .8 inches top and outside, .5 inches bottom and 1 inch inside (to allow for the comb style binding.) A comb style binding is proposed to allow changes to be easily incorporated in existing stocks of Rituals in the future, without having to reprint the entire book or paste in addendums in the back as has been done in the past.
- We changed the function of closing the Bible in the **Order of Business** from Color Bearer to Chaplain on page 7 of the new Ritual.
- **General Instructions, item 9**, we added this sentence to the end of the paragraph: “In absence of a ballot box, the Camp Commander may use a different method to tally votes of the membership.”
- **General Instructions, item 12**. we changed the last sentence to read: “The flag for the pedestal of the Commander should be our National Flag (*the Stars & Stripes*) of about the same size and upon which there should be no lettering.”
- Also, notice there is a difference between the left margin on odd and even numbered pages. This document has been prepared for a printer who will print on both sides of the paper. The outcome will be different if this document is made available to individuals and they print only on one side of a page.
- At the bottom of page 16, **Installation of Officers, for the Camp**, we move the (one rap\*) to the next page after the Chaplain has spoken.
- Page 19, **Installation of Officers**, we added the installation of the Civil War Memorials Officer and Graves Registration Officer.
- On page 20, Installation of Officers, on the line beginning with - **Installing Officer** — (*One rap \**) - we move the word ‘Will’ from the beginning of the sentence to the middle to make the sentence a statement and not a question.
- Made a minor modification on page 20, **Closing Ceremonies**, in the way we print the Camp response to Amen.

- Page 22, **Ceremony for Receiving National or Department Officers**, added “[*One rap \**]” at the end.
- Page 23, **Opening Ceremonies**, added “(*One rap \**)” for the Department Commander to get the attention of the Encampment and seat the room. The room is brought to their feet a little later when the Chaplain gives the Devine Blessing.
- Page 23, **Opening Ceremonies**, for the Department Commander, just before the Department Chaplain gives the Devine Blessing we added the word “and” in the following sentence. “May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves.”
- Page 26, **Installation of Officers, for Department Encampments**, first paragraph for *Installing Officer*. The 1999 version of the Ritual added near the end of the paragraph, “(Past Department Commander’s Badge may be presented at this time.)”. I’ve never seen the Past Department Commander’s badge presented that early in the ceremony and suggest we keep it back at the end of the ceremony.
- Page 29, **Closing Ceremonies, for the Department Encampment**, made a minor change in the way we print the Encampment response to Amen.
- Page 30, **Ceremony for Receiving National Officers, for Department Encampments**, added “[*One rap \**]” at the end.
- Page 31, **Opening Ceremonies, for National Encampments**, added “(*One rap \**)” for the Commander-in-Chief to get the attention of the Encampment and seat the room.
- Page 31, **Opening Ceremonies, for National Encampments**, for the Commander-in-Chief, just before the National Chaplain gives the Devine blessing, we added the word “and” in the following sentence. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves.
- Page 34, **Installation of Officers, for National Encampments**, first paragraph for *Installing Officer*. The 1999 version of the

Ritual added near the end of the paragraph, “(Past Commander-in-Chief’s Badge may be presented at this time.)”. I’ve never seen the Past Commander-in-Chief’s badge presented that early in the ceremony and suggest we keep it at the end of the ceremony.

- Page 37, **Closing Ceremonies, for National Encampments**, we added (Three raps \*) after the Commander-in-Chief asks the Chaplain to give the blessings of God on our deliberations.
- Page 37, **Closing Ceremonies, for National Encampments**, made a minor change in the way we print the Encampment response to Amen.
- Page 45, **Burial of the Dead, from the 1890 ritual of the SUVCW**, we added the chorus so as to not have people miss singing the chorus between stanzas.
- Page 46, **Burial of the Dead, from the 1890 ritual of the SUVCW**, we added the chorus so as to not have people miss singing the chorus between stanzas.
- Page 46, **Burial of the Dead, from the 1890 ritual of the SUVCW**, we changed the way the Commander commands after the singing.
- Cover sheet - added a line at the bottom “Rev (date)”
- Second cover sheet – Suggestion: Place “Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War” at top of page above “Ritual and Ceremonies” instead of bottom of page. Some concerns were expressed by John on the balanced look of the page unless we moved the “Ritual and Ceremonies” below the Coat of Arms. That works for me.
- Plan of the Meeting Room - remove the second line in italics. This instruction was already carried out. In addition, place a footnote at bottom as follows: “The guard shall secure the only permitted entrance to the rooms during meetings which shall be to the rear of the Senior Vice Commander” Place an asterisk in the drawing at lower right and an asterisk in front of the footnote.

- Because of different meeting room configurations we chose not to use the suggested footnote. Instead we are using, “The Guard should be posted at the main entrance to the meeting room.”
- General Instructions page –
  - Paragraph 2. Removed the entire paragraph. I haven’t seen anyone who has memorized the ritual.
  - Paragraph 10. Changed the word “permissive” to “permissible”.
- Page 5 -Opening Ceremonies – Commander’s direction to Senior Vice Commander – Strike “you will”
- Page 7, Change item 3 to read, “ Reading and approval of the minutes from the last Camp meeting.”
- Page 8, Initiation, short form. First Chaplain’s instruction. Removed “you will.”
- Same area, Second Chaplain’s instruction. Remove, “You will now” and capitalize “Grasp.” Also, remove in second sentence, “You will” and capitalize “Say”.
- Page 9, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph. Add “ungrateful or” before “disloyal.” The former ‘recreant’ has been removed but “ungrateful” should have been substituted.
- Page 10, Patriotic Instruction. Add “on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May.” after “Memorial Day”
- Page 12, Chaplain’s instruction, third line. Remove “you will.”
- Page 17. Chaplain: Part of the third line reads, “knowledge that Thou an ever”. The “an” should be “art”.
- Page 19, last paragraph. Change “ You will, each of you, say,” to “Each of you will say,”.
- Page 22, the last sentence, replace “platform” to “Commander’s station”.

- Page 33, Move the approval of the minutes between items 9 & 10 and renumber the items and change the text to read, “Approval of the minutes from the last Encampment”.
- Page 37, second paragraph. Remove “You will” and capitalize “Give”.
- Page 42, last paragraph. Change this instruction from Commander to Chaplain and start the paragraph with, “Brothers, some scriptures” These are biblical quotes and should be pronounced by the Chaplain, not a Commander, the symbol descendant of a man of war. Finally, each bible quotation should begin and end with quote marks.
- It seems like the reading in this area should be done by the Chaplain. We made the change from Commander to Chaplain but didn’t make the other suggested change. We also, then, removed the instruction of the Chaplain at the top of the next page.
- Page 46. Last line of the Chaplain instructions. Place a period between “Loyalty” and “Amen.”
- Page 46. Third line of the Jr. Vice Commander’s instructions, remove “that” between “we that rejoice”.
- Page 49, 11<sup>th</sup> paragraph. This parenthetical phrase is misplaced and should precede “All”, as members of the Camp in unison state the departed member’s faults will be written upon sand but his virtues written on tablets of love and memory (paraphrasing).
- We took out the after the fact instructions and included it in the line mentioned above. The new line reads, “*All — (in unison) —* The faults of our Brother(s) we write upon the sand, his (their) virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.” and the instructions line following was removed.
- Page 49, Commander instruction given to the Patriotic Instructor. Include the missing parentheses in “Brother(s)”.
- Page 52, at the Dirge, drop the “s” off from “corps”.

Additional items that should be reviewed for possible changes.

### **Table of Contents**

- We have sections titled Ceremonies for Camps, Ceremonies for Department Encampments and Ceremonies for National Encampments. Then, in each section we find “Opening Ceremonies” and “Closing Ceremonies”. Note that even though there is actually only one ceremony being performed at the opening and closing, the word “Ceremonies” appears in the plural form. It should be in the singular form, if at all. As it has already been stated in the section title that these are ceremonies, to add the word “ceremony” after the named ceremony is redundant and therefore unnecessary. If it is desired to keep the word ceremony after the named ceremony, it should be added after all named ceremonies to be consistent, i.e., “Installation Ceremony, Long Form”, and “Installation of Officers Ceremony”. And, to keep from being redundant, the headings could be changed to “For Camps”, “For Department Encampments” and “For National Encampments”, or simply “Camps”, “Department Encampments” and “National Encampments.” Any corrections or alterations made here should also be applied to the titles of these ceremonies wherever they appear in the Ritual.

### **Opening and Closing Ceremonies for the Camp, Department and National**

- These ceremonies are a little different when comparing the Camp ceremonies to the Department and National, the Camp ceremonies being slightly more detailed and varied in some places (i.e., Chaplain remaining at the Altar at the end of the Camp ceremony and retiring in the Department and National, the Color Bearer tending to the Altar at the end of the Camp Ceremony and not mentioned in the Department and National.) Should they be re-written to more closely comply with each other?

### **Installation of Officers for Camps, Departments and National sections**

- In the installation of Camp officers the Installing Officer addresses the entire slate of elected and required (by C&R)

appointed officers, giving a brief description of their jobs. In the Department and National installations, none of the officers are designated by title, save that of Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief, nor is a brief job description given. As we are striving for consistency throughout the Ritual, should the Camp Installation be re-written to comply with the Department and National or should the Department and National Installations be re-written to comply with the Camp? Or do we assume that it is necessary to detail and describe each Camp Officer job, but assume that all Department and National Officers and their jobs do not need to be detailed and described and leave as written? Consistency is needed here, one way or the other. Perhaps dropping the detail and description from the Camp Installation and adding a sentence to all Installation Ceremonies by the Installing Officer that all officers should read and familiarized themselves with their respective job descriptions as found in the C&R, Department Bylaws, Camp Bylaws, Ritual and Job Descriptions of Officers, etc., would suffice.

### **General Instructions**

- Paragraph 8. Balloting for Candidates There is a reference to four or more black balls the candidate will be declared rejected. Most Camps don't use a ballot box. Do we want to consider also indicating some percentage of membership or percentage of membership present in those cases where a ballot box isn't used?

### **Installation of Officers, for the Camp**

- Add a parenthetical phrase at the end of the ceremony "(The installing officer may elect to include the Commander's wife in the pinning ceremony.)"

### **Order of Business for Departments**

- Place an asterisk at the end of the Header. Place a footnote with the paired asterisk at the bottom to read, "\*detailed agenda is the responsibility of the Dept Commander.)"

### **Opening for National Encampments**

- **Place an asterisk at the end of the Header. Place a footnote with the paired asterisk at the bottom to read, "\*detailed agenda is the responsibility of the Commander in Chief.)"**

### **Installation of Officers, National Encampments**

- Add a footnote parenthetical on the last page, “(The installing officer may elect to include the wife of the Commander in Chief’s in the pinning ceremony.)

### **Music for songs**

- What do we want to do about the music for the songs in the Ritual? Should we make the music available on our web page, in a separate book, in the ritual, any other ideas?

### **New Camp Organization (New Camp Installation) and New Department Installation**

- Shouldn’t they be grouped respectively with the Department and National Ceremonies sections? New Camp Installation is a ceremony normally done by Departments (with the rare exception of National Camps-at-Large). New Department Installation is a ceremony done by the National Organization only.

### **Draping the Charter**

- A suggestion came from a member who wanted us to add to the Ritual a directive that the draping of the Charter for a deceased member in the organization would only be observed annually. He didn’t want to see the Camp Charter draped for every time someone died in the organization, but thought the practice should be employed in a dignified ceremonial atmosphere as an annual observance rather than a routine, ongoing, perpetual state or display with regard to the Charter.

### **Review having the dedication/rededication ceremonies for headstones and memorials placed in the Ritual.**

### **Review including the poem, The Unknown Dead.**

### **The section titled Ceremonies for New Camps and Departments - New Camp Organization**

- This is really a misnomer as it is in actuality a New Camp Installation Ceremony and should be re-titled as such. The word Organizer should be changed to Installing Officer throughout. The actual organization of a new Camp is done prior to this ceremony, finding enough members and potential members to create a Camp, finding a meeting place and deciding when to meet, applying for a Charter, etc.

- In some places the word “Acting” is placed in front of officer’s titles, in others it is not. We need consistency here. Once the Organizer has named the members as acting officers, it is entirely unnecessary and redundant to add “acting” to their titles as all in attendance know they are Acting Camp Officers.
- Paragraph 23 – “[*The Commander will give the following instruction to the candidate(s).*]” As the new Camp’s Commander may still in the process of being sworn in and therefore standing in front of the Altar (if not already a member) and has not yet been installed as Camp Commander, I believe the “*following instruction*” should be given by the Organizer (Installing Officer) and not the Commander.
- Last paragraph – “[*Camp closed in due form and in accordance with this Ritual and Ceremonies book.*]” Prior to closing the Camp, shouldn’t the Organizer (Installing Officer) turn the Camp over to the newly installed Camp Commander before the closing of the Camp?
- Actually, rather than repeating the Initiation ceremony within this portion of the Ritual, an instructional paragraph could be inserted after the existing opening italicized paragraphs of instruction instructing the Organizer (Installing Officer) use the Initiation Ceremony here. Same goes for the officer installation process later on.
- Although not included in the Officer Installation Ceremony, Delegates to the Department Encampment should be included in the election of officers for the new Camp as they are required to be elected by the C&R.
- As we are no longer struggling for members and our members are well disbursed throughout the U.S. and existing Departments, I believe the first instructional paragraph of this section should be dropped, as a Department Commander (or Commander-in-Chief in the case of National Camps-at-Large) should be able to find and appoint a capable member within a reasonable distance of the new Camp to perform the Installation Ceremony. As minimum of three others (acting Secretary/Treasurer, Guide and Guard) are needed for the Ceremony who are not on the list of members of the proposed new Camp, these positions could be filled by members of the other Allied Orders if necessary.
- If the Guard is to be directed to secure the door, he should also be directed to “unsecure” it at the proper time after the Initiation Ceremony. Again, prior to the election of officers, the Guard should be directed to secure the door and “unsecure” it at the end of this ceremony (per General Instructions 7).

- Actually, this entire section could be totally revised to mimic the language of the New Department Installation. If it is not desired to do so, here is the language I am proposing for this portion, existing in black, new in red with some paragraphs of the existing language dropped entirely:

### **New Camp Organization Installation**

*[When the ~~Organizer~~ Installing Officer (or Chairman of the committee) presents himself at the time and place for ~~organization~~ installation of the new Camp, he shall call all present to order and state in a general way the objects of the meeting. He shall also designate the following acting Officers for the proposed new Camp: Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer), Guide and Guard from those members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or the Allied Orders present.]*

*[The Charter application shall be handed to the acting Secretary and the bill for the Charter supplies to the acting Treasurer.]*

*[He will then inquire if there are any present who wish to add their names to the Charter application. He will also verify that the records of all applicants are complete (for no one shall be initiated except his record be complete) and that they have paid the required initiation fee.]*

*[He will then request all present who are not members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Allied Orders or whose name is not on the list of members of the proposed new Camp to retire from the room.]*

*[He will then request all present except acting Officers to be seated upon the right side of the room. He will ask the acting Secretary to read the list of all the eligible applicants who have paid the required initiation fee, and as their names are called, they will be seated on the left side of the room. If there are any members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War present, he will ask them to rise.]*

*[If the Charter fee has not already been paid, the acting Treasurer will pay it at this time to the ~~Organizer~~ Installing Officer, receiving the ~~Organizer's~~ Installing Officer's receipt.]*

~~Organizer~~ Installing Officer — ~~Acting~~ Guard, the door will be secured allowing no one to leave or enter.

[At this time the Installing Officer will use the Initiation Ceremony, either short or long form, if there are new members to be sworn in.]

*[A short recess is optional following the Initiation Ceremony.]*

*[If the recess is taken, immediately prior to it the Guard should be directed to allow entry or exit to the room. Prior to the reconvening of*

*the meeting to install the officers, the Installing Officer should gavel the meeting to order, asking all present who are not members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or the Allied Orders to leave the room again. The Guard should then be directed to secure the door allowing no one to enter or exit. ]*

~~Organizer~~ *Installing Officer* — The number assigned this Camp by the Department Commander (*Commander-in-Chief for National Camps-at-large*) is No. \_\_\_\_\_. I will now entertain a motion for its name, subject to approval of the Department Commander (*Commander-in-Chief*).

*[A motion must be made and seconded by those present. Following any discussion the motion will be voted on. A simple majority shall be required to approve the name.]*

~~Organizer~~ *Installing Officer* — Nominations and election of Officers are now in order. The Officers to be elected are Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary / Treasurer), ~~and~~ three members of the Camp Council and Delegates to the Department (National) Encampment (*number determined by the size of the Camp's membership*).

*[Following the election of Officers, the Installing Officer shall direct the Guard to allow all in waiting to enter the room.]*

*[At this time the Installing Officer will install the newly elected Officers using the Installation of Officers Ceremony for the Camp, turning the Camp over to the newly installed Commander at the end of the Ceremony.]*

**Commander** — (*Reads the General Instructions found in this Ritual and Ceremonies book.*)

**Commander** — (*Asks if the Installing Officer or others would like to address the Camp.*)

*[Address by ~~Organizer~~ Installing Officer and others.]*

*[Camp closed in due form and in accordance with this Ritual and Ceremonies book by the Commander.]*

### **New Department Installation**

- As the text of this portion is entirely of an instructional nature with no spoken language, it should appear in italics to be consistent with the rest of the Ritual. Opening and closing brackets would not be necessary as there would not be a mix of spoken and instructional language.
- Paragraphs 7 & 8 – Mentions only SUVCW members as being able to be in attendance. Members of the other Allied Orders should be included.

## **Report of the Committee on GAR Post Records**

It gives me pleasure to present this annual report on the status of the Grand Army of the Republic Post Records project. During this past year, the project was organized into two main tasks: (1) GAR Post Locations database and (2) GAR Post Records database. With a structured approach to collection and retention of data, this project may continue from year to year with minimal organizational impact. The following is a summary of results relative to the two main tasks and other committee highlights this past year.

**GAR Post Locations Database** – the objective of this task is to identify all GAR Posts that existed both in and outside the United States and periodically update the listings on the National web site. Brother Dean Sargent has been instrumental in researching Posts that were missing in the original database that was loaded on the SUVVCW web site in 2000. In the original listing, there were over 8,600 Posts included. Brother Sargent reports that he has updated the list and it now includes 9,312 Post listings, an increase of over 700 Posts. He believes there are about 350 remaining to be identified. However, the revised database is ready for conversion to pdf format and subsequent loading onto the web site after a review for accuracy.

**GAR Post Records Database** – the objective of this task is to identify the location of all existing records of the GAR and make that information available to researchers and the general public. It is not the goal of this committee to be the repository of these records, only identify what records exist and where they may be accessed. Brother Ryan King reports that records of over 100 posts have been documented, highlighted by a number of submittals from Michigan, California, Nevada and Missouri.

**Inquiries** - The committee fielded nearly 200 inquiries this past year, most of which were handled by Brother Doyle Brewer. Inquiries were received from nearly every state in the Union and Canada. Many of these were requests for information about Posts where ancestors were known to be members. A large number wondered if their ancestors were members of the GAR, and if so, what Post they belonged. Some offered help in correcting inaccurate information we currently have on the web site. Many of the requests for information had to be forwarded to more knowledgeable resources. As the database grows, we may be in a better position to address these inquiries directly.

**GAR Records on E-bay** – The committee was made aware of two cases this past year where GAR Post records were offered for sale on E-bay. In one of these cases, Brother Kurt Vouk of Pennsylvania successfully negotiated the donation of the records to the SUVCW. The records of Post #227, Eastport, MI were turned over to the Department of Michigan. Because our legal position relative to these records is marginal at best, securing these records requires members skilled at negotiating. The committee commends Brother Vouk for his efforts.

**General Order 22** - The committee made the Commander-in-Chief aware of the need to have contacts within each Department to assist in collecting information for the Post Records database as well as review Post location listings and records location data prior to loading them onto the National web site. C-in-C Armstrong followed through with General Order 22, Item 2, to encourage Departments to identify focal points within their Departments to assist the committee organize, collect and review GAR Post data. As a follow up to this general order, the committee officially requested that Departments appoint a GAR Records Officer if they don't have one already.

**Data Collection Form** – A form for hardcopy submittal of GAR Post Record information was drafted and is currently under review by the committee. This form, similar to those used for graves registration and Civil War monuments projects, is intended to be included in the forms page of the SUVCW web site for those members who prefer to submit paper copies or do not have internet access. Once approved by the committee, it will be forwarded to the Council of Administration for approval prior to loading on the web site.

**Recommendations:**

1. All Departments appoint a GAR Records officer, if they don't have one already, to organize collection of data within their Departments and review information for accuracy prior to publication pursuant to General Orders #22, Series 2003-2004.
2. Expand the scope of the mission of the committee beyond identifying location of posts and documenting location of post records to include preparation of short post histories for ultimate publication. Post histories should be published in volumes, with each volume consisting of posts within a Department. This takes the project one step beyond identifying the location of records and would be of tremendous value to the interested public.

3. Select a member of the E-bay surveillance committee to serve as an aide to the GAR Post Records committee. Due to an increasing number of GAR records showing up on E-bay, and the need to have an individual skilled at negotiating release of these records, it makes sense that the GAR Records committee have a dedicated resource to address this problem.
4. At the 2003 National Encampment, a resolution was forwarded to the GAR Post Records committee to come up with a recommendation and report it back to the 2004 National Encampment. The resolution looked to have the GAR Post listings/records databases placed on CD and offered for sale. The committee has no objections to this; however, it recommends that this be tabled for the near term until a time when the database has grown to a greater extent and the size of the market can be estimated.
5. The committee recommends that the GAR Post Records committee be moved from "Special" status to "Standing" status. Due to the extent of the data gathering, the time it will take to complete it, and the impact the project will have on organizational structure (i.e., requesting that Departments assign GAR Records officers), this project will soon be on a level comparable to graves registration and monuments/memorials. The products produced by this committee will go a long way towards one of our overriding objectives, preserving the memory of the GAR.

I wish to personally thank all of the committee members and PCinC Keith Harrison, Aide to the committee, for their hard work and dedication to the project. This project has taken some major steps forward this past year thanks to the efforts of these resourceful Brothers.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC  
Chairman, National Committee on GAR Post Records

**Appendix 2**  
**Council of Administration**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Council of Administration Meeting**  
**August 10, 2003**  
**Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky**

Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong opened the meeting at 7:58 a.m. by asking PC-in-C Robert Grim to lead a prayer which PC-in-C Grim did eloquently. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by the Commander-in-Chief. Council of Administration present as follows: Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Kent L. Armstrong, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Stephen A. Michaels, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Donald E. Darby, National Quartermaster PC-in-C Elmer F. Atkinson, PC-in-C Robert E. Grim, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Secretary PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser, PDC Ronald B. Gill, PDC Robert M. Petrovic and PDC David P. Stephen. In addition were National Washington DC Representative PC-in-C Andrew M. Johnson, PC-in-C Charles W. Corfman, PC-in-C George L. Powell, National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl, National Executive Director PCC Lee F. Walters, National Chief of Staff PDC Michael S. Bennett, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer PDC Gary L. Gibson.

Commander-in-Chief Armstrong honored a request by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) led by National President Lynne Bury, to address the Council of Administration regarding a matter of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty between the Allied Orders. Points shared as follows:

1. In planning for the 2003 Allied Orders' Encampment, many difficulties have been incurred by the LGAR. Paramount among these problems we have found that most of the difficulties have resulted from a lack of communication.
2. The hotel took an "approximation" the morning of the meals, as an "actual count" and wants to charge us on that basis.
3. It was our understanding that pianos were included in the original arrangements for the site. Later we were told we must provide our own piano, estimates we were told were as high as \$500.00 for the weekend. We found this outrageous, and we were forced to make our own arrangements.

Commander-in-Chief Armstrong informed the Ladies we would get back with them after certain questions were answered by others not in the room at the time.

Upon continuing with the meeting, the C-in-C thanked PC-in-C Powell for his years of service as a voting member of the Council of Administration, welcomed immediate PC-in-C Grim in his new capacity, and welcomed newly elected Council of Administration Member PDC Dave Stephen.

C-in-C Armstrong recapped the recommendations of Executive Director Lee Walters which were looked at during last Council of Administration meeting August 7, 2003.

1. That standardized forms for Department rosters be developed and mandated for use by all Departments which will contain all the information required for the National Database. C-in-C directed SVC-in-C Steve Michaels as Chair of the Program and Policy Committee to contact Brother Richard Williams about the Database.
2. Changes to be made to the Eagle Scout Certificate and the Membership Certificates. National Quartermaster PC-in-C Bud Atkinson to check into this.

PC-in-C Grim moved, second by SVC-in-C Michaels to retain Brother Linn Hoadley as National Membership-at-Large Coordinator and PDC Gary Gibson as National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer. This immediately passed by unanimous vote.

C-in-C Armstrong directed National Treasurer Max Newman to check with auditors on how to best handle the Litigation Fund that the National Encampment created this weekend.

Had discussion on liability insurance. Executive Director Lee Walters was instructed by C-in-C to check into what can be covered and for what price.

In response to a suggestion by C-in-C Armstrong, PC-in-C Grim moved, second by PDC Petrovic to re-evaluate the Executive Director's contract vs. his current duties. Unanimously passed.

PC-in-C Grim moved Treasurer Newman seconded to grant temporary pre-approval to the Charitable Foundation of several items for them to pursue and return for formal approval when design is determined. There was a friendly amendment by JVC-in-C Darby to limit the pre-approval for 1 year (until August 2004). The motion as amended passed by a vote of 9 to 1. The items are:

Credit Cards

Clocks;

Glass Items: Cold Drink Mugs, Shot Glasses, Wine Glasses, All

Barware items;  
Coasters: 6 pack coolers/ cooler sleeves;  
Jewelry: Watches/watch fobs, Rings, Neck Medallions, Charms. Key  
Tags, Pins, Pendants, Money Clips, I.D. Bracelets, Pocket Knives;  
Golf Accessories: Balls, Umbrellas;  
Lighters;  
Office Accessories: Pen, Pencils, Desk sets, Letter Openers, Rulers,  
Book Marks, Address Stamps;  
Auto Items: Emblems Etched/Bas relief, Tail Light Covers, License  
Plate Holders;  
Wallets;  
Christmas Items: Ornaments, Christmas Cards;  
Spoons;  
Plates; and  
Travel Items: Briefcase, Attaché Bags, Garment Bags.

It was decided by consensus from now on, if the National Encampment Memorial Service and/or Joint Opening will have to be in the same room where the SUCVW Business Meeting will occur, that the room be set up for the meeting (Lodge Style setup) ahead of time. This will help reduce the time that is lost due to the need for furniture rearrangement between functions in the same room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Edward J. Krieser, PC-in-C  
National Secretary

**Council of Administration Meeting  
November 16, 2003  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

The meeting was brought to order by Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong at 8:03 a.m. An opening prayer was given by Past C-in-C Richard Schlenker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call of Officers was read. Those present were C-in-C Kent Armstrong, Sr. Vice C-in-C Stephen Michaels, Jr. Vice C-in-C Donald Darby, PC-in-C Robert Grim, National Quartermaster PC-in-C Elmer Atkinson, National Secretary PC-in-C Edward Krieser and PDC Robert Petrovic. Absent were Max Newman and Ronald Gill due to their illness and David Stephen due to severe illness of his wife. PC-in-C Shlenker asked that minutes show that those absent be excused for just causes. The C-in-C agreed and it is so noted in these minutes. Non voting Council members present included PC-in-C Charles Corfman, PC-in-C David R. Medert, PC-in-C George Powell, National Washington DC Representative PC-in-C Andrew Johnson, and National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl. Executive Director PCC Lee F. Walters, Chief of Staff Michael Bennett, and BANNER Print Service Provider John Hart were also in attendance.

Officer and Committee Reports were reviewed. Highlights include:

**Sr. Vice C-in-C** submitted the Program and Policy Committee Report, with proposed changes to certain Policies of the Order.

1. Policy on Unused GAR and SUVCW Graves has the addition that each Camp and Department possessing unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots shall forward to the National Graves Registration Officer, a description of the plots, including location.
2. Policy on Use of Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols were mostly grammatical, punctuation and capitalization. The Military Service medal and ROTC Award Medal was added to the list of the Order's badges.
3. Policy Statement For the Banner containing more descriptive language of who does what while remaining in compliance with the C&R took considerable time to review, discuss and approve the numerous changes. Bob Grim moved and Don Darby seconded to leave the Banner advertising rates in place. The vote was unanimous to accept.

**Jr. Vice C-in-C Report** - Recruitment for the Order appears to be doing well based on the number of applications received since the 2003 Ntl. Encampment. To date, the Order has received 58 applications, an average of 5.8 applications a week since mid-August. Fifteen requests for applications via regular mail were also received. "Heads-up" email is sent to all Junior Vice Commanders (that have email) telling them the date that an application is mailed to them, along with contact information for the new Brother. Department of California and Pacific JVC Tad Campbell, and Brother Linn Hoadley, NMAL Coordinator, are commended for their fast action in placing members into Camps.

**Report of the National Committee on Americanization and Education** - Permission requested to prepare & distribute "a simple yet informative sheet of online resources for studying the Civil War in (whatever state)." Motion to approve made by Bob Grim, seconded by Bob Petrovic, passed unanimously.

**Report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations** - The committee has been working on proposed changes to the Regulations, to reflect the direction the Order is moving and to ensure a broad base of the Brother's of the Order are represented on the Council. The committee will have specific amendments to the Regulations to present to the 123rd National Encampment, to accomplish that goal:

- 1) Make the National Quartermaster a nonvoting member of the CofA. This position would no longer be elected for a three year term, but be appointed by the Commander in Chief for a one year term.
- 2) The job description of the National Quartermaster would be revised. The new job description envisions that the current duties would be contracted out to one or more individuals or organizations. That the National Quartermaster would then be a liaison between such entity or entities and the Council of Administration.
- 3) Increase the number of council members from three to five. At the 123rd National Encampment, we would vote for one three year term person to replace or continue the existing position up for election this year. We would elected a new council member for a three year term and then elect a new council member for a two year term. All council members thereafter would serve three year terms. In effect, for two years we would elect two and then in the third year, only one.

4) Mandate that no two council members may be from the same Department. This would not apply to the officers of the Order (CinC, SVCinC, JVCinC, Sec, Treas), but only the council members.

The committee has also considered one other matter. To properly recognize and thank our former National elected officers who have served the Order over the years (such as James Lyons, Todd Shillington, Doug Park, Gary Gibson, David Hann and David Wallace - etc), that all former National elected officers (including elected council members) be allowed to wear the gold "national" ribbon on their membership badge, in perpetuity.

**Report of the National Counselor** - In light of the report from the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, I call upon the Commander in Chief to appoint a special committee to explore the possibilities of entering into a contract with the newly formed foundation to take over the current duties of the National Quartermaster. Such contract would allow the foundation to sell these items to Brothers only, with the view that there would be some excess income for the foundation to use for its various purposes. All prices would have to be agreed upon between the CoFA and the foundation.

**Executive Director's Report** - The Annual Reporting System is functioning very well. There were initially many problems with inaccurate computation of per capita due. This was primarily because those filling out the forms did not read the instructions. After some correspondence and clarification, this has been resolved in most cases. I am regularly receiving Form 30s from the Departments. The new reporting forms are easy to use and I have no doubt that as the Department Secretaries become more accustomed to using them, they will realize a considerable reduction in the amount and complexity of their work.

Bob Grim Moved Bud Atkinson seconded to purchase a new multi function printer, copier, fax as requested by the Executive Director in amount of \$499.99 plus tax. Motion carried by all present.

Bob Grim Moved seconded by Bob Petrovic to table for the lack of information, the request of the Pennsylvania Department to get Council of Administration approval to transfer possession of Pennsylvania Department records over 7 years old to the Pennsylvania State Archives.

Don Darby moved and Bob Grim seconded to maintain the requirements for the War Medal with the exclusion of the American Defense Medal

and the National Defense Medal and the inclusion of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Passed by unanimous vote of those present

Ed Krieser Moved and Bob Grim second to rescind the previous Boardroom vote which changed the elements of the ROTC Award thus restoring it to only the full award of Medal, Campaign ribbon and certificate. Unanimously passed.

Bob Grim moved, Don Darby seconded to allow the SUVCW Charitable Foundation to secure the services of an 'outside entity' to manufacture, advertise and market all items that the foundation is licensed to sell. Passed by unanimous vote.

Ed Krieser moved, Don Darby second to pay Rebecca Pratt the balance of her contract (\$750.00) for her work on the proceedings of the 2003 National Encampment. Passed by unanimous vote.

In response to a suggestion by C-in-C Armstrong, PC-in-C Grim moved, Bob Petrovic second to have Ed Krieser proceed to have the silver gavel (presented to Clarence Riddell during his term as C-in-C) mounted on a plaque for display at the National Headquarters. Passed by unanimous vote. [PCinC Riddell was married to an aunt of PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson. In 1976, Clarence and Caroline Riddell were the first married couple to be elected to serve as the CinC of the SUVCW and National President of the ASUVCW respectively, at the same time.]

A design sketch was submitted for a "Last Soldier Plaque" by Custer Camp 1 (Dept. of IL) with the request that it be approved for sale to other Camps of the Order, as a fundraiser. Since a recommended plaque has already been established, approval was not given to the proposed design, for exclusive use, only. Custer Camp 1 may produce their proposed plaque for their own use, and offer it for sale to other Camps, as an alternative design.

Bob Grim moved, Bob Petrovic second to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Edward J. Krieser, PC-in-C  
National Secretary

**Council of Administration Meeting**  
**April 17, 2004**  
**Huntington, Indiana**

The meeting opened at 8:10 a.m. with Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Secretary read the roll of National Elected Officers. All were present, as follows: Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Kent L. Armstrong, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Stephen A. Michaels, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Donald E. Darby, National Quartermaster PC-in-C Elmer F. Atkinson, PC-in-C Robert E. Grim, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Secretary PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser, PDC Ronald B. Gill, PDC Robert M. Petrovic and PDC David P. Stephen. Non-voting members PC-in-C Charles W. Corfman and National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl were also in attendance, as well as National Executive Director PCC Lee F. Walters and National Chief of Staff PDC Michael S. Bennett.

National Treasurer Max Newman gave the Treasurer's Report.

CinC Armstrong respectfully reminded the Council of the need for a ruling on whether or not certain G.A.R. artifacts, previously in the care of a Rhode Island Camp, should remain in the care of the Department of Rhode Island (as directed by a previous Dept. administration) or be returned to the Camp of origin. After a lengthy discussion, the National Counselor advised that the CinC could issue a ruling on the matter - based upon which of the options would provide the best storage and preservation of the items, while still making the material available for public viewing.

The Program and Policy Committee proposed numerous updates to the National Organization's Policy Statements on: *Unused GAR and SUVCW Graves*, *The BANNER*, and *Awards and Recognition*. With the Council's approval, the updated Policy on each of these topics will now be posted to the Web site for distribution to the membership.

CinC Armstrong introduced Brother Gib Young of the Camp in Huntington, Indiana, who presented information on liability insurance to the Council of Administration. No action was taken at this time.

It was determined that the 2003 National Encampment Host Committee mistakenly sent a check to the National Organization. Bob Petrovic Moved, Max Newman second to return the check to the Host Committee. Eight (8) votes yes, Zero (0) no and 1 abstention from the vote. Motion passed.

Bob Petrovic moved, Bob Grim second to pay the amount described for the National Headquarters liability insurance. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bob Grim moved Don Darby second to approve a Pennsylvania Department request to approve its decision to deposit Pennsylvania Department Records in the Pennsylvania State Archives. This was necessary because the language of the Department Bylaws required Council of Administration approval. The motion passed unanimously.

As the National Executive Director has taken on several time consuming duties for our Order in addition to those listed in his contract, CinC Armstrong proposed that the budget provide a commensurate payment for services rendered. After discussion of this possibility with the National Treasurer, Bob Grim moved Bud Atkinson second to increase compensation to Lee Walters as Executive Director from Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per year effective July 1, 2004. Passed by unanimous vote. A new contract will be drawn up, detailing tasks and compensation.

Bob Petrovic moved, Ron Gill second to cover the expenses of Champion Hill Camp, in Huntington, Indiana for hosting this meeting of the Council of Administration. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CinC Armstrong shared a letter received from the Department of Massachusetts, requesting permission to use the image of the SUVCW Membership Badge in the design of a patriotic bumper sticker, to be sold for the purpose of raising funds to purchase replacement grave marker / flag holders for MA cemeteries. After review of a scaled down, full-color prototype print, Don Darby moved, Max Newman second to approve the request. Approved by unanimous vote.

Bud Atkinson moved, Bob Petrovic second to approve the request of the Department of Michigan to continue producing and selling the embroidered pocket patches of the SUVCW Insignia and the Coat-of-Arms and the gold colored metal "SUV" Hat Badge. Approved by unanimous vote.

CinC Armstrong proposed that the Order henceforth annually place a wreath at the G.A.R. Monument in Washington, D.C. on May 30th, with identification of the SUVCW and a *weather protected* card attached that provides our Web site address. Bob Grim moved, Bob Petrovic seconded to approve, with a \$75.00 limit to the cost of the wreath. Approved by unanimous vote.

CinC Armstrong proposed that funds be budgeted for the purpose of travel expense reimbursement to Brothers who represent the National Organization on behalf of a CinC at Department Encampments or other designated events that a CinC cannot attend. This would apply to those Brothers who do not have a budgeted allowance, tied to their particular office. Based on input from National Treasurer Newman, Bob Grim moved, Don Darby second that the National Organization establish such an account, with a limit of \$4200.00 (Forty-Two Hundred Dollars) per year and up to \$300.00 (Three Hundred Dollars) per event, for reimbursement of travel and lodging expense to a Brother who is designated by a CinC to represent the National Organization at a particular function. Approved by unanimous vote.

Don Darby moved, Bud Atkinson second to purchase a transcription machine and to discontinue paying someone to attend the National Encampments to transcribe the event. The tapes can be copied and then sent to any transcriptionist to make a written electronic version. Approved by unanimous vote.

National Counselor Pahl informed the Council that new information has been acquired, indicating that our Congressionally Chartered organization is eligible to be designated by the Internal Revenue Service with 501(c)(3) non-profit status. [The SUVCW is currently recognized as a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.] Bud Atkinson moved, Bob Grim second to pursue obtaining the 501(c)(3) tax status for the National Organization, SUVCW. The \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) fee to come from the contingency fund. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PCinC Atkinson moved, with Second by PCinC Grim, to modify a previously approved motion - related to contacting the ASUVCW and LGAR regarding the possibility of an increased donation from those Orders toward the expenses of hosting a combined National Encampment (to be effective for the 2005 National Encampment of our Orders). Motion approved unanimously.

Don Darby moved, Bud Atkinson second to not exchange publications with other Organizations. Approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned. [The "Pre-Encampment" Council meeting will take place on August 12, 2004 at 8:00 p.m.]

Respectfully submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Edward J. Krieser, PC-in-C  
National Secretary

**Council of Administration Meeting**  
**August 12, 2004**  
**Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

Commander-in- Chief, Kent Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. CDST. He thanked Brothers PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCinC Edward Krieser, PCinC Robert Grim and PDC Ronald Gill for their service to the Order as their terms expire this weekend. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All voting members of the Council were present as follows: Commander-in-Chief (CinC) Kent Armstrong, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCinC) Stephen Michaels, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVCinC) Donald Darby, National Quartermaster PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCinC Robert Grim, National Treasurer Max Newman, National Secretary PCinC Edward Krieser, PDC Ronald Gill, PDC Robert Petrovic and PDC David Steven. In addition were PCinC Richard Greenwalt, PCinC George Powell, PCinC David Medert, National Counselor PDC James Pahl, and Executive Director PCC Lee Walters, National Chief of Staff PDC Michael Bennett, and PDC Todd Shillington.

Officers' reports were reviewed for possible Council action.

JVCinC Donald Darby moved, PDC Robert Petrovic seconded that the Pre-1996 Life Member Program reimbursement rate remain at \$4 for another year. The motion was passed unanimously.

PCinC Bud Atkinson moved, second by JVCinC Donald Darby that the proposed budget as amended above be adopted. Passed by unanimous vote.

PCinC Robert Grim moved, SVCinC Steve Michaels second to approve CinC Kent Armstrong's recommendation to grant Honorary Membership to Attorney Carole Wildoner Walbert in recognition for her extensive volunteered legal expertise toward the recovery of Civil War era cannon that had been removed from veterans' memorials. Passed by unanimous vote.

PCinC Robert Grim moved, PDC Robert Petrovic second for the Order to pay the Remembrance Day expenses of insurance, streamers, mailing and postage for the year 2005 and onward. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in  
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Edward J. Krieser, PC-in-C  
National Secretary

**Appendix 3**

**General Orders**  
**Of**  
**Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong**

**Series 2003 – 2004**

**General Orders No. 1**  
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1. It is a great honor to have been elected and installed as the SUVCW's 117th Commander-in-Chief by the delegates assembled at the 122nd National Encampment in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky on August 9, 2003. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this office and I look forward to working with you to further our Order's efforts in tribute to those who answered President Lincoln's call to "Save the Union" between 1861 and 1865. You may contact me regarding any concern, at the address above.
2. The 2003 National Encampment Host Committee (comprised of volunteers from the Departments of Kentucky and Ohio) is to be commended for providing this year's delegates with business and social facilities that promoted an enjoyable and productive annual convention.
3. Special thanks also goes out to the National Committee on Credentials for their long hours of processing the registration of our delegates, and to all other Brothers who volunteered their time to various Encampment duties.
4. All business correspondence should be directed to our National Executive Director - Lee F. Walters, P.O. Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1865 (SUVEXDIR@aol.com).
5. All supply requisitions with payment are to be sent to our National Quartermaster - Elmer F. Atkinson, 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719.
6. All billing, requests for payment, and tax-deductible monetary donations to the various funds of our National Organization are to be sent to the National Treasurer - Max L. Newman, 4995 E. Wilkinson Road, Owosso, MI 48867-9616.
7. All purchase requests for the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Certificate are to be sent with payment to our National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Robert M. Petrovic, 6519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527.
8. All purchase requests for the SUVCW's R.O.T.C Award (for graduating seniors) are to be sent with payment to our National Patriotic Instructor - Timothy H. Downey, 632 Apache Trail, Danville, KY 40422-1711. The application and instructions are available on the national Web site (<http://suvcw.org>).

9. All Civil War memorial grant requests are to be sent to the senior elected member of our National Council of Administration - Ronald B. Gill, 655 Sheffield Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46385-2948. The application and instructions are available on the national Web site. I had the honor of making the first \$100 contribution to this fund, before a portion of the national per capita was allocated toward it. I hope that all Camps will eventually apply this funding toward the restoration of a nearby GAR monument or other Civil War related memorial.

10. The death of any Brother of our Order is to be reported to our National Chaplain - William B. McAfee, 9080 Dorado Court, Milan, MI 48160-9773 (thistleis@sprynet.com). If possible, please include: the departed Brother's full name; date of his passing; name of his Camp and Department; name, rank and unit that his ancestor served with.

11. It is imperative that all reports be sent on time to the National Executive Director and National Secretary as instructed on each reporting form. All such forms are now available on the national Web site.

12. All Department Commanders are respectfully instructed to assure that their Department Web site information (and the Camp related info within) be up to date. An ever-increasing amount of the public forms its first impression of the SUVCW through what is posted on the Internet. Your effort to provide current information and keep links in working order will help assure that a Web site visitor's first impression is positive.

13. In addition to internal business forms for the SUVCW, our national Web site is a resource for interested Brothers to learn more about the Order and how it functions. The paramount document that guides this organization is our Constitution and Regulations ("C&R"). All Brothers are encouraged to become familiar with the C&R as it can answer most procedural questions that come to mind. An updated version, with amendments made at the 2003 Ntl. Encampment will be available on the Web site soon. Work will continue this year on the updating of our Order's "Ritual and Ceremonials."

14. Several of our various Camp, Department, and National officer & committee job descriptions, were updated at this year's Ntl. Encampment and will also be available on the national Web site.

15. A roster of all elected and appointed national officers and committee members for the 2003-2004 administrative year can be found on the national Web site (<http://suvcw.org/officers.htm>).

16. RECRUITING - This is every Brother's job. It's been said many times that if each of us were to bring in just one new Member, Associate, or Junior, we would double the size of the Order. Please do your part to help our organization grow, and thereby accomplish more in honor of those who Saved the Union. All of us want to feel as though our efforts have made a positive difference and recruiting is an activity that can give you that satisfaction..

17. RECOGNITION - A Brother who recruits at least three new applicants in the 2003-2004 administrative year, will be declared in General Orders as a National Aide and be issued a ribbon with the National Organization's colors, to be pinned behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new applicant's in that time frame, will additionally receive a Certificate of Merit. It will be my very great pleasure to present the National Organization's Major Stevenson Award at next year's Ntl. Encampment to the Brother who recruited the greatest number of new Members, Associates, and Juniors, nationally. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported through the Department Secretaries.

18. RETENTION - Much of what we do to honor Union soldiers & sailors happens at the local level, through our Camps. Therefore, Camps are encouraged to support and promote a variety of activities. This will not only help attract new Brothers, but will more importantly allow varied contributions of time and talent from current Brothers. The SUVCW's Graves Registration Program, Civil War Memorials Assessment Project, and the search for GAR records are just a few of the many activities that our membership can make a valuable contribution toward - even if they cannot attend Camp meetings due to personal schedules and/or travel distances.

19. PUBLICITY - We must take advantage of every opportunity to bring respectful attention to our Order. The public needs to become more aware of the SUVCW and our purposes. Positive promotion of our accomplishments will provide an example that will attract new Members, Associates, and Juniors alike.

20. Please inform your community's High School and/or nearby college that the SUVCW National Organization awards two annual \$1,000 scholarships. An application plus details on the "Standards of Selection" are available on our national Web site (<http://suvchw.org/scholar.htm>).

21. With our nation's armed forces again being put in harm's way this year, we are reminded of the importance of formal ceremonies that honor American veterans of ALL eras. Thus, cooperation with other veterans' organizations provides another important activity for our membership. Our participation in Memorial Day observances also respectfully reminds the public of the origin of this national observance.

22. Please join me in contacting members of Congress, regarding the return of Memorial Day to May 30th!

23. I look forward to visiting as many Department Encampments, and other functions, as requests for time off from work will allow. Please send invitations when details are available so that I may plan accordingly. Thank you.

24. On behalf of the SUVCW it is my privilege to extend Congratulations and BEST Wishes to the newly elected National

Presidents of the Allied Orders of the GAR: the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW); the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR); the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW); and the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC). May the efforts of our five organizations continue to compliment one another in honor of all Union soldiers and sailors.

25. This year's Remembrance Day functions will take place in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 15th. I hope to see many of you there. Those of us who return each year, should invite a "new pilgrim" to share in this observance. A schedule will be posted on the national Web site and in The BANNER.

26. All members of the National Council of Administration (CoA) are advised that we will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 16, 2003 in the Eisenhower Inn, just south of Gettysburg.

27. BEST regards to all, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty as we begin another year in our unending efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and to promote public pride toward all who honorably served the Union between 1861-1865.

By Order of:

Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
General Orders No. 2  
Series 2003-2004**

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1. PCinC Robert E. Grim is hereby authorized to investigate, on behalf of our Order, the available services provided by various Professional Financial Advisors (and their fees). His report to the National Council of Administration will help evaluate the merits of our Order making investments, based on such advice (and fees).
2. PCinC Lowell V. Hammer and PDC Joseph Long, Jr. have respectfully requested to be relieved from the remainder of their respective appointments to the National Committees on Constitution and Regulations (C&R) and Program & Policy. With sincere appreciation for their years of dedicated service to our Order, at many levels of the organization, these requests have been respectfully granted. In place of these Brothers, Henry E. Shaw will serve on the C&R Committee until 2004 and PCinC Danny L. Wheeler will serve on the Program & Policy Committee until 2005. PDC Long is also to be commended for his generous gift of several back issues of The BANNER, for records keeping at our National Headquarters in Harrisburg, PA.
3. Our "C&R" directs the National Executive Director to "maintain a mailing list of the entire membership." To assure accurate records keeping, all Departments are hereby respectfully reminded to submit an updated Department Roster when filing the Department's Annual Report Form 35. [The database for our national membership list was created by Brother Dick Williams and he will be developing a standardized form for Department rosters.] After a Form 35 is filed (deadline of May 31 each year) the Executive Director will not make an addition to, nor deletion from the membership list without the appropriate documentation being received from a Department Secretary, via Form 30.
4. Per previous reference, only current versions of the SUVCW's various forms, reports and membership application will be accepted by the National Secretary or Executive Director. Outdated materials will have to be rejected and returned to the originating Camp or Department.
5. The 2003 National Encampment approved the creation of a new Special Committee, charged with the cataloging of original Civil War battleflags and promoting their professional conservation, wherever they

are found. Our "National Committee on Civil War Flag Conservation" will be chaired by Jeffrey L. Stephen.

6. An additional Special Committee, approved by the 2003 National Encampment, is charged with raising and distributing money to help with litigation related to stopping the sale of Civil War Memorial items, or legal action for the return of such items that were already sold or stolen, when found. Our "National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund" will be co-chaired by PDC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. and retired Judge Henry E. Shaw. Case information is to be sent to Brother Shaw, whose address is posted on the national officer roster, located on the Internet and in The BANNER. I have the honor of making the first \$100 contribution to this fund and I invite you to consider supporting it as well. Please consult the Autumn 2003 issue of The BANNER for a special notice that includes information on how to make a tax deductible donation.

7. All Departments are respectfully instructed to furnish a full list of their Past Department Commanders in Good Standing to PDC Gary Gibson, 2339 Harmon Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49004-1527 (Glgsvucw@aol.com). The information is to be used in a special recognition being planned for our Order's 125th Anniversary celebration in 2006.

8. All Camps and Departments that would like to have their newsletter considered for award recognition by the CinC, are welcome to send issues to me at PO Box 618, DeWitt, MI, 48820.

9. During the 2002-2003 administrative year, CinC Robert E. Grim created a special award to honor the memory of PCinC Joseph S. Rippey, who passed away shortly before our 2002 National Encampment. Brother Rippey was elected to two terms as Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW in 1963 and 1964. The PCinC Joseph S. Rippey Award recognizes a new Camp that is deemed to be most active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War veteran graves registration, and Civil War memorials assessment. Nominations and accomplishment descriptions of a Department's newly formed Camps are welcome from Department Commanders and/or Department Secretaries. Please send this information to my attention at the address above. Thank you.

BY Order of  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:  
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

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1. A Brother in Good Standing has sent our National Secretary a respectful request to honor a recently deceased relative with membership in the SUVCW.

2. An applicant's signature on the official application form of our Order is a prerequisite of membership in all categories (Member, Junior, or Associate). Without his signature, a gentleman's application cannot be accepted by any Camp nor any Membership-at-Large at either the Department or National levels of the organization.

3. Therefore, it is the ruling of this C-in-C that the SUVCW will not accept a posthumous application for membership.  
Ordered this 15th day of September, 2003.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 4**  
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It is my sad duty to report that Brother Christopher P. Geiger has died while on active military service to our country. He was a Sergeant with the 213th Support Group of the National Guard, stationed at Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, Afghanistan. His immediate survivors are both parents, four Brothers and one sister. He is also mourned by his fellow Brothers of Captain Theo Howell Camp 48, Department of Pennsylvania, and our entire membership, nationally.

All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Geiger's family. I have faith that the spirits of the soldiers and sailors whose memory we honor, will greet another who has given his life while serving our country. Ordered this 20th day of September, 2003.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 5**  
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We are saddened to learn of the passing of Bessie L. Smith, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW).

Council of Administration member Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, shall represent the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization, SUVCW at PNP Smith's memorial service in St. Louis, Missouri on September 25th.

In lieu of flowers, contributions will be made in memory of PNP Smith to the Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis, MO, and to the DUVCW Headquarters in Springfield, IL.

Our sincere condolences are extended to PNP Smith's family.  
Ordered this 22nd day of September, 2003.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 6**  
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Whereas this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) being created within the SUVCW, with its first General Orders being issued on November 19, 1903 (on the 40th anniversary of President Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address") the month of November 2003, is hereby designated as "Sons of Veterans Reserve Month," to be observed within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The leadership of the SVR, and its entire membership is hereby congratulated upon this milestone and commended for their special efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and all other soldiers and sailors who honorably served and sacrificed in order to Save the Union from the conflict of 1861 - 1865.

The SUVCW National Chief of Staff shall contact all Department Commanders, asking that they in turn contact each Camp Commander within their respective Departments, notifying them of this special recognition and requesting that SVR members within their Camps be commended personally.

Ordered this 27th day of October, 2003.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 7**  
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It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Edward L. Blakely, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of General John A. Logan Camp 1, Department of Michigan, Brother Blakely honored the memory of his father, Egbert Blakely, who served in Company E of the 10th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment.

All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Blakely's family. Cards and condolences may be sent to Mrs. Thelma Blakely, 2793 Rockvalley Court NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525-6802.

Ordered this 30th day of October, 2003.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 8**  
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It is my wish to present a Certificate of Recognition to those Brothers who observe a special membership anniversary in 2003 or 2004. Camp Secretaries are hereby respectfully instructed to contact me, at the address above, with the name and address of any Member or Associate who has been a Brother in Good Standing for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, etc. consecutive years. This certificate is intended to correspond with the "Service Numerals" that are available for purchase from the National Quartermaster, for placement upon a qualifying Brother's membership badge.

It is my wish to present a Certificate of Recognition to those Camps that observe a special anniversary in 2003 or 2004. Department Secretaries are hereby respectfully instructed to contact me, at the address above, with the name and address of any Camp Commander whose Camp has functioned for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, etc. consecutive years.

All Camps are encouraged to conduct Veterans Day ceremonies or to observe the date in conjunction with other veterans' organizations.

This year's Remembrance Day will be observed at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 15th. All Brothers are encouraged to attend. Details should be posted in The BANNER and on the National Web site.

The National Council of Administration (CoA) will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 16, in the Eisenhower Inn, south of Gettysburg.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to all Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders, who have lost a loved one, who are ill, or are suffering any hardship.

Ordered this 1st day of November, 2003.

By Order of:

Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 9**  
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It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Madison Waldon Gadberry, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of Farragut Camp 6, Department of Tennessee, Brother Gadberry honored the memory of his father, Milton Granville Gadberry, who served in Company H of the 8th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Brother Gadberry was named after his father's commanding officer, Captain Madison M. Waldon. Brother Gadberry's sister, Ms. Jewel Huffman, is a Charter Member of Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke Tent 2, DUVCW.

All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Gadberry's family. Cards and condolences may be sent to Shackelford Funeral Directors, 160 Cypress Avenue, Selmer, TN 38375.

Ordered this 2nd day of November, 2003.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 10**  
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1. All purchase requests for the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Certificate are to be sent with payment to our National Quartermaster - Elmer F. Atkinson, 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719. [The information posted in Item 7, within General Orders Number 1 of this series, is to be henceforth disregarded.]
2. The Council of Administration has concurred with the CinC's wish to include the Order's Gold Star with a Meritorious Service Award to be presented to Brother Ty Streeter, PCC. Brother Streeter is on active military duty as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. Ty was wounded-in-action earlier this year, during the rescue of U.S. Army Private Jessica Lynch, in Iraq. He is recovering well and has been awarded the Navy Cross and Purple Heart.
3. The CinC has also issued a Meritorious Service Award to honor the memory of Brother Christopher P. Geiger, who died while on active military service as a Sergeant with the 213th Support Group of the National Guard, stationed at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. The Council of Administration approved the Order's Gold Star to be attached to an Associate Badge for presentation with the SUVCW's War Medal to Brother Geiger's family.
4. Sincere thanks go out to all Brothers who gave time on the 11th day of the 11th month to observe Veterans' Day. So much of what we take for granted is owed to our nation's military veterans. Special appreciation is extended to all Brothers who have served in our country's armed forces.
5. Our organization has marked its 122nd Anniversary. Major Augustus Plummer Davis and "eight boys" organized the first Camp of the "Sons of Veterans" on Saturday, November 12, 1881. May our Order forever endure and

thus "perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic" and all of the soldiers, sailors, marines, and members of the Revenue Cutter Service who honorably served to save the Union.

6. The 47th Annual Remembrance Day was conducted on November 15, 2003 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. [The program is observed each year on the Saturday nearest to the nineteenth of November (the day in 1863, when President Lincoln delivered his "Gettysburg Address" during the dedication of the National Cemetery, there).] Congratulations for a job well done are extended to our Remembrance Day Committee. Kudos also go out to all of the volunteers who help host the annual Civil War Military Ball at the Eisenhower Inn, south of Gettysburg. The proceeds from last year totaled \$5,500 and a check in that amount was presented by PCinC Elmer Atkinson to Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent John Latschar. This money will be combined with last year's donation for the restoration of Union and Confederate regimental history tablets.
7. With this year marking the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, as well as the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, the CinC presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* to Superintendent Latschar and his staff for their work to preserve and protect the battlefield and cemetery. The CinC also marked Remembrance Day by presenting a *Certificate of Recognition* to the leadership of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, in honor of the SVR's 100th anniversary.
8. Once more, we are very grateful to the merchants of Gettysburg who paid all fees related to the parade permit for Remembrance Day.
9. Congratulations to Pennsylvania's *Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association* for their 73rd Annual Banquet, held on November 15th (commemorating the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery). This traditional Remembrance Day dinner is an excellent opportunity for all of us in the various Allied Orders to gather in the spirit of "F., C., & L.," and thereby jointly

honor the memory of President Lincoln and those who answered his call to save the Union.

10. As the end of another calendar year draws near, please consider a tax deductible donation to one or more of the worthy Funds of our Order (see the Autumn 2003 issue of The BANNER for details).
11. This year also marks the 140th anniversary of President Lincoln proclaiming that the last Thursday of November be "set apart" and observed as a day of Thanksgiving.
12. My very BEST wishes are extended to all, for the holidays ahead. But, as we enjoy this season, let us not forget the thousands of Americans in military service who are on watch - and in harm's way.

Ordered this 17th day of November, 2003.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 11**  
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1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother **Lemuel Paul Robertson**, a *Real Son* of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a *Member* of Phelps Camp 66, Department of Missouri, Brother Robertson honored the memory of his father, James Marion Robertson, who served in Company C of the 24th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
2. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother **William Addison Duncan**, a *Real Son* of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a *Member* of Robert Anderson Camp 33, Department of Iowa, Brother Duncan honored the memory of his father, John E. Duncan, who served in Company H of the 22nd New York Volunteer Cavalry Regiment.
3. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.
4. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.
5. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of Brothers Robertson and Duncan.

Ordered this 18th day of November, 2003.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 12**  
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1. A question has been submitted, asking if a Real Son of a Union veteran of the Civil War is expected to pay the initial Application Fee when he first becomes a Member of the SUVCW.

2. In the Regulations portion of our Constitution and Regulations (C&R), CHAPTER III - National Organization, ARTICLE VI - Finance, Section 3 - Life Member Programs, Subset (e) states in part, "First generation Sons of Union Veterans are entitled to be a Life Member without payment of any fee."

3. I have been advised that the reference of "without payment of any fee" is intended to be all-inclusive. Therefore, it is the ruling of this CinC that Real Sons are exempt from all fees. This includes the application fee, Life Member fee, and per capita (= no annual dues). However, this does not apply to the cost of items purchased through the National Quartermaster (membership badge, etc.).

Ordered this 21st day of November, 2003.

By Order of:  
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Commander-in-Chief

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**General Orders No. 13**  
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It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother **John Warren Turner, Jr.**, a *Real Son* of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a *Member* of Westport Camp 64, Department of Missouri, Brother Turner honored the memory of his father, John Warren Turner, Sr., who served in Company B of the 133rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Turner's family.

Ordered this 2nd day of January, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
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**General Orders No. 14**  
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1. It has been my great pleasure to sign Charters for the following new Camps within our Order.

**Private Oliver P. Rood Camp 6**, located at Frankfort, KY with Date of Rank from October 29, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Larry A. Fey Jr., Camp Organizer.

**Daniel Ellis Camp-at-Large 3**, located at Asheville, NC with Date of Rank from November 26, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Yale W. Mooers, Camp Organizer.

**Generals Sedgwick - Granger Camp 17**, located at Santa Ana, CA with Date of Rank from December 17, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Glen L. Roosevelt, Camp Organizer.

**Private Valentin Keller Camp 8**, located at Fairfield, OH with Date of Rank from December 20, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Craig W. Keller, Camp Organizer.

**Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4**, located at Lawrence, KS with Date of Rank from December 22, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp Organizer.

2. Brother Roy A. Lafferty, of Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Department of Kansas, is hereby appointed as a National Aide in recognition of having recruited five (5) new Brothers into the SUVCW. It is my great pleasure to present a Certificate of Recognition to Brother Lafferty, as well as a strip of National colored ribbon, which he may wear for 12 months, pinned behind his membership badge.

3. Brother Kurt Vouk is hereby appointed as Chairman of the National Committee on *eBay* Surveillance. His e-mail address = [pa28fish@comcast.net](mailto:pa28fish@comcast.net)
4. Applications for the SUVCW's two annual \$1,000 scholarships are being accepted by the CinC now, through March 31, 2004. The application, as well as 'standards of selection' can be found on the Order's national Web site (<http://suvchw.org/scholar.htm>)
5. All Brothers are encouraged to observe "Union Defenders' Day." February 12, 2004 marks the 195th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth.
6. Let us continue to urge our lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30th! [This year's calendar allows *the faithful* the unique opportunity of being able to conduct services on May 30th BEFORE the "Monday Holiday" (05-31-04). Next year, the 'Monday Holiday' falls right on May 30th!]

Ordered this 8th day of January, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
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Attest:  
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**General Orders No. 15**  
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1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Reverend **Aaron Martin Landis, Jr.**, a *Real Son* of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a *Member* of General John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Department of Pennsylvania, Brother Landis honored the memory of his father, Aaron Martin Landis, Sr., who served in Company I of the 187th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
2. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.
3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.
4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Landis' family.  
Ordered this 12th day of January, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
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1. Part of the obligation, taken during the initiation of a candidate for membership in this organization, is the pledge to "obey the Constitution and Regulations of this Order." This document (also known as the "C&R") provides for the governance of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the Camp, Department, and National levels of the organization. In addition to each individual's pledge, those Brothers who are elected to leadership roles are expected to uphold the C&R and enforce its provisions if necessary.
2. The *Ritual* of our Order is, by reference, a part of the C&R and thus enforceable. During the installation of Camp officers for instance, the Installing Officer asks a Camp Commander-elect to respond affirmatively to several questions before proceeding. The very first question asks, *"Do you agree to be impartial and upright, and to obey all orders or rules and regulations originating from proper authority?"* Other questions ask in part if the Camp Commander-elect will *"promise to avoid disputes and quarrels"* and if he will promise to see that the Camp Secretary and Treasurer reports are sent in promptly to Department Headquarters. Maintaining the harmony of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is another pledge. Furthermore, when any Camp officer takes the OATH OF OFFICE, he solemnly and sincerely promises and declares that he will faithfully adhere to the Constitution and Regulations and execute & sustain all orders coming from competent authority. Another sentence in the OATH OF OFFICE states in part, *"I furthermore promise and declare that in no manner or form will I, in any degree, abuse or misuse the authority placed in me."*
3. After a lengthy review of repeated C&R violations, committed willfully by a Camp Commander, I am compelled to issue this General Order of Suspension.
4. The issue stems from a Camp that was placed under suspension by a Department Commander for failure to submit all reports

and per capita. Under such suspension, a Camp can **ONLY** meet to discuss and/or act upon the issue(s) that require(s) action in order for that Camp to come back into compliance. The Commander of the Camp that was placed under suspension asked the Commander-in-Chief to look into the matter, but rather than wait for a thorough review, the Camp Commander conducted regular business meetings on repeated occasions. The Camp Commander, himself, wrote to the National Counselor and the C-in-C, detailing how he held elections and installed himself as both Camp Commander AND Camp Secretary. The letter made it clear that these violations were willful. The Camp Commander also wrote that he would not obey orders from the Department Commander nor take receipt of correspondence from the Department Secretary.

5. Such willful disobedience of, and disregard for the Regulations of our Order has led me to the unpleasant task of exercising summary discipline, as described in Chapter V (General Regulations), Article, VI (Discipline), Section 17. Following these guidelines, I submitted a formal Complaint with Charges and Specifications to the National Council of Administration, asking that a vote be taken to support the charges in order to authorize this officer to proceed. The vote was unanimous for the matter to move forward.
6. Therefore, effective immediately, Douglass R. Knight is hereby suspended from his status as a *Brother in good standing*, pending review of the charges by a hearing council to be appointed by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Additionally, Douglass R. Knight is suspended from any and all duties as an officer of the William L. S. Tabor Camp 162, Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW. Furthermore, if the hearing council rules the Charges and Specifications to be true, the hearing council may take any action allowed by the C&R. However, my recommendation is that the hearing council remove Douglass R. Knight from all elective and/or appointed offices of the Order and to prohibit him from holding any further elected and/or appointed office in the Order.
7. The election of all officers for William L. S. Tabor Camp 162, that took place on November 17, 2003 while this Camp was under suspension, is hereby ruled as null and void. Effective immediately, the last legally elected and installed Senior Vice Commander of William L. S. Tabor Camp 162, Department of

Massachusetts, SUVCW is in command of the Camp and responsible for meeting with officers of the Department of Massachusetts, to facilitate this Camp returning to compliance. When this is achieved, the Department of Massachusetts can lift the suspension and oversee immediate, legal election and installation of Camp officers. If necessary, the last legally elected/installed Junior Vice Commander of this Camp is charged with the duties described above.

8. As a consequence of the November 4, 2003 Suspension of Camp 162, those gentlemen who were admitted by Camp 162 after that date cannot be recognized as Brothers of the SUVCW. They may however, be elected into membership in Camp 162 after that Camp is reinstated.

Ordered this 23rd day of February, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

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1. It has been my great pleasure to sign a Charter for **Robert Mitchell Camp 206** (Department of Iowa) located at Marion, IA with Date of Rank from January 24, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Dennis L. Geesaman, Camp Organizer.
2. It is another great pleasure to note that **Chaplain P. G. Cook Camp 223** (Department of New York) located at Buffalo, NY has been reinstated and functions again under its original Charter. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Rodney Parker for his efforts to make this reinstatement possible.
3. Brother Samuel R. Booth, of John S. Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio, is hereby appointed as a National Aide in recognition of having recruited nine (9) new Brothers into the SUVCW. It is my great pleasure to present a Certificate of Recognition to Brother Booth, as well as a strip of National colored ribbon, which he may wear for 12 months, pinned behind his membership badge.
4. Brother Norman S. Lowery, of John S. Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio, is hereby appointed as a National Aide in recognition of having recruited four (4) new Brothers into the SUVCW. It is my great pleasure to present a strip of National colored ribbon, which Brother Lowery may wear for 12 months, pinned behind his membership badge.
5. Certificates of Appreciation have been issued to Mrs. Charlotte Walters, Brother Gilbert Kyle, and Mrs. Audrey Kyle for their countless hours of volunteer work, assisting Executive Director Lee Walters at our National Headquarters Office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
6. Several of the National Officers and I look forward to attending as many Department Encampments this year as our schedules will allow. At the time of this writing, a few of the Departments

have already met but it is our sincere hope that all of these annual meetings are productive and that they be conducted in the spirit of *Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty*. I encourage every Camp to send its full share of delegates to their Department Encampment (eligibility details in the C&R).

7. Likewise, every Department is encouraged to send its full share of delegates to our National Encampment. The 123rd National Encampment of our Order will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa on August 12-15, 2004. Details are to be posted on the National Web site and in *The BANNER*.

Ordered this 29th day of February, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 18**  
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I have the honor to announce the following gesture of gratitude toward our Brothers who are serving our country, in Harm's Way. There are several Brothers currently on active duty with United States military forces in active combat zones and thereby unable to respond to traditional membership renewal requests. Therefore, our National Council of Administration has voted unanimously that any Brother serving in an active combat zone as of March 31, 2004 shall be exempt from paying the 2004 National per capita dues. Our Order has a history of waiving the national per capita payment in such instances and we are proud to do so again, under the present circumstances.

To request the waiver of national per capita, a Camp must indicate on a sheet of paper the names, rank and unit of each Brother being exempted. Please note that the Brother must be in an active combat area/zone to qualify for the exemption. For purposes of implementation, any Brother deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan shall be deemed to be in an active combat zone. All Departments and Camps therein are respectfully and patriotically encouraged to likewise waive Department and Camp dues for these Brothers for the year 2004.

To honor another special group of Brothers within our membership, I want to recognize all of our current Members and Associates who served in any branch of the armed forces during World War II. Delegates to our National Encampment in 2001 approved a donation of \$5,000 toward construction of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. and I was directed by then C-in-C George L. Powell to present the check on behalf of our Order. In keeping with our organization's tradition of honoring American veterans of all wars, I plan to be in Washington, D.C. when the "National WWII Memorial" is dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004. It will therefore be my pleasure and privilege on that date, to issue Certificates of Recognition to our Brothers who served during WWII.

I respectfully request that our Departments ask their respective Camps to inform me of those Brothers within their membership who served our country in uniform during WWII. Please include name, rank, branch of

service, unit therein, and service dates. Camps-at-Large and the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator are hereby asked to also furnish this information. Thank you.

Monitoring and promoting the proper care and upkeep of Civil War veterans' graves as well as the monuments and memorials that honor them, is a primary purpose of our organization. We are all volunteers in this great Order but there are some who go 'above & beyond' in service to the memory of those who honorably served to Save the Union. In appreciation of these efforts, it has been my pleasure to issue Meritorious Service Awards to Brothers who have been instrumental in the restoration or conservation of existing G.A.R. Monuments and other Civil War related Memorials that honor Union soldiers, sailors, and marines.

would also like to issue Certificates of Merit to Brothers who have excelled in the work related to our Graves Registration Program as well as the Civil War Memorials assessment project. Commanders of Camps as well as the Camps-at-Large are encouraged to channel nominations through our National Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials Officers. Thank you.

This year marks the 138th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) having been organized at Decatur, IL on April 6, 1866. The Department of Illinois, SUVCW, is to be commended for its annual ceremony that honors Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson (founder of the G.A.R.) at his gravesite in Rose Hill Cemetery near Petersburg, IL. This year's "GAR Founder's Day" program takes place at 2:00 p.m. on April 17.

The National Council of Administration (CoA) will conduct its Spring meeting, starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2004 in the "G.A.R. Room" on the second floor of the Huntington County Courthouse in Huntington, IN. Our thanks to the Brothers of Champion Hill Camp 17, Department of Indiana for their assistance with arrangements for us to meet at this special, restored meeting room of the G.A.R. in their locale.

Ordered this 11th day of March, 2004.

By Order of: Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCincC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 19**  
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It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Horace N. Rumsey, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of David G. Caywood Camp 146, Department of New York, Brother Rumsey honored the memory of his father, Horace Rumsey, who served with the 148th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Rumsey's family.

Ordered this 12th day of March, 2004.

By Order of:  
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Attest:  
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National Secretary

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1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother **James Madison Gowin, Jr.**, a *Real Son* of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a *Member* of Fort Donelson Camp 62, Department of Tennessee, Brother Gowin honored the memory of his father, James Madison Gowin, Sr., who served in Company B of the 33rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
2. We are proud to acknowledge Brother Gowin's own military service, during World War II, and his recognition as an "Atomic Veteran."
3. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.
4. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.
5. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Gowin's family.

Ordered this 26th day of April, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
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**General Orders No. 21**  
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1. It has been my great pleasure to sign Charters for the following new Camps within our Order.

**Private Elias Moon Camp-at-Large 2**, located at Snellville, GA with Date of Rank from March 3, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Eric B. Peterson, Camp Organizer.

**Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12**, located at Durango, CO with Date of Rank from March 29, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother James Davenport, Camp Organizer.

**Cadot - Blessing Camp 126**, located at Gallipolis, OH with Date of Rank from April 21, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother James W. Oiler, Camp Organizer.

**Jeremiah Smith Camp 1**, located at Oklahoma City, OK with Date of Rank from April 28, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Mike Rusk, Camp Organizer.

**Sergeant Norman F. Bates Camp 64**, located at Grinnell, IA with Date of Rank from May 25, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Michael D. Hayes, Camp Organizer.

2. The National World War II Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. on May 29th and it was an honor to be present and sign over 50 certificates for presentation to SUVCW Brothers across the country, in recognition of their service during WWII. I hope that space can be provided in a future issue of *The BANNER*, to share a roster of these Brothers with reference to the units they were assigned to. Two of these gentlemen are veterans of the "D-Day" assault on Normandy, the 60th anniversary being observed this year.
3. Congratulations have been sent to Jeffrey Albanese of Goshen, NY and Benjamin Stow of Thornton, PA, recipients of the SUVCW's two annual \$1,000 scholarships toward college tuition & books. I commend the members of our National

Scholarship Committee, who had the difficult task of making these selections from 89 worthy candidates who applied.

4. All Brothers are encouraged to observe *Flag Day*. June 14, 2004 marks the 25th "Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" (7:00 p.m. EDT).
5. A tentative schedule for our 123rd National Encampment has been posted to the SUVCW Web site and should appear in this issue of The BANNER.
6. The National Council of Administration (CoA) will conduct its annual Pre-Encampment meeting, starting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, in the "Iowa City Room" at the Collins Plaza Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
7. My respect and BEST wishes for successful and productive Encampments/Conventions goes out to all of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. It has been a pleasure to serve in the interests of "F., C., and L.," with: National President Danielle Michaels, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW); National President Lynne Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR); National President Donna Vaughn, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW); and National President Margaret Lauth, Woman' Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC).

Ordered this 10th day of June, 2004.

By Order of:

Kent L. Armstrong

Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC

National Secretary

**General Orders No. 22**  
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1. It is with great pleasure and pride that I appoint the following Brothers as National Aides, in recognition of their membership recruiting efforts. All will receive a strip of National colored ribbon which they may wear, pinned behind their membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue). Those who recruited five (5) or more new Brothers into the Order will also be presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

John M. Hart of Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania, has recruited twenty-five (25) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

Those who've recruited nine (9) new Brothers are PDC Keith D. Ashley of Brooks - Grant Camp 7 and Craig W. Keller of Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp 8, both from the Department of Ohio.

Steven Hall of Gen. A. S. Diven Camp 77, Department of New York, has recruited seven (7) new Brothers.

PDC Todd A. Shillington of Abraham Lincoln Camp 6, Department of New York, has recruited five (5) new Brothers.

Those who've recruited four (4) new Brothers are Douglas E. Deuel of Sydney Camp 41 and William R. Parker of Philos Cook Camp 223 (both from the Department of New York) as well as Roger May of Captain John Bruck Camp 96, Department of Ohio.

Those who've recruited three (3) new Brothers are Michael H. Swartwood of Sydney Camp 41 and PDC Michael S. Bennett of Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (both from the Department of New York), John Clark of Captain John Bruck Camp 96 (Department of Ohio), and Dennis Shirk of Seven Shay's Camp 7 (Department of Pennsylvania).

2. Chairman Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC and his fellow members of the National Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Post Records are to be commended for their efforts. Departments are strongly urged to promote this work by appointing a Brother "to assist in collecting information for the Post Records database as well as review Post location listings and records location data prior to loading them onto the National Web site."

3. Brothers Barry L. Spink and PDC Charles H. Engle, Jr. are hereby recognized as National Aides in appreciation for representing our Order at the funeral of Mrs. Alberta Martin in Elba, Alabama. At the time of her passing, Mrs. Martin was believed to be the last widow of a Confederate veteran from the American Civil War. Many of us were able to meet Mrs. Martin at the special "Widows Reunion" at Gettysburg that PCinC David R. Medert helped arrange.

4. As we prepare to celebrate another anniversary of our nation's independence, let us pause to reflect on the symbolism of the patriotic trinity of red, white, and blue (see "Presentation of Badge" within the Initiation ceremony, described within our Order's *Ritual and Ceremonials*). Let us also remember that the freedoms and privileges that we enjoy today were first won (and have been protected since) by the sacrifices of American soldiers, sailors, and marines. Let us be mindful of - and thankful toward all who serve us in uniform, today. Many of them are far from home. Many of them are in *harm's way*. Many of them continue to make the ultimate sacrifice. Please think of them on this 4th of July.

Ordered this 2nd day of July, 2004.

By Order of:

Kent L. Armstrong

Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC

National Secretary

**General Orders No. 23**  
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1. A Camp Officer Installation Report, submitted to our National Executive Director, indicates that someone from outside our Order was elected and installed as an officer of a Camp of the SUVCW.
2. This is contrary to the nature of our organization as well as its *Ritual and Ceremonials*.
3. Therefore, it is the ruling of this C-in-C that to hold office in our Order, whether it be as an elected officer or as an appointed officer or appointed committee member, the position MUST be filled by a person from within the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (that person being a *Brother in good standing*, as either a "Member" or an "Associate" within the SUVCW).

Ordered this 2nd day of August, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 24**  
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1. It has been my great pleasure to sign Charters for the following new Camps within our Order.

**Colonel David Ireland Camp 137**, located at Binghamton, NY with Date of Rank from June 6, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to PCinC Danny L. Wheeler, Camp Organizer.

**General Alexander S. Asboth Camp 5**, located at Wentzville, MO with Date of Rank from June 15, 2004. A Certificate of Merit has been issued to Brother Emmet P. Taylor III, Camp Organizer.

**General U. S. Grant Camp 9**, located at Modesto, CA with Date of Rank from June 16, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Carl Taylor, Camp Organizer.

**Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104**, located at Doylestown, PA with Date of Rank from June 16, 2004. A Certificate of Merit has been issued to Brother John M. McNulty, Camp Organizer.

**Colonel William Kinsman Camp 23**, located at Atlantic, IA with Date of Rank from June 24, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Dennis L. Sasse, Camp Organizer.

2. Department of Kentucky Commander James C. Kiger and National Treasurer Max L. Newman are hereby recognized as National Aides in appreciation for representing our Order at the annual national meetings of the Woman's Relief Corps and the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, respectively.
3. It is with great pleasure and pride that I appoint the following Brothers as National Aides, in recognition of their membership recruiting efforts. All will receive a strip of National colored ribbon which they may wear, pinned behind their membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue). Those who

recruited five (5) or more new Brothers into our Order will also be presented with a *Certificate of Recognition*.

Those who've recruited five (5) new Brothers are - Department of Kansas Commander Thomas E. Schmidt of Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Department of Kansas, and Paul Hadley of Shiloh Camp 2, Department of Nebraska.

Those who've recruited three (3) new Brothers are Randall L. Durban of Old Abe Camp 16 and PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon of Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, both from the Department of Kansas.

Ordered this 6th day of August, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

**General Orders No. 25**  
**SERIES 2003-2004**  
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1. A question has been asked concerning Life Membership and payment of National per capita for the Life Member, when that Brother has membership in more than one Camp of the Order.

2. Dual membership has been allowed for a short time now, as recorded in National Regulations, Chapter I, Article II, Section 6: *"Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in another Camp or a Member-at-Large may become a Dual Member of another Camp. The applicant need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps."*

3. Those Brothers who have applied for Life Membership and paid the appropriate fee, are exempt from National per capita assessment. See National Constitution, Article VII, Section 1(b) Life Members: *"Members who have paid the requisite Life Membership fee as established by the National Organization. Life Members are exempt from National per capita and otherwise, enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership."*

4. There are two Life Member programs where the National Organization shall reimburse a Camp various amounts, but such reimbursement is limited to one Camp only, at the designation of the Brother. See National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI, Section 3.

5. Our Constitution in Article VII, Section 1(b), makes no distinction between those Brothers who are in one Camp and those Brothers who are members of multiple Camps. The Constitution says that Life Members are exempt from the National per capita tax.

6. Therefore, it is the formal opinion of the National Counselor, and affirmed by this CinC, that Life Members are exempt from all National per capita, regardless of the number of Camps that they maintain membership in.

This ruling to take effect, this 9th day of August, 2004.

By Order of:

Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

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1. It has been my great pleasure to sign a Charter for **Abraham Lincoln Camp 56**, located at Hodgenville, KY with Date of Rank from August 12, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Lester D. Crosswhite, Camp Organizer.
  
2. I have the honor to present the following recognitions.
  - a. **Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award** (Most Outstanding Camp in the Nation) - Charles W. Canney Camp 5, Department of New Hampshire.
  
  - b. **Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** (Most Outstanding Brother in the Nation) - Gary L. Scheel, Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri
  
  - c. **Benjamin F. Stephenson Award** (for recruiting the most new Brothers into the Order) - John M. Hart, Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania - 32 recruits
  
  - d. **Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award** (for the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership) - Department of Ohio
  
  - e. **U. S. Grant Cup** (for the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership) - Department of Kansas
  
  - f. **Marshall Hope Award**  
For the best Camp newsletter - Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, Department of California & Pacific  
For the best Department newsletter - Department of Nebraska
  
  - g. **Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award** (for the Most Successful New Camp in the Nation) - Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Department of Colorado & Wyoming

h. **Meritorious Service Award** - with Gold Star - affirmed by the National Council of Administration (CoA) - James B. Pahl, PDC and Robert M. Petrovic, PDC for their years of distinguished service in a long list of offices and committee assignments.

i. **Founders Award** (presented to a non-member of the SUVCW or any of the Allied Orders by the CoA for outstanding service in memory of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines) - The Friends of the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery Park - <http://www.fgar.org>

3. Thank you for the privilege of serving as the 117th Commander-in-Chief of this Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless the *Boys in Blue*, and all who honor them.

4.

Ordered this 14th day of August, 2004.

By Order of:  
Kent L. Armstrong  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Edward Krieser, PCinC  
National Secretary

## **Appendix 4**

### **Public Speeches given by Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong 2003 – 2004**

**G.A.R. Memorial / Fountain Rededication Ceremony**  
**October 4, 2003**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Good morning, everyone. On behalf of our membership here assembled, and our National Organization, it is my privilege to bring you Greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I'm also here to commend you for your contributions of time and money to restore this treasure. Indeed, this accomplishment reflects well upon your civic pride and patriotism. It also stands as a symbol of your community's appreciation for the service and sacrifice made by Union soldiers, sailors, and marines during the *War of the Rebellion*, from 1861-1865.

Stop and think for a moment, what we owe those men. After all, what kind of a world would we have today – and what would be our place in it – if the Union had not been restored, and America not become the strong nation that we now know?

In 1885, our organization held its fourth annual national convention in Grand Rapids. Approximately 1,000 “Real Sons” of Union veterans stood beside twice that number of Civil War veterans to witness the initial dedication of this memorial. Today, we are very honored to have two “Real Sons” of Union veterans of the Civil War with us – Harold Becker and Edward Blakely.

I've prepared certificates to recognize several Grand Rapids area residents for their help in restoring this memorial and before I present these, I'd like to close by reading the following Meritorious Service Award. “To all who shall see these presents, Greetings – In recognition of his ever faithful support of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), significantly helping our continued efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) and all others who honorably served and sacrificed to *Save the Union* from the conflict of 1861-1865, and WHEREAS he has served as Co-Chairman of the project to restore the Kent County Civil War Monument, located in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan, this certificate is proudly presented to Edward L. Blakely. As a Member of General John A. Logan Camp 1, Department of Michigan, SUVCW, Brother Blakely honors the memory of his father Egbert Blakely, who served in Company E of the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. We are extremely proud of, and fortunate to know Edward Blakely. He is a Real Son of a Union veteran of the Civil War, and celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. We share in

his pride of witnessing the Kent County Civil War Monument return to its original condition – and thereby see it as his father did, on this very spot in 1885. In testimony whereof, and by the authority vested in me by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I do confer this certificate on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.”

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**New Memorial Dedication Ceremony**  
**October 25, 2003**  
**Mine Creek Battlefield, Pleasanton, Kansas**

What happened here 139 years ago today is not widely known, but it certainly should be. Because, regardless of which “battle-name” is applied, the effects of the fighting here were significant beyond these fields.

War is a terrible thing and a nation torn apart by a Civil War experiences the worst form of conflict imaginable.

Let us remember that many a soldier loses his life, but the life of every soldier who survives battle, is forever changed. Ordinary men find themselves performing the *extraordinary*.

So it was, that an outnumbered force of approximately 3,000 Union cavalymen faced over twice that number of Confederates. Undaunted, they pressed their attack at the right time and in the right places, and achieved a remarkable victory that secured this part of the country from further Confederate advances.

Let us honor the victor’s memory today as well as those who comprised the Confederate foe – who became our fellow countrymen once more.



## *Remembrance Day*

November 15, 2003

Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Good afternoon. It is my privilege to welcome all of you to this 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony, on behalf of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

To me, Remembrance Day is a special opportunity for us to collectively honor the memory of the men who faced each other in battle on these very fields during three desperate days in July, 140 years ago.

Unfortunately, many of our fellow Americans seem to be unknowingly of, and uncaring toward this part of our history. Therefore, I respectfully submit that each of us should commit ourselves to the effort of giving our fellow countrymen a better understanding of – and appreciation for what happened here.

**THAT**, is something that each of us should rededicate ourselves to, on **each** Remembrance Day.

When our efforts result in a fellow American making his or her first visit to Gettysburg National Military Park, we can take satisfaction in knowing that they have walked this sacred ground, and that they have come to know what we know – and what we *remember*.

- That is what was here, where so much hung in the balance.

- That it was here, where thousands of men risked all, and many gave their all.

- That it was here, where regardless if a soldier wore *blue* or *gray*, he was driven **on**, by principles of **DUTY, HONOR, and COUNTRY**.

Yes, these things are common to every battlefield of the American Civil War but –

- Let us remember that it **is** here, that the greatest battle occurred.

- Let us remember that it **is** here, where thousands of former enemies overcame their differences and gathered in the largest reunions as countrymen once more, with mutual respect for what they faced in battle.

And – let us remember that it **is** here, where we can **still** see so much of where it happened, and *marvel* at it all.

**Annual Observance At Tomb of President Abraham Lincoln**  
**April 15, 2004**  
**Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois**

Good morning. It's good to see all of you here today, and an honor for me to take a turn representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this annual ceremony. Once again we gather in tribute to President Abraham Lincoln and to reflect upon the tragedy of his assassination.

On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia and although there were several other Confederate units still *under arms*, it was evident that the Union had been saved. However, before the week was out, President Lincoln – and his thoughts toward how the states should be re-united, were gone. Indeed, we can only imagine how much better our countrymen may have fared – if President Lincoln had been able to oversee the reunification process.

I'm proud to relate that I have a personal bond, of sorts, to President Lincoln. When his remains returned to Springfield for burial, it was my great, great grandfather's regiment (the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry) that led the military *Honor Guard* at the funeral.

History tells us that President Lincoln himself foresaw his assassination. He wondered – even before leaving Springfield – if he'd ever return after leaving for Washington. Here is his *Farewell Address*, given on February 11, 1861 to the citizenry of Springfield.

“MY FRIENDS: No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed, With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell.”

***In Remembrance***  
**Memorial Day Message**  
**May 30, 2004**  
**Washington, D.C.**

Our fraternal and patriotic Order has a proud tradition of honoring American military personnel from all eras. This year, we join our countrymen in witnessing the dedication of the National World War II Memorial and the 60th Anniversary of "D-Day."

On Memorial Day -

Let us remember that the freedoms and privileges that we enjoy in our daily lives were first gained, and have been protected since, by those who serve in uniform.

Let us remember that just 85 years after we declared our independence from Great Britain, our Republic was torn apart by civil war.

Let us remember that after that terrible 19<sup>th</sup> century struggle, a United States of America emerged that was able to face and overcome the struggles of military confrontation in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Let us remember that in this young, new century, America's military forces continue to serve and protect – many of them in harm's way, and many of them giving their lives in the line of duty.

Let us remember **all** of that – and assure that those who follow us will not forget.

**109<sup>th</sup> National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
**July 29, 2004**  
**Northwest Georgia Trade Center, Dalton, Georgia**

Good morning everyone.

Commander-in-Chief Wilson and assembled Sons of Confederate Veterans –

It is an honor and privilege for me to bring you GREETINGS from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and it is my sincere wish that your annual reunion will include several reports that detail accomplishments in preserving the memory of the American soldiers and sailors that you honor.

I may join your ranks one day, as I've learned of the possibility that an ancestor on my father's side of the family may have served under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forest.

My ancestor who served the Union, was a Great, Great, Grandfather from my mother's line. His name was John Tait and he served as a Sergeant in Company G of the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry – assigned to the Army of the Potomac's "Iron Brigade." He was killed-in-action on April 30<sup>th</sup> of 1863 during the Chancellorsville Campaign but I'd like to share some information on his regiment's roll, later that year at Gettysburg – and the Confederate regiment they faced. It's a story that we may draw a parallel from.

As many of you know, the Confederate unit that the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan faced off with on the afternoon of July 1, 1863, was the 26<sup>th</sup> Regiment of North Carolina Troops. Their exchange is recorded as the costliest of the three day battle.

It's remarkable that following the war, the survivors of these two regiments could put past differences aside and conduct shared reunions at Gettysburg. They did so, with a mutual respect for what they faced in battle with each other – and in memory of those who fell.

The parallel that I offer is that our two descendant organizations continue – with mutual respect – to honor those Americans who faced each other in war upon this continent between 1861 and 1865. We do so, in an effort to remind an unknowing (and often uncaring) public of its American Heritage.

I salute all of you for your efforts and wish you productive proceedings at this Reunion. Thank you.

**Appendix 5**

**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

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
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

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan

## HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

1883 A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899 R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939 Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953 Albert Woolson	Minnesota

## SONS OF VETERANS

1881 Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882 Alfred 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 6**

### **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.
22nd	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 - 26	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

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
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 - 21	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
58th	1939	August 29 - 31	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10 - 12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15 - 18	Columbus, Ohio
61st	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 1 - 15	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

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
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, NewHampshire
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 15 - 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	DesMoines, 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
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
121th	2002	August 9 - 11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8 - 10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123 <sup>rd</sup>	2004	August 13 - 15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa