



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Office of the Commander-in-Chief

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1. To all of the Brothers in attendance of the 135th National Encampment in Springfield, IL, I thank you for your continued support and faith in me. I thank the Brothers of the Department of Illinois and our hard working Brother Jim Crane and the National Host Committee for an excellent encampment.
2. The Commander-in-Chief Headquarters is hereby transferred from East Berlin, PA to 6025 State Route 772, Chillicothe, OH, 45601. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and are available at CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications are for urgent matters ONLY at 740-663-4961.
3. While we must continue our mission of education and preserving the history and legacy of the boys in Blue, we need to also promote OUR ORDER.
4. We need to promote the SUVCW and educate the public to OUR works and projects
5. WE MUST complete OUR PROJECTS and not just create new ones
6. ANNOUNCE, ADVERTISE, PROMOTE everything you do.
7. There has been very little progress shown by the Camps or the Departments to complete their histories and the Last Soldier Project that was ordered by PCinC Darby's General Order in 1995. All Camps or the Departments MUST complete a history of their Camps. They must also place a marker on the grave of the Last Union Soldier of each county stating this fact. Brothers, COMPLETE these projects. They are close to my heart as I wrote my Camps history and as Camp Commander, started the process in which graves of 4 counties in our area were marked.
8. Memorial University needs to get back on track. The committee to redesign it and the National Patriotic Instructor should finish their work this year. Watch for these developments and ENROLL in the Memorial University Program.

9. Our historical records on microfiche needed to be converted to a DIGITAL format to stay current with technology. Therefore, I have created an ACTION Committee with the purpose of seeing this project through to completion before the end of my term. As such I have established the Committee for the Preservations of Records (CPR). This committee consists of PCinC Don Darby, Chairman; PCinC Jim Pahl, PCinC Leo Kennedy, PDC David Demmy and PDC Loren Bures. This committee has a time line established.
10. Patriotic Instructors, provide instruction at each Camp meeting. There are over 100 Patriotic instructions on the SUVCW website alone. CPI's are welcome to use their own as well.
11. Our National Webpage contains instructions concerning these things and much more, visit it and become familiar with all that is available, the SOLUTION is probably there.
12. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of you a productive year and success in our continued endeavors to perpetuate the memory of our noble ancestors.
13. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000.
14. Direct financial correspondences for the Order to National Treasurer, David McReynolds 4323 Near Shore Dr Louisville TN 37777-5231 865-981-2854 mcreyscope@aol.com.
15. Direct all other correspondences for the Order to National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162; 614-745-6079; secretary@suvchw.org.
16. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule will be coordinated by National Chief of Staff Edward J. Norris, PDC, norris.ed@comcast.net , 91 Kelly Dr., Lancaster, MA 01523-1959; 978-365-7628.
17. National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski, paptom@msn.com; 206 E. Grantley Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126, should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's rank and unit.
18. Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be sent to Brian C. Pierson, PDC, PO Box 3394, Shawnee, OK 74802-3394; 703-989-9296; CofA2@suvchw.org.
19. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), George Shadman, 99 Elizabeth Dr., Barboursville, VA, 22923, 434-985-8540
20. All Camps and Departments should submit articles for the BANNER to Banner Editor James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St, Mason, MI 48854--1519 517--676--1471 Banner@suvchw.org

21. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting and a final report for the 133rd National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.
22. The following National Special Committees will remain in place to serve the Order.
 - National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials (2017)
 - National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign (2017)
 - National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters
 - National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021)
23. Per the 2016 National Encampment I have established a special committee to examine the SUVCW policy on the Confederate flag. This committee consists of PCinC D. Brad Schall, Chairman; PCinC Don Darby, PCinC Leo Kennedy, PCinC Edward J. Krieser, and PDC Samuel Gant.
24. Per the 2016 National Encampment I have established a special committee on Decoration Day. This committee consists of PCinC Eugene Mortorff, Chair, PCC Daniel R. Earl, PCC Legislation Officer and Jeffrey French National Patriotic Instructor.

Ordered this 17th Day of August, 2016.

Donald L. Martin
Commander-In-Chief
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Attested:
Jonathan Davis
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War