

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Council of Administration

### MINUTES

November 16, 2014  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell called the meeting of the Council of Administration to order at 8 AM on November 16, 2014, in meeting room B, Courtyard by Marriott, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Brother Donald Martin led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by SVR National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski giving the invocation.

Secretary Russ called the roll of officers, with the following in attendance:

#### **Voting Members:**

CinC Tad D. Campbell	CofA Member Steve Hammond
SVCinC Eugene Mortorff	CofA Member Donald Shaw
JVCinC Donald Martin	CofA Member Ed Norris
National Secretary Alan L. Russ	CofA Member Walter Busch
National Treasurer Richard D. Orr	CofA Member Brian Pierson
National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler	

#### **Voting Members Absent:**

CofA Member and Immediate PCinC Ken L. Freshley, excused by CinC

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

PCinC and Banner Editor Stephen Michaels	Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn, Jr.
Executive Director David Demmy, Sr.	Past Commander-in-Chief D. Brad Schall
Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Kreiser	Past Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor
Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl	

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

Mark R. Day, PDC, Chesapeake	Michael Paquette, Chesapeake
Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, Illinois	Robert Petrovic, PDC, Missouri
Kevin L. Martin, National Chief of Staff	

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** CinC Campbell introduced Eagle Scout candidate Andrew Adam, who made a presentation on his Eagle Scout Project. The project is to commission a monument to Civil War Musicians, with "Unity Park" surrounding it. He was requesting support for supporting the US Flag and pole, at a cost of around \$300, with annual maintenance costs for the flag to be approximately \$25 per year. Plans are for the project to be completed by April 2015. Brother Orr inquired as to how much was still needed for the project. He was informed by Andrew that \$5,000 to \$6,000 was still needed to complete the project. An information sheet concerning the project is attached to these minutes.

Brother Wheeler moved and Brother Orr seconded to donate \$5,000 to the project. The funds for the donation were taken from the line item in the budget for special projects. Motion passed.

CinC Campbell presented the check for the project to Eagle Scout candidate Adam and complimented him on the professional manner of his presentation. All in attendance were in agreement with this statement.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Secretary Russ reported he had received various applications to form camps and charter applications. These are listed in his report to the council.

**REPORTS:**

CinC Campbell presented his opening comments.

SVCinC Mortorff presented his report, which will be included with the officers' reports.

At this time, the recommendations in the officers, committees, and department reports were addressed.

1. Committee Reports. Brother Russ moved, seconded by Brother Norris, the CofA only deal with the recommendations in the reports. Motion carried.
  - a. National Encampment Site Committee Recommendation 1 (page 18). Current host committee and National committee will work this out between them. No action taken. There is no requirement to submit a profit and loss statement to National.
  - b. National Encampment Site Committee Recommendation 2 (page 20). No action taken. This is left with host committee.
  - c. National Encampment Site Committee Recommendation 3 (page 20). Hand-held radios purchase. No action taken.
  - d. National Committee on GAR Post Records Recommendation (page 22). It was decided the current policy is to remain in effect.
2. Recommendations from Department Reports.
  - a. Colorado & Wyoming Recommendation 1 (page 26). Chief of Staff will append to minutes for posting on website, and send link to departments.
  - b. Colorado & Wyoming Recommendation 2 (page 26). Will be worked on to come up with a method to get the official amendments out to departments as quickly as possible. It was noted that the 2012 edition of the C&R was the latest posted on the website. Brother Pahl has forwarded the 2013 edition to the website, and it is now posted.
3. Brother Orr passed out the Treasurer's report. It was presented with no action taken. He also reported that:
  - a. IRS 501(c)(3) is being held until proceedings are up to date. 2012, 2013, 2014 need proceedings need to be completed. Brother Kreiser is working on them and they will be expedited. Several brothers offered to assist, as needed.
  - b. Money for Scholarships come from the GAR Fund using fund reserves to cover the expense. Brother Orr moved, seconded by Brother Wheeler, to cover the cost of the two scholarships from the GAR Fund. Motion passed.
  - c. The audit is done, and it was a "clean" audit. The IRS 990 is in process.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. With regard to the status of Banner Editor replacement, the committee provided a summary of the four applicants for the position.

2. Brother Mortorff advised that the modified Form 30 addressing Dual Members is in process and will be completed soon.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Brother Wheeler informed the council about the opportunity to have Past Commander-in-Chief badges made up ahead of time. One badge costs \$765; however, if they are done in quantities of five at a time, the cost is \$650 each. This price is based upon gold at \$1,250/ounce. The council was in agreement with purchasing the badges in quantity. As funds are available in the Quartermaster budget, Brother Wheeler will acquire five PCinC badges.
2. Brother Hammond addressed an item for Remembrance Day 2015. He recommend a ceremony for the Alonzo Cushing Medal of Honor recipient to be held on site of battle at the 2015 Remembrance Day. SVR Major General Grim has apparently stated he has no problem with it being an SUVCW event. Brother Hammond will coordinate with this with the SVR.
3. Scheduling for National Officer attendance at Department Encampments. Officers signed up to fill most of the encampments that CinC Campbell will be unable to attend. Some departments have not yet determined or informed of the date for their encampment. Brother Kevin Martin will send out an updated list of encampment dates and vacancies.
4. Brother Pierson advised that a camp in Buford, South Carolina, that splintered off from the SUVCW in 70's is interested in returning to the SUVCW. This will be as a new camp needing a new charter, although they could request to use the original charter for historical purposes.
5. Brother Busch added that with regard to page 15 of reports, all files have been redacted and are up to date. With regard to page 23, Joe Hall will be in charge credentials.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. Chaplain Kowalski asked us to remember the Atkinsons in our prayers.
2. Brother Don Shaw stated he will be running for reelection to Council of Administration.
3. Brother Mark Day presented information about Appomattox in April 2015. This is the same time as the Springfield Council of Administration meeting
4. Brother Petrovic announced he is running for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 2015.

CinC Campbell concluded the meeting with some general comments, followed by the benediction by Chaplain Kowalski. The meeting was officially adjourned at 10:22 AM.

*Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,*

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

Attachment: Unity Park information sheet



Introduction to "Unity Park"  
Andrew P. Adam-Eagle Scout Candidate

My name is Andrew Adam and I am a 14 year-old honor student in the Cumberland Valley School District. I am an Eagle Scout Candidate with Boys Scouts of America Troop 88 in Mechanicsburg, PA. In addition, I am a Civil War Reenactor with the 1<sup>st</sup> PRVC (Pennsylvania Reserves Volunteer Corps) where I reenact a Union Drummer Boy.

For my Eagle Scout Project, I have decided to commission a monument to Drummer Boys and Musicians in the Civil War. Surrounding the monument, I am creating a small, symbolic park called Unity Park.

Most importantly, the project will be made in America, by Americans and with American materials.

STATUE:

- Statue will be sculpted in bronze by Gary Casteel (Sculptor of the Longstreet Monument) and cast in materials from the North.
- Pedestal for the monument will be made from granite coming from the South.

UNITY PARK:

- One walkway represents the North, the other the South, the center Unity. The walkway will be donated by Pyramid Construction
- There will be an American Flag in the park
- 36 Bushes Representing the 36 states that were in the Union at the end of the war
- Park Benches will feature Unity. Custom bench ends will be made by KBM Industries in the North and the wood will be coming from the South

EDUCATIONAL THEMES:

- There will be 3 Interactive Educational Boards that will give visitors the opportunity to learn about the role of musicians in history:
  - History – There is a long history of service that musicians and drummers performed in the army; almost 1/5 of the army was under the age of 18.
  - Communications – Drummers were vital to the communications of an army; stationed by the commanders, they told the army everything from Reveille and Meals to Advance and Retreat.
  - Music – Many of the songs that are the fabric of America have a connection to the Civil War; TAPS was written in 1862 by a Union officer named Dan Butterfield.

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE, APRIL 2015

- Coincides with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Civil War, representing Unity.

PROJECT ADVISORS

- Mr. Wayne Motts, CEO
  - The National Civil War Museum
- Mr. Craig Caba, CEO
  - Wert Gettysburg Collection
- Mr. Rich Adams - Civil War Reenactor
  - President, American Legion Post #109
- Mr. Rich Baker, Sr. Research Specialist
  - US Army War College
- Mr. Ken Robinson
  - Troop 88 Eagle Scout Advisor
- Mr. Mark Burkett, Owner
  - KBM Metal Fabricating
- Mr. Mike Klinepeter, Executive Vice President
  - Pyramid Construction

If your organization is interested in supporting my project, please send your donations to:

Troop 88 - Boy Scouts of America (Memo: Andrew Adam Eagle Project) – 3620 Golfview Drive – Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

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## 1.0 Preface

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, and Department reports to the Council of Administration for their November 16, 2014 meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

## 2.0 National Elected Officers

### 2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Tad D. Campbell, CinC

Report to be delivered verbally at the meeting.

### 2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC

I will be bringing my report with me to the meeting and sufficient copies.

### 2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Donald L. Martin, PDC

#### Online Memberships: By Department

CA	3	MI	2
CH	4	NC	4
CO	3	NMAL	1
CT	1	NY	3+ 1 Junior
FL	2	OH	2
GA/SC	1	PA	5
IA	1	TN	1+ 1 Assoc.
IL	2	TX	5
IN	1	VT	3
KS	1	WI	3
KY	1	WA	1 Camp #1
MA	1		

**TOTAL: 51 Members, 2 Associates, 1 Junior**

**Announcement:** I am officially announcing my candidacy for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the upcoming 2015 National Encampment. I wish to thank everyone for their support and cooperation over the years.

### 2.4 National Secretary; Alan L Russ, PDC

ACTIVITIES. I participated in the following activities.

August 14-17, 2014 – 133<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment, Marietta, Georgia

August 17, 2014 – Council of Administration meeting, Marietta, Georgia

October 18, 2014 – Mine Creek Battlefield Sesquicentennial Signature Event, Pleasanton, Kansas

October 19, 2014 – Department of Kansas Fall Council meeting, Pleasanton, Kansas

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings:

Pre-National Encampment Council of Administration meeting, Marietta, Georgia, Thursday, August 14, 2014.

Post-National Encampment Council of Administration meeting, Marietta, Georgia, Sunday, August 17, 2014.

MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.

The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the 2014 National Encampment. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below. The results are also posted on the National website within a week of the conclusion of voting on the motion.

**Motion 01 Motion Passed September 2, 2014**

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Shaw, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held on 14 August 2014 at Marietta, Georgia.

**Motion 02 Motion Passed September 6, 2014**

A motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Norris, to approve the minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting held on 17 August 2014 at Marietta, Georgia.

SSE EVENT SETS.

The following SSE sets were received from the SSE sub-committee of the Council of Administration for approval/disapproval by the Council of Administration. The sets were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the 2013 National Encampment. The resulting action, are summarized, below.

<b>CofA</b>		<b>CofA</b>	
<b>Subcommittee</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>None</b>			

CAMP/DEPARTMENT CHARTERS.

No applications for permission to form a new camp have expired since the National Encampment: Seven new applications for permission to form a new camp were received during the year:

*Sedgwick Camp 4, Department of Connecticut – Expires January 15, 2015*

*Sergeant George Marion Taylor Camp 28, Department of Tennessee – Expires February 19, 2015*

*Lt. Col. Milton L. Phillips Camp 27, Department of Tennessee – Expires February 22, 2015.*

*Abraham Lincoln Camp 2, Department of Missouri – Expires April 12, 2015.*

*Robert M. Blair Camp 5, Department of Oklahoma – Expires May 15, 2015.*

*Ensign John Davis Camp 10, Department of Tennessee – Expires August 14, 2015 (pending ruling by CinC).*

*Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 15, Department of Wisconsin – Expires September 28, 2015.*

*Sergeant Judson Hicks Camp 111, Department of New York – Expires September 29, 2015.*

The following charters were issued during the year:

(2014-04) Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1, Camp-at-Large, Washington. Date of ranking: June 10, 1995. (Replacement Charter per GO 3).

(2014-05) Old Glory Camp 7, Department of Kansas. Date of ranking: October 9, 2014.

MERCHANDISE LICENSE RENEWALS.

Merchandise licenses applications were approved by the Council of Administration on August 17, 2014. No applications have been received since that date.

A listing of approved merchandise for sale by camps and departments has been posted on the National website and furnished to the departments.

License documents were furnished to the approved license holders.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS.

The Conflict of Interest Policy and statements were furnished to all appointed officers, as required by the policy with instructions for them to read the policy and complete and sign the accompanying statement. I received back most of the forms shortly after distributing them. I will be following up on outstanding forms in November.

## **2.5 National Treasurer; Richard D. Orr, PCinC**

No report given.

## **2.6 National Quartermaster; Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC**

I am happy to report that the Quartermaster Store for the first quarter is doing well, with excess income above last year. We have new products (new tie and the book Brother Wolz gave us at a great price) and with luck will sell some.

The National Convention was a great success with a little over \$7,000.00 in sales. As for our new supplier, Essco, all is working well. 90% of our tooling is finished and they are going to give me a complete list of supplies, dies and tooling that we own in case they go out of business or we change supplies. We never owned everything, now we do. This is a plus for now we own all of it.

As of this writing, we have solved the problem of selling at Gettysburg and can sell in the hall.

I do have a problem getting flags done as the last lady no longer does them. The new lady does not have the way of doing them right. I would not accept the flag as it was bad. I am seeking a new supplier.

## **2.7 Council of Administration – 2016; Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

No report given.

## **2.8 Council of Administration – 2016; Edward J. Norris, PDC**

No report given.

## **2.9 Council of Administration – 2016; Walter E. Busch, PDC**

Since the national encampment, and as of 10/27/2014, voted on three motions.

## **2.10 Council of Administration – 2015; Donald W. Shaw, PDC**

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels, I have also been busy with duties in connection with the post of Member of the National Council of Administration. I have monitored and participated in all discussions regarding questions coming before the Council. I have cast votes all on issues put to the Council for discussion and decision.

I attended and participated in the Central Region Association of the Grand Army of the Republic's annual conference in Oberlin Ohio in October, 2014. I presently serve as By-Law Committee Chair for that group, as well as chair of the committee charged with securing a permanent home for the organizations records.

I serve as a member of the committee searching for a replacement for the Banner Editor.

I serve as a member of the National Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

I have no recommendations to put before the Council at this time.

## **2.11 Council of Administration – 2015; Steve S. Hammond, PDC**

Since August, I attended the National Encampment in Atlanta, attended two General George G. Meade Camp #5, Department of the Chesapeake meetings and conducted two Civil War tours at Historical Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC.

My significant accomplishment has not (and may not) occur as of yet. In late September, the White House announced the awarding of a Medal of Honor to Lt. Alonzo Cushing, Battery A, 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Artillery for his bravery defending against Pickett-Pettigrew-Trimble's Charge on July 3, 1863. The awarding of the Medal has been considered multiple times over the past few years. The efforts of Representative Ronald Kind of Wisconsin culminated on August 26, 2014 with the President announcing Lt. Cushing would be presented with the Medal of Honor.

At that point, I contacted Diane Maas, a legislative aide to Rep. Kind and told her of the goal of the SUVCW to keep alive the memory of the Boys in Blue and that I was speaking for the membership of the Order to ask that our leadership be invited to the ceremony. On October 27, 2014, Ms. Maas informed me that the ceremony will be held at the White House on November 6, but the invitations would be sent out by the White House. Any contacts with the White House were met with replies that I should send an email. As of October 28, we have not received an invitation to the ceremony, but he still has a couple of days and hope springs eternal...

I requested that invitations be sent to the CinC, the SVCinC and the Washington Representative. By the time the CoA meets, we will have had success or failure in our attempt to be in attendance at the awarding of the Medal of Honor to Lt. Cushing.

## **2.12 Council of Administration – 2014; Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

No report given.

## **2.13 Banner Editor; Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC**

The Autumn 2014 issue of the Banner was mailed to the membership and is being received as this report is being filed. An electronic advance version was distributed to the CofA. This version was posted on the Banner website in early October.

In addition to images, highlights, leadership profiles, council minutes, and awards at the 133<sup>rd</sup>

National Encampment, the Autumn 2014 issue included news of a new Camp in Indiana, a feature on the New Hampshire Veterans Association at the Weirs, and a story of uniformed brothers starring in an interpretive film.

At the time of this report, material is being collected for the *Banner's* Winter issue. In addition to a review of Remembrance Day activities, there'll be several offerings:

- + Honoring our Nation's veterans
- + Springfield Stories...on the eve of the 150th
- + Another untold story in our Order: one brother's prized Civil War artifact.

Due date for submitting material for the Winter issue is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Additionally, arrangements will be completed for the CinC's visit to the Wisconsin Dept.'s Mid-Winter meeting and C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1's 46<sup>th</sup> annual Patriotic Luncheon on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **2.14 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC**

Our grand organization boasts 372 active Life Memberships plus 53 dual life memberships.

Life Member applications processed to date this year 2014 is 13. At this time last year, 24 new life members were added to the rolls.

One Life Member app is on file pending final installment of total fees due to National, and 1 app is on file pending completion of the Color ID card and membership certificate by our vendor!

The following statistics are offered as of this date on the membership of our grand Allied Order:

Associate	535
Junior	77
Life Member	372
Member	5,331
Real Son	8
Total:	6,323
Dual Associate	11
Dual Life Member	53
Dual Member	121
Honorary	4
War Zone Service	5
Total:	194

### **3.0 National Appointed Officers**

#### **3.1 National Aide-de-Camp, Frank C. Avila, PCC**

No report given.

#### **3.2 National Camp-at-Large & Dept. Organizer, Loran T. Bures, PCC**

With VISION 2020's Organization Expansion Initiative as a guide, I am pleased to report the following:

##### North Dakota added to the Dept. of Nebraska:

With the issuance of General Order No. 4 on 8 Sep 2014 (attached), the State of North Dakota was added to the Department of Nebraska. Prior to the issuance of this G.O., a conference call was held with the Department officers on 5 Sep 2014 to discuss the details of the G.O. and to provide them with geo-referenced maps (BatchGeo maps) detailing the SUVCW Brothers currently residing in Nebraska and South Dakota, to use as a tool to help grow our Order within their Department. On 8 Sep 2014 they were provided a BatchGeo map for North Dakota, and the National Website was updated to indicate that North Dakota is part of the Department of Nebraska. On 31 Oct 2014 the Department officers were provided with updated BatchGeo maps for North Dakota and South Dakota reflecting the transfer of National Members-at-Large pursuant to G.O. # 4.

##### U.S. Territories and Possessions within the Pacific to the Dept. of California & Pacific:

A conference call was held with the senior Department officers on 17 Sep 2014 to discuss ways to best grow our Order in the Pacific, and to provide them with a BatchGeo map detailing the SUVCW Brothers currently residing in Hawaii to use as a tool. With the issuance of General Order No. 9 on 1 Nov 2014 (attached), all Territories and Possessions of the United States within the Pacific, including the Territory of American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Palmyra Atoll, and Wake Island, was added to the Department of California and Pacific. On 2 Nov 2014 the National Website was updated to indicate that American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands are part of the Department of California and Pacific.

#### U.S. Territories and Possessions within the Caribbean to the Dept. of Florida:

With the issuance of General Order No. 10 on 1 Nov 2014 (attached), all Territories and Possessions of the United States within the Caribbean, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Navassa Island, Serranilla Bank, Bajo Nuevo Bank, and the United States Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was added to the Department of Florida. On 2 Nov 2014 the National Website was updated to indicate that Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba are part of the Department of Florida.

#### Department of Arizona:

As a result of an invitation from the Department of California & Pacific asking to have the State of Arizona join their Department, the Brothers of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 voted to establish two more Camps in Arizona to enable them to establish their own Department. As a follow up to discussions with Camp Commander John Conrad at the National Encampment, on 23 Aug 2014 my wife and I flew to Phoenix, Arizona to discuss strategies to accomplish this and provide him with a BatchGeo map detailing the SUVCW Brothers currently residing in Arizona to use as a tool. On 8 Nov 2014 Brother Conrad is hosting a luncheon in Tucson, Arizona to start the process of establishing a Camp in southern Arizona. Once it is well under way, they plan to turn their attention to northern Arizona for the third Camp.

#### Department of the Columbia:

- The Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1 on 18 Oct 2014 established the Fort Walla Walla Division as a geographic Division of the Camp to serve the 20 counties of eastern Washington. The Division is to serve as a transitional phase leading to the establishment of the Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3 of Kennewick, Washington. Currently there are 22 Members, including 3 Life Members, in the Division.
- The Brothers of the Stevens Camp have adopted as an official goal of the Camp to establish a Department to include the State of Washington. The Camp Brothers have directed the Camp Commander, at the appropriate time, to jointly petition the Commander-in-Chief to authorize the formation of said Department.
- Authorized the National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, on behalf of the Stevens Camp, to negotiate an agreement with the Col. Edwin D. Baker Camp No. 6 of Oregon to work together to establish the Department of the Columbia to include the States of Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and possibly Idaho.

#### Camps-at-Large Page on National Website:

With the assistance of Brother Joshua Claybourn, the information provided on the Camps-at-Large page has been updated. We are now adding links to the Camps-at-Large websites and/or Facebook pages/public groups.

### **3.3 National Chaplin, Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC**

No report given.

### **3.4 National Chief of Staff, Kevin L. Martin, PCC**

It was an honor and privilege to not only attend, but to be the Master of Ceremony for the National SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell's and National Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell's Joint Testimonial Dinner in San Jose, California on September 27, 2014.

I coordinated and completed the first of the Tri-Year Council of Administration Reports for the Gettysburg Remembrance Day weekend meeting. The chart below summarizes the final report response status.

Report Type	Number of Officers	Reports Received	Percent Complete
National Elected Officers	14	11	79%
National Appointed Officers	29	13	45%
National Standing Committees	19	10	53%
National Special Committees	13	7	54%
Department Reports	28	21	75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60%</b>

### 3.5 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

Been working on redacting the scanned Form 62's so they can be posted on the web. Currently have just under 400 monuments still to review. 28 States/Territories have been completed.

Brother Skip Riddle has continued to push forward recording monuments submitting 5 since the encampment. I've been updating the "known, but not recorded yet" files from Missouri and have recorded one more monument that was installed today at Battle of Pilot Knob SHS.

Been assisting the Committee on Program and Policy regarding the my committee's requested upgrade to the Form 61 answering questions they have.

Some work has also been done on experimenting with a database that the pdf's can be linked to. Hopefully I will have a little more on this in April.

### 3.6 National Color Bearer, Justin M. Dorsey, PCC

No report given.

### 3.7 National Counselor, James B. Pahl, PCinC

I have issued one formal opinion:

#### **OPINION I – SERIES 2014-2015**

I have been requested of the Commander-in-Chief to render an opinion as to the following question: Whether or not a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may be formed in any foreign country and if so, under what circumstances.

I first examined our National Charter as issued by the Congress of the United States.

Title 36 United States Code, Section 200308 states:

Sec. 200308. Principal office

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Trenton, New Jersey, or another place decided by the council of administration. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place

where the principal office is located but may be conducted in the District of Columbia and throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States. (Emphasis supplied)

What constitutes a territory or possession of the United States? There are four generally recognized types of territories or possessions of the United States:

- Incorporated organized territory
- Incorporated unorganized territory
- Unincorporated organized territory
- Unincorporated unorganized territory

Incorporated organized territory. The United States has not had any incorporated organized territory since 1959 when the Territory of Alaska and the Territory of Hawaii were granted statehood and admitted to the Union.

Incorporated unorganized territory. This includes U.S. coastal waters out to 12 nautical miles offshore, being incorporated but not organized. U.S. flagged vessels at sea, including Naval, Coast Guard and Civilian are also in this category. The only other incorporated unorganized territory is the Palmyra Atoll. This was part of the Territory of Hawaii, however, when the State of Hawaii was admitted to the Union, the Act of Congress explicitly separated Palmyra Atoll from the new state.

Unincorporated organized territory. This includes Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands. These modern inhabited territories under the control of the federal government can be considered as part of the "United States" for purposes of law as defined in specific legislation; but, the judicial term "unincorporated" was coined to legitimize the U.S. late 19th-century territorial acquisition without citizenship and their administration without constitutional protections temporarily until Congress made other provisions. Most of the unincorporated organized territories now grant U.S. citizenship to their inhabitants, with organized local governments.

Unincorporated unorganized territory. This includes American Samoa (technically unorganized, but self-governing under a constitution last revised in 1967) with a population of 55,000 and Wake Island with a population of 150 (all military contractor personnel). The remainder of these territories are uninhabited, including Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Navassa Island Serranilla Bank and Bajo Nuevo Bank.

The remaining question is U.S. Embassy and Consular missions and U.S. Military bases. The generally accepted legal opinion is these fall within what is known as Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. The United States exercises some degree of jurisdiction in these areas.

As to U.S. Embassy and Consular missions, pursuant to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, diplomatic missions do not enjoy full [extraterritorial status](#) and are not sovereign territory of the represented state. Rather, the premises of diplomatic missions remain under the jurisdiction of the host state while being afforded special privileges (such as immunity from most local laws).

As to U.S. Military bases, most U.S. military bases are on leased land. The United States will enter into various agreements with the host nation as to the status of each military base, as outlined in the lease, treaty or a Status of Forces Agreement with the host nation. The opinion of military bases generally not be U.S. territory or possessions has been adopted by the Federal Courts, in cases such as [Souryal v Torres Advanced Enterprise Solutions, LLC](#), (847 FSupp2d 835) in a case involving the Family Medical Leave Act and [Marshall v Exelis Systems](#), (decided in March of 2014 - 2014 WL 1213473) decided in the United States District court for the District of Colorado, a claim of racial discrimination under the Civil Rights Act.

The notable exception is the United States Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In [Lakhdar v Bush](#) (128 S.Ct. 2229), the Supreme Court stated:

“Guantanamo Bay is not formally part of the United States. See DTA § 1005(g), 119 Stat. 2743. And under the terms of the lease between the United States and Cuba, Cuba retains “ultimate sovereignty” over the territory while the United States exercises “complete jurisdiction and control.” See Lease of Lands for Coaling and Naval Stations, Feb. 23, 1903, U.S.-Cuba, Art. III, T.S. No. 418 (hereinafter 1903 Lease Agreement); [Rasul, 542 U.S., at 471, 124 S.Ct. 2686](#). Under the terms of the 1934 Treaty, however, Cuba effectively has no rights as a sovereign until the parties agree to modification of the 1903 Lease Agreement or the United States abandons the base. See Treaty Defining Relations with Cuba, May 29, 1934, U.S.-Cuba, Art. III, 48 Stat. 1683, T.S. No. 866.”

The court further relies upon the fact that the base was initially acquired by military conquest and not by negotiated treaty. The assumption, therefore, is that an overseas military base is not U.S. territory, unless a specific exemption exists for that base.

It is therefore my formal opinion that Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may not be formed in foreign countries, with the limited exception of military bases where the host country has totally surrendered all claims of sovereignty per an applicable treaty or by right of conquest. The only know base to meat that definition is the U.S. Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

### **3.8 Assistant National Counselor, Joshua A. Claybourn**

Nothing to report.

### **3.9 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

Still working on incorporating Regulations changes from the latest National Encampment into the Regulations. Awaiting the publishing of proceedings to be able to incorporate CinC rulings and National Counselor opinions into the annotations.

### **3.10 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

I have updated the Department Eagle Scout certificate coordinators list and it includes the changes in General orders #9 and #10. It has been sent to the web master to be put on the web site. The new information only has the members name and email address listed which means we can process requests quicker. We will not accept any requests by postal mail. I have received 7 requests for certificates.

### **3.11 Aide to National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Loran T. Bures, PCC**

No report given.

### **3.12 National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.**

No report given.

### **3.13 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PCC**

See Section 4.11 National Committee on GAR Post Records Report.

### **3.14 National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

No report given.

### **3.15 National Guard, Eric D. Graff**

No report given.

### **3.16 National Guide, Adam W. Gaines**

No report given.

### **3.17 National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

No report given.

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

No report given.

### **3.19 National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffrey C. Burden**

No report given.

### **3.20 National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan L. Russ, PDC**

The Annual Report for the National Membership at Large reported the strength, as of March 31, 2014, as thirty Members and Life Members, no Associates, and one Junior Member, for a total of thirty-one brothers. This reflected a net decrease of five brothers for the reporting year to date.

Gains since April 1, 2014:

New Brothers: 2

Reinstated Brothers: 1

Losses since April 1, 2014:

Transfers Out: 4

Under the provisions of General Order No. 4, three brothers were transferred to the Department of Nebraska. Additionally, one brother returned from overseas employment and requested to transfer to the Department of California & Pacific.

As of October 31, 2104, the strength of the NMAL stands at twenty-nine Members and Life Members, and one Junior Member, for a total of thirty brothers.

NMAL brothers are located in Australia, Canada, Germany, and the United Kingdom, in addition to the United States.

I continue to furnish new brothers with a welcoming letter, an appropriate certificate, a membership card, and an email letting them know to look forward to the packet, within one week of receiving the application. All applications and related documents are forwarded to the Executive Director within the prescribed time frame.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by CinC Campbell and the Council of Administration. It continues to be my honor to perform these duties.

If there are any questions or concerns, I remain at your service to discuss them.

### **3.21 National Patriotic Instructor, Gregory M. Carter, PCC**

#### Activities since August 16, 2014

1. Initiated contact with the U.S. Army Cadet Command and have submitted all required documents for the approval of the ROTC award. Currently awaiting affirmative approval of the award. Once I hear in the affirmative I will begin the process of connecting with Navy and USMC representatives.
2. Attended the Labor Day program of the Hecker Camp No. 443 at Swansea, Illinois, with the Illinois Dept. Commander.
3. Attended 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sterling Price's Raid event at Pilot Knob/Davidson, Missouri.
4. October 25- will be attending the Illinois Dept. midterm encampment and representing the CinC at that program.
5. November 7- I will be swearing in the officers of the Hecker Camp No. 443 in Belleville, Illinois at their annual banquet.
6. November 14-16 I will be at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA.

### **3.22 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

Camp Membership as of 30 Oct 2014:

Members:	75
Life Members:	11
Real Son:	1
Jr Members:	4
Associates:	2
Jr Associates:	0
Total:	93

Three (3) applications pending

#### Fort Walla Walla Division/Camp 3:

The Camp Brothers approved effective 18 Oct 2014, the establishment of the Fort Walla Walla Division as a geographic Division of the Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp to serve the 20 counties of Eastern Washington. The Division is to serve as a transitional phase leading to the establishment of the Fort Walla Walla Camp No. 3 of Kennewick, Washington. Currently there are 22 Members, including 3 Life Members, in the Division. Financial support for the Division and the New Camp has been approved.

#### Department of the Columbia:

The Camp Brothers have adopted as an official goal of the Camp to establish a Department to include the State of Washington. The Camp Brothers have directed the Camp Commander, at the appropriate time, to jointly petition the Commander-in-Chief to authorize the formation of said Department.

#### 1st Washington Territory Infantry Project:

The 1st Washington Territory Infantry Project (1WTIP) is the Camp's official Civil War Sesquicentennial Project. This project was inspired by the Vision Statement of the SUVCW's Strategic Plan, VISION 2020. The Gov. Isaac Stevens Auxiliary is actively supporting the 1WTIP. Fold3.com is also supporting the Camp in this Project and the Camp is providing them with corrections to their indexing. A few highlights:

- In cooperation with the Washington State Archives, we are creating a new index for the "Washington Territory First Infantry Regiment Clothing Book – 1862" collection in the Washington Digital Archives. The new index is being created using the original records, instead of digitized microfilm images.

- We are developing a supportive relationship with the Historic Fort Steilacoom Association (HFSA). The Camp and the HFSA have agreed to expand their small existing library into a jointly operated research center at Fort Steilacoom in Lakewood, Washington.
- We are developing a supportive relationship with the Fort Walla Walla Museum in Walla Walla, Washington. The Museum has requested to serve as an official repository of the records generated by the 1WTIP relating to Fort Walla Walla and the soldiers that served there. The Camp has approved their request.
- Launched the first Crowdsourcing Element: Historic Newspapers – We have SUVCW Brothers and ASUVCW Sisters in California, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Washington participating.

GAR Sesquicentennial – April 2016:

Initial contact has been made with the Washington State History Museum (WSHM) in Tacoma, Washington and the Meeker Mansion in Puyallup, Washington about cosponsoring GAR exhibits at their sites opening in April 2016. Their initial reaction has been positive. We are moving forward with negotiations with both institutions. The WSHM exhibit would feature Comrade Hiram R. Gale. Comrade Gale was the only Commander-in-Chief of the GAR to serve from the State of Washington and the last living Union veteran in the State. Following his death 1951, the VA Hospital in Seattle, Washington was renamed in his honor. The Meeker Mansion was owned for many years by the GAR and served as a Veterans Home.

**3.23 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), Edward J. Krieser, PCinC**

No report given.

**3.24 National Signals Officer, Joshua A. Claybourn**

Nothing to report.

**3.25 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James Pahl, PCinC**

Nothing to report.

**3.26 Assistant National Treasurer #2, Max L. Newman, PCC**

No report given.

**3.27 National Washington DC Representative, Lee D. Stone, PDC**

No report given.

**3.28 National Webmaster, Joshua A. Claybourn**

Nothing to report.

**3.29 Assistant National Webmaster, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

No report given.

**4.0 National Standing Committees**

**4.1 National Committee on Americanization & Education, Gregory M. Carter, PCC**

No report given.

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

No report given.

#### **4.3 National Comm. on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Russell W. Kirchner, Jr., PDC**

No report given.

#### **4.4 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Stephen S. Hammond, PDC**

The committee has only received one request for a grant from the Civil War Memorial/Monument committee.

In doing research, I found that the camp requesting the grant had never filed a Form 61 for the memorial in question. I told them they needed to file a Form 61 before the grant could even be considered.

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

No report given.

#### **4.6 National Committee on Communication & Technology, Joshua A. Claybourn**

Nothing to report.

#### **4.7 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E Grimm, PCinC**

The committee is currently studying possible changes to the Regulations for presentation at the 134th National Encampment.

#### **4.8 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon, CC**

No report from the eBay committee at this time.

#### **4.9 National Encampment Site Committee, James T. Crane, PCC**

##### Visit to Richmond, Va

A visit to the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Va. was conducted by Committee members Crane and Paquette on September 13, 2014. The purpose of the visit was to meet with the Sales Representative, Mr. Dan Wood, with whom we discussed next year's Encampment. Some of the issues discussed were the Suite for the CinC; advising him that one of the Ladies groups were not attending, and we may be short a few rooms and banquet meals; and the release of space that the LGAR would not be needing. We will be advising him of what space to release after the first of the year. The Convention Services Manager was not available either day we were there, but we have his name, and will contact him in the next two months. Brother Paquette will be meeting with him in early November, to discuss some of the Host Committee arrangements.

The Hotel is in excellent condition as of this date, and is within walking distance of quite a few restaurants, and driving distance to many civil war sites. The airport is a 10-15 trip to the hotel, and

more information will be forthcoming from the Host Committee as they get their website up and running.

The trip was very informative, and a good working relationship was set up with our sales contact. He is determined to have our Encampment go off without a hitch, and I look forward to working with him.

#### National Encampment 2016, Springfield, Il. August 11-14, 2016

The Encampment will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center. We will be contacting this hotel early next year, to find out who we may be working with. A site visit will take place after the Encampment in Richmond.

#### 2017 National Encampment

The two Departments that are interested in hosting this Encampment are Michigan and Massachusetts. We have received Michigan's written proposal, and Massachusetts has until December 15, 2014 to have submit theirs. After reviewing both proposals, we will schedule site visits in early spring (2015) to inspect the hotels they have chosen to host the event. After the site visits are completed, the Site Committee will discuss who to award the 2017 Encampment to. Hopefully, we will be able to announce where we are going by May 1, 2015, for 2017.

In closing, we are working on changing a couple requirements and some other changes to the information on hosting an Encampment. We will present these at a future Council of Administration meeting.

#### **Final Report - 2014 National Encampment**

##### **Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic August 14-17, Marietta, Ga.**

This report has been written to advise future Encampments of how to improve, and report the positive and negatives of this past Encampment. It is not intended to attack or embarrass any individual or Host Committee. It is strictly meant to help and advise future Encampments on how to effectively communicate, and improve the organization of future Host committees. These are volunteers, who spend many hours planning a three or four day event, and are not expert meeting planners.

At the end of this report, some observations are noted, and also a request for equipment, that would enable the Committee to improve communications and enhance the experience for the Encampment.

The contract to choose the Department of Georgia/South Carolina to do the 2014 Encampment was signed in August of 2012, by Jim Houston the Chair of the National Encampment Site Committee. The last contact that was made by any of the Site Committee with the Marietta Host Committee, or hotel was early in 2013 by Jim Houston. No further contact was made with the Host committee until June, 2014. It resulted in a lack of direction and communication, and left them to figure issues and problems out by themselves. This directly affected the internal operations of the Committee before and during the Encampment. It was also confusing for the Committee to work with the National Site Committee when contact was made, and their first meeting held in late June. This left only 6-8 weeks to work with them and go over what had been planned, and what needed to be changed.

The set-up of the Host Committee was a Host Chairman, two Co-Chairman and the Department Commander. A Treasurer was assigned who opened a checking account to keep finances separated. It did not appear that enough communication had transpired between the three Chairmen, and the Department Commander, which caused several problems during the Encampment. It was apparent that one person who was doing a task, that the other three may not be aware of what that person was doing. As an example, vendors were showing up that were not on the Co-Chairs list of paid vendors, which caused space problems in our assigned meeting space. This is just one example. I do not know how many organized meetings they had, but it was most likely not enough.

**Recommendation 1:** We would recommend that Host Committees start the planning of their

Encampment immediately after the proceeding Encampment is finished, and meet on at least a monthly basis, or at least have conference calls.

The presence of a National Site Committee member during their planning year would have prevented several problems that came up during the Encampment. The sharing of tasks need to take place, as one person cannot micro-manage an encampment. If a committee person cannot take on a task, they should not be on that committee. Details were missed because one person was trying to do too much, and mistakes were made.

The host Committee needs to understand that it is their job during the Encampment, to operate the Encampment, and need to have a qualified person available to any brother or sister that may have a question or problem. Unfortunately, someone needs to man the Committee office while meetings are going on. They cannot all be in the meetings, and have no one available to deal with major issues if they come up.

The Host Department had a new idea that they instituted by having "red shirts" available to answer questions like "where is this", and "what time does the Campfire start" and so on. It worked very well, and we received many positive comments about this group. They did a great job of registration. Also, having their office in the middle of everything was a definite advantage for all attendee's. The Encampment Book they had printed was done very well, and costly. The entire Host Committee conducted themselves in a professional and gentlemanly fashion. Irregardless of any internal problems, this was a very successful National Encampment!!!! The quality of what items were sold and used was excellent, and they should be proud of what they achieved.

It would be remiss of this report not to mention that the LGAR was using "fight talk" and "spite talk" towards not only the Host Committee, but also the "men". This ugly talk started 2 months before the Encampment began, and the Co-Chair who dealt with them should not have been subjected to this type of behavior. Saying that this Encampment is the worst one yet 2 months prior to beginning, is only conjecture at this point. How would they know that? This type of behavior continued even during the Encampment. They ruined two very expensive signs that were made by the DC employer for free, but he wanted them back. This type of behavior should not be tolerated by anyone. It was disruptive, and had a definite effect on the Chair and Co-Chairs attitudes and spirit.

I know of the history between the men and women, and why the women want to have input. As agreed, there will be some type of working arrangement in the future, but it should never come to this type of hateful communication. I have spoken with both groups of ladies about the future. There has to be a certain amount of trust between everyone, and we are committed to see that happen. But this type of talk has no place in the Allied Orders, by anyone. Fraternity????

The last issue to be brought up is the transportation. It was assured that the Host Committee had this under control, but it didn't happen. Many problems were experienced and the Site Committee had to intervene to set up schedules for return flights for people. This is one of the main issues we look at when picking Departments to Host and it is discussed with the Host Committee when we sign the contract. It is their responsibility to help set up the transportation and advise on the Encampment website what the attendees can do for transportation. They are not responsible for paying, but they are for setting up the modes of transportation and giving brothers and sisters options to get to the hotel from the airport, and posting a map of the area to show the location of the hotel for those that are driving in.

We would also require that Host Committee's in the future to provide the Site Committee with a P&L of their expenses and what items they sold during the Encampment. This needs to include everything, what money they took in, and what they paid out. This will become a part of the Site Committee report to the CinC and National Officers.

The National Encampment Site Committee has always tried to pick very nice hotels for our use. As you can tell, the hotel rates are starting to creep up a little at a time. We try to keep rates from 98.00-

105.00, depending on the market we are going to. If we go to a major metropolitan area, we will most likely end up out in the outer beltways, because we cannot afford the cost of downtown hotels. That causes transportation problems most of the time, and in major markets, we pay more for the restaurant food. Not only that, but hotel services such as audio visual costs are inflated. Hotels now are farming out their A/V to private companies that charge more, as the hotel gets a % of what they sell. That means we pay more, as the hotel does not have to spend 50,000 on an inventory that is not used every day.

If we go to secondary markets, cities of less than a million, we can usually go to a downtown hotel, as that is where the best ones are located. Restaurants and A/V costs are also lower. It is a balancing act for host committees to pick three hotels for the Site Committee to review, and keep it within the measure of costs vs. quality. There is no easy answer or resolution to this problem. We also try and find hotels that are within walking distance to other restaurants, but if you throw all these requirements together, it is very difficult to find a "perfect" place. Cities and counties keep increasing their bed taxes, since it affects travelers only, not the local population for the most part. Hotel service charges are now over 20% for all banquet meals we eat, with tax sometimes at 7%. That comes to 27-30% of the cost of a banquet meal. We will continue to try and keep doing what has been done, but at some point, in the future, we may have to look at changing the way we do things. Are we starting to see less attendee's staying at host hotels because of cost?? I think so. They can still register, and come to banquet event, but pay a lot less at a secondary hotel (i.e. Hampton Inns). But, this will affect what we can get from the hotel, such as meeting space, since that is based on how many room nights we have.

This is all food for thought, but I believe it will affect us at some point in the future. I believe that fewer Departments will request to do Encampments since they receive a small stipend to host one. With the LGAR pulling out for the next two years, it will certainly put more of a financial burden on the Departments of the Chesapeake and Illinois. They will lose their monetary contribution from the LGAR of 550.00. And it may also have an effect on the Sons to meet the hotel contractual obligations for total room nights to receive adequate meeting space. It is all relative.

**Recommendation 2:** We would also like to recommend having reserved tables at the Banquet for the PCinC's and also the PNP's. They should be put close to the head table, along with their spouses. This should be a courtesy for them, and they should be contacted by invitation upon checking into the hotel. This would be their choice, whether to sit with the other CinC/NP, or sit with their friends or Department attendees. But, the Host Committee should at least offer.

**Recommendation 3:** Lastly, the National Encampment Site Committee would like to request a set of 3 hand held radio's, that would help us communicate with the Host Committee, and the Convention Services Manager at the hotel, so we do not have to run to death to find someone who needs something that wasn't asked for. We have 500.00 in the Site Committee Budget for this fiscal year, and we would like to be able to purchase them. Thank you.

#### **4.10 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Jerry R. Sayre, PDC**

As Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, I compiled the list of the several Heads of the Hereditary Societies for the Civil War community and others. Although I tried several sources, I was unable to find the contact information for the Commander in Chief of the SCV. From this list I was able to send out invitations, to all, to attend our ceremonies at Gettysburg. This being my only assigned task, I did so on behalf of the Commander in Chief.

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

This serves as a combined report of the National Committee on GAR Records and the National GAR Records Officer.

Current members of the GAR Records Committee are: Dean Enderlin, PCC, chair; Glenn Knight, PDC; Jeffrey Vaillant, PCC; Ernest Blevins; and Walter Busch, PDC. Aides to the committee are: Richard Orr, PCinC (Sr. Advisor); Glen Roosevelt, PDC; Brad Schall, PCinC, and Robert Wolz, PDC.

Our committee continues to use the "GARRecords" group on Yahoo.com as our primary forum for internal communications and file exchange. The group is limited to appointed committee members, committee aides, senior officers, and invited guests. Group administrators are Glenn Knight, PDC, and Dean Enderlin, PCC. Our public website ([www.GARrecords.org](http://www.GARrecords.org)) is administered by Br. Enderlin, with Br. Knight as backup admin. It was launched in July 2013 and is performing well.

Five recommendations involving the GAR Records Project were approved at the 2014 National Encampment. Each is summarized below, citing the originating committee and page in the Encampment handout:

- Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1, C&R, amended to include the office of **Department GAR Records Officer**. (C&R Committee Proposal #6, pg. 37, Nat'l Committee Reports)
- New job description for the **Department GAR Records Officer** to be sent to the P&P Committee. (GAR Records Committee Recommendation #1, pg. 47, 2014 Nat'l Committee Reports)
- Amended job description for **National Historian** to be sent to the P&P Committee (GAR Records Committee Recommendation #2, pg. 47, 2014 Nat'l Committee Reports)
- Amended job description for **National Committee on History** to be sent to the P&P Committee (GAR Records Committee Recommendation #3, pg. 48, 2014 Nat'l Committee Reports)
- Amended job description for **Camp & Department Historian** to be sent to the P&P Committee (GAR Records Committee Recommendation #4, pg. 49, 2014 Nat'l Committee Reports)

The Council of Administration followed up on the above National Encampment actions by assigning review of the last four items to the P&P Committee (see CofA Meeting Minutes, 17 August 2014, items 7e, 7f, 7g and 7h). To assist with their review, the National GAR Records Officer forwarded electronic copies of the four job descriptions to the P&P Committee chair on 1 October, copying the National Counselor and the C&R Committee chair. On the advice of the National Counselor, it was concluded that, because of recently approved changes to the National Regulations, the review of job descriptions is no longer under the purview of the P&P Committee. It was agreed that the matter should be reassigned to the C&R Committee. A recommendation to that effect appears in the Recommendations section of this report.

Since 1 August 2014, the National GAR Records Officer has received and responded to 43 emails regarding GAR records. Seven submissions were also received using the website's online GAR records notification form.

Our committee is pleased to report that we successfully facilitated the donation of one privately-held GAR Post records collection to a public institution in September, guided by our new National Policy on GAR Records. The collection consists of records for J. W. Geary Post, No. 7, based in Eugene, OR, which had recently come to light after being found in an old trunk purchased at auction. The materials were delivered to the Oregon Historical Society in Portland on 24 September 2014, thanks to a team effort with members of the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Association.

The process of updating information in both the GAR Records Catalog and Post Historical Summaries continues on schedule. Discoveries of previously undocumented GAR Records collections continue to be made, with tips regularly coming in from SUVCW Brothers, members of the Allied Orders, and the general public. The DUVCW recently launched a program to encourage their members to document their GAR ancestors for a special tribute in 2016. This program has sparked a remarkable amount of interest from members of that Order. The availability of our GAR Records Catalog has been mutually beneficial, allowing our DUVCW Sisters to locate records of their

ancestors' GAR Posts, while also providing a means for them to contact our Order to report newly discovered collections.

In response to the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan recommendation that the GAR Records Committee "establish and publish a process for Departments to report locations of GAR records in their territories," our committee has taken significant steps toward achieving that goal. With the creation of the Department GAR Records Officer (originally conceived by the National Encampment in 2004), along with new and amended job descriptions that are now in the pipeline, we are building the framework for an effective communication network between Departments and the National Committee on GAR Records. Once the job descriptions are published, we can proceed to craft a guidance manual for Departments, as implied by the Vision 2020 Committee recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation 1. That the task of reviewing the job descriptions for the Department GAR Records Officer, National Historian, National Committee on History, and the Camp and Department Historian (previously assigned to the National Committee on Program & Policy Committee at the 17 August 2014 CofA Meeting) be redirected to the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations.**

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

No report given.

**4.13 National Committee on History, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

No report given.

**4.14 National Committee on Legislation, Daniel R Earl, PCC**

Nothing to report.

**4.15 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

The contract for the hotel was signed and the room rate is \$94.99 plus tax. The luncheon menu has been selected. We do not have a photographer for the program. I have not been able to contact the new site supervisor for the tomb. He has never called me back. I will keep trying to contact him. In December I will contact the band and have a contract signed. Ribbons and programs will be ordered after the first of the year. We have discontinued the bus because only about 3 or 4 people rode to the tomb and back and the cost. We have a dinner Friday night at one of the restaurants and usually have about 30 people attend. That is the maximum number of people the room can hold. If you would like to attend please let me know because I might need to get a larger room.

**4.16 National Committee on Membership, Donald L. Martin, PDC**

No report given.

**4.17 National Military Affairs Committee, Henry E Shaw, PCC**

No report given.

**4.18 National Committee on Program and Policy, Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC**

No report given.

#### **4.19 National Committee on Scholarships, John R. Ertell, PCC**

The Scholarship Committee has nothing to report at this time

### **5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **5.1 Civil War Sesquicentennial Special Committee, *D. Michael Beard, PDC***

Since the 2014 national encampment, none of the Allied Orders have submitted applications to sponsor a Sesquicentennial Signature Event. The Department of the Chesapeake had submitted an event marking the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of New Market Heights. The CINC ruled the event out of order as the Department had not submitted the application in a timely manner.

#### **5.2 National Encampment Credentials Special Committee, Walter E. Busch, PDC**

I am a little confused on this. The national website has me listed as the chair of this committee when I was under the impression that it had been passed to Joseph Hall, Jr.

The registration form was prepared for the Banner and webmaster for publication by Joe during the national encampment, but I don't know if Joe submitted them yet. I also worked on the registration database a little and managed to recreate the links to a few reports that had been corrupted. It still is not 100% but we have made due with the corruption for several years, so it is better than it has been. So, everything is ready for Joe to start taking registrations.

Hopefully Joe is submitting a report also and this report can be disregarded.

#### **5.3 National Fund Raising Special Committee, Glenn B. Knight, PDC**

No report given.

#### **5.4 GAR Sesquicentennial Special Committee, *Terry R. Dyer, PDC***

As Chairperson of the National Special Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Sesquicentennial, at this time I am still formulating ideas as to what this committee will provide by the year 2016.

#### **5.5 Natl Government Headstone Applications Special Comm., *Stephen T. Aarli, PCC***

No report given.

#### **5.6 Natl Membership Process Development Special Committee, *Paul T. Zeien, Jr., PCC***

No report given.

#### **5.7 Memorial University Redesign Special Committee, Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC**

The committee is moving forward, developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations. The first Power point, covering an organizational overview, has been reviewed and accepted by the committee. A system of review quizzes is being devised and the entire package will be presented for review on "Blendspace."

Other Power points covering badge wear, customs and courtesies and history were also constructed and used at the Wisconsin Dept. Orientation last April 6<sup>th</sup>. These will be considered in turn by the committee.

### **5.8 Promotion & Marketing Special Committee, Mark R. Day, PDC**

Immediately following the National Encampment in Georgia the contracts next year's advertising were forwarded to the CinC for signature. Our ads are running in the Market Place section of Civil War Times, America's Civil War and several other journals.

During the coming months the committee will be taking up the issue of advertising in Genealogical Journals.

### **5.9 Real Sons & Daughters Special Committee, Dean E. Letzring**

No report given.

### **5.10 National Regulations Special Committee, James B. Pahl, PCinC**

No report given.

### **5.11 Restore Memorial Day Special Committee, Alan E. Peterson, PDC**

No report given.

### **5.12 Vision and Strategic Planning Special Committee, Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

The committee is currently assessing reports made at the National Encampment; however, at the present time.

All recommendations made by the Committee in its annual report to the National Encampment still stand, and recommend they be implemented.

### **5.13 Special Committee for Juniors, Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

As you know, the Chair of the Juniors Committee, Michael Bennett, resigned from the Order at the end of 2013.

After the National Encampment, I contacted all remaining committee members requesting what information they have in order to assess how much progress had been made. They reported that they do not have much, so it appears that much of the work was done by the former Chair. Most information has been lost, or is not available. Therefore, the committee is basically starting from scratch to develop a comprehensive SUVCW Juniors program, and Allied Orders Youth program along the CAR/CoC Model. We will present a further progress report and recommendations in April.

## **6.0 DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **6.1 Department of California and Pacific, Timothy P. Reese, DC**

- 1) DC Reese formulated the parade entry for the Independence Day Parade in Monterey, California on July 4th.

- 2) August 13th – 16th DC Tim Reese present with 11 delegates present for voting. 2 vacated for sightseeing. At the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia.
- 3) August 24, 2014, Scotts Valley at the Salvation Army Redwood Glen Park. DC Tim Reese and Lincoln Camp 10's Camp Commander Kevin Coyne presented two new Eagle Scouts with SUVCW Certificates and commendations.
- 4) DC Timothy Reese directed, and participated with seven other SUVCW Brothers from Camps 4, 10, 22 & 24. The 8th Annual Fort Mervine's Civil War Encampment. Members of the California Historical Artillery Society and NCWA's Norfolk Lt Artillery Society provided Cannons, SVR 8th Calif. Inf. Company C provided Rifle detail. The NCWA Professional Civilians Guild, ACWA Civilian Corp, and the Citizens and Solders Society provided 11 Living History Tents. SUVCW provided 7 Exhibit tents. Education Day served 372 NJROTC Cadets from three high schools in Monterey County. On October 3, 4, and 5, 2014 on the Presidio Museum Grounds on the lower Quarter of the Presidio of Monterey, Calif.
- 5) Authorized 1,000 dollars from SUVCW 2012 account (funds left over from National Encamp in Los Angeles) for the Commander-in-Chief and Auxiliary President Testimonial Dinner.
- 6) DC Reese is scheduled to march in the San Jose's Veterans Day Parade on November 11th under the entry created by Sheridan Camp 4.
  - Camps 2, 17, 18 and 21 have collaborated on public events at Huntington Beach Central Park on Labor Day weekend in Huntington Beach, CA.
  - As well as Camp 2 & 17 at Drum Barracks in Wilmington, CA. Sept 20th.
  - Camp Pleasanton 24 event on Alcatraz, Island in San Francisco CA. On October 11th.
  - Camp Ellsworth 23, Headstone Installation Ceremony in Napa, Ca. June 14th.
  - Camp Carlin 25 won the Commander-in-Chief's Abraham Lincoln Award at the National Encampment and participated at the Fort Churchill Civil War Reenactment on October 11-12th.
  - No other camps have submitted correspondence updates on activities at this time.

## 6.2 Department of the Chesapeake, Robert D. Pollock, DC

It is my honor to report to you that the Department of the Chesapeake is strong and healthy. We currently have 447 members and 17 camps in good standing. Three Camps are under suspension for non-payment of dues, and failure to report. One Camp is forming in WV and will stand up on 15 Nov 2014.

The Department has been actively participating in, and recruiting at the many locally sponsored Sesquicentennial Events in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. Our camps have participated and some have combined their efforts to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Maj Gen McPherson's death, and the 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of New Market Heights.

Five Camps have been officially commended in Department Orders for their superior efforts during the first half of the year:

- LINCOLN-CUSHING CAMP NO. 2 for their GAR Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery
- Antietam Camp No. 3 for their ceremony marking the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the battle of Monocacy
- JAMES A. GARFIELD CAMP NO. 1 for their superb planning and logistics for the Maj Gen James B. McPherson ceremony
- SGT JAMES HARRIS CAMP NO. 38, and IRISH BRIGADE CAMP NO. 4 for their living history demonstration and recruiting at the 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of New Market Heights

We are planning for the future. PDC Michael Paquette is the chairman of the Department's 2015 National Encampment Host Committee. He reports that the committee held its first meeting on 23 August 2014 in Fredericksburg, VA. He also met with Br. Jim Crane (Chair, National Encampment Committee) and the Omni Hotel sales manager in Richmond VA on 13 September 2014. He is scheduled to meet with the hotel operations manager on 11 Nov to begin discussing the specifics of

our set up. We look forward to providing our brothers nationwide with a dose of Chesapeake hospitality in Richmond.

Lastly, I wish to report that the 128<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment will be held in Fairfax, Virginia on 24-25 April 2015 at the Fair Oaks Marriott, which is on the Fair Oaks Battleground in Northern Virginia.

### **6.3 Department of Colorado & Wyoming, James M. Barker, DC**

The following is a summary of the activities of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming during Jun – Oct 2014:

- a. The Department held its 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment in Denver, CO on 7 Jun 2014. All officers from 2013 were unanimously re-elected to a second term. National Secretary Alan Russ represented the CinC.
- b. The design of the Department's emblem as approved at the 86<sup>th</sup> encampment has been professionally rendered and promulgated to the Department.
- c. Discussions have been held among several Department Officers about querying the several western departments on the desirability of establishing a Western Regional Association.
- d. PDC Garry Brewer of Legion of the West Camp 7 has obtained an old bible once used by the WRC and has donated it for use by the Department.
- e. CC Gene Cheney of Centennial Camp 100 reports 5 new members were elected in Oct. including 2 reinstatements and 1 transfer. He also reports that the Camp's GAR Memorial project at Riverside Cemetery has made great progress over the last 6 months. All that remains are 2 eight foot sections of the walkway and the purchase & installation of the monument. The Camp is shooting for a dedication ceremony in Apr or May 2015.

#### Recommendations:

**Recommendation 1:** All reports & recommendations submitted to the COA be forwarded to the Departments annotated with action taken to facilitate an exchange of information.

**Recommendation 2:** As it takes upwards of 3 years to post Encampment Proceedings to the website, a summary of actions approved by the encampment (in a little more detail than the highlights that appear in the Banner) be sent to the Departments.

### **6.4 Department of Connecticut, Thomas D. Taylor, DC**

No report given.

### **6.5 Department of Florida, Clair D. Whitlam, DC**

No report given.

### **6.6 Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Mark A. Hale, DC**

Our biggest event during the last period was hosting the 2014 National Encampment. We trust that the National Organization and the outgoing Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley, found it to their liking. We in the Department believe that we lived up to all the promises that we made prior to the Encampment. The Encampment was not without some glitches but the Encampment Staff were able to work through them all and we hope that they were invisible to the Delegates.

The National Encampment was financially successful beyond anything we could have imagined. If the Encampment had broken even we would have been happy, but we were able to distribute \$1000 to each of our four Camps and put a substantial amount in the Department treasury for future projects.

We are also planning to purchase a paving stone at the B.F. Stephenson Memorial in the name of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina would like to unofficially request that we be considered as the Host Department for the 2021 National Encampment which would take place in Charleston, South Carolina. This will be voted on formally at our Department Encampment in April 2015.

Brian Pierson PDC, COA, has been contacted by Rev. Dr. Elijah Washington of David Hunter Camp 9 in Beaufort, South Carolina in regards to the Hunter Camp rejoining the SUVCW. The David Hunter Camp 9 broke away from the National Organization sometime in the 1970's for reasons known only to them. We are currently awaiting word from the National Organization as to what paperwork will be required from them for re-admittance to the SUVCW. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina formally requests that any back dues and fees be waived by the COA to facilitate the smooth transition from splinter group to full membership in the SUVCW for David Hunter Camp 9. David Hunter Camp 9 still has their original Charter as issued by the National Organization.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina has been formally invited by the National Park Service to participate in a ceremony to honor Col. Robert Anderson returning the Flag to Fort Sumter in 1865. The ceremony will take place at Fort Sumter National Monument on April 15, 2015. A relative of Col. Anderson is a member of the Department and it is our hope that he will be allowed by the NPS to assist in raising the Flag.

## **6.7 Department of Illinois, James L. Lyon, DC**

## **6.8 Department of Indiana, William R. Adams, DC**

It is a privilege to report the following activities on behalf of the Department of Indiana:

On August 8<sup>th</sup> I attended a special Camp meeting in Richmond Indiana with the honor of presenting a 50 year pin to Brother Ernest Ravinet of the William P. Benton Camp #28. Brother Ravinet being a WWII Veteran with an interest in gliders was then treated to a special presentation on "WWII Gliders and their Pilots", by Department Secretary, Brother Alan Teller.

Brothers Alan Teller, Department of Indiana Treasurer Gib Young and I traveled to Evansville Indiana September 18<sup>th</sup> to attend the first Camp meeting ever of the John W. Foster Camp #2. Once again I was privileged to make a special presentation. This time I present the Foster Camp Charter to Camp Commander Joshua Claybourn.

A committee chaired by PDC Mike Beck was created to investigate and develop a method to resolve the current situation of the 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Monument at Vicksburg which is no longer on Park Property. As part of that committee I visited the Vicksburg National Battlefield Park and spoke to Department of Iowa Commander Brother David Lamb. The Department of Iowa was the first to become involved with this issue as there are Iowa and Missouri monuments that are near the Indiana monument and separated from the park property. Brother Lamb and I spoke at some length on the history of the situation and discussed strategy to possibly remedy the separation.

Brother Steven Coffman from the John B. Anderson Camp, Columbus Indiana has contacted the Lincoln Funeral Train organization to see how the Department of Indiana can help and participate with the train's arrival in Indianapolis scheduled for late April 2015.

## **6.9 Department of Iowa, David M. Lamb, DC**

Temporary Department Suspension:

I travelled to Marietta, Georgia, for the purpose of attending the National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic that was meeting there at the Hilton Hotel/Convention Center. Due to the fact that two of our illustrious Camps had failed to file their Form 27's with the Department Secretary prior to our State Encampment; the in-coming Secretary was then unable to file his Form 30 with National, which meant that there was not definitive way for the National Organization to determine Iowa's legitimate delegate count. Thus, no Iowa delegate could be seated for the conduct of business of the Order and the only voting members that would be allowed were myself as sitting Department Commander, and the three Past Department Commanders present (Rittel, Stahr and Grim).

On 15 August 2014, I issued Department Special Order #3 which suspended the Twombly and Huntley Camps until such time as they submit their annual reports for 2013 to Secretary Braden. If said reports are not received within the period of thirty days, I shall seek to have the Camp Charters relinquished and have the delinquent camps formally dissolved.

Upon returning home from the trip to Georgia, I learned from Secretary Braden that there were still several Camps whose annual reports from last year were not as yet submitted. Those Camps were Kirkwood, Twombly, Huntley and Anderson. Secretary Braden assured me that he was in possession of everything needed from Kirkwood to bring them current and that Dept. Treasurer Weber had the necessary paperwork from Twombly to make them whole; so, the only remaining camps at question were Anderson and Huntley. I immediately undertook attempts to make contact with Officers from each of these camps by phone and e-mail, to try to ascertain why they appeared to be in arrears; and, what their intentions were.

Brother Secretary Melvin Wittwer stated that the Anderson Camp reports had been mailed to Dr. Weber along with their dues check back in May, but that it appears that they were never received. A stop payment was posted for the dues check, and a new check was posted to Dr. Weber. Brother Secretary Jim Wolf of the Huntley Camp advised that he would personally undertake whatever efforts are necessary to bring his camp current prior to the deadline of September 15th.

I met privately with SDVC Krock and discussed the matter with him and sought his input into the idea of calling a mandatory meeting of all Camp Commanders and Secretaries to try to set some parameters on future report compliance so that this situation does not repeat itself.

On 4 September 2014 I had telephone discussions and e-mail communications with both Department Treasurer Weber and Secretary Braden concerning the outstanding Camp reports. Both gentlemen informed me that all paperwork and/or dues checks from all camps with the exception to those for Huntley Camp #114 are either in hand or en-route to Exec. Dir. Demmy. It is known that Huntley Camp Secretary Jim Wolf is working on bringing the report for both 2012, and 2013 up to date. Once that is done, Secretary Braden can then complete his work on the Department Form 35 and will transmit it electronically to Exec. Demmy, and the matter can then be closed.

On 5 September 2014, I composed Department Special Order # 4 rescinding the suspension of the V. P. Twombly Camp #2. On 15 September, 2014, I composed Department Special Order #5 rescinding the suspension of the Chas. R. Huntley Camp #114. These Special Orders were posted onto the Department of Iowa website.

On 13 October 2014, I received an e-mail communication from Alan L. Russ, PDC, National Secretary, which accompanied C-in-C Campbell's General Order No. 5 Suspending the Department of Iowa. I immediately contacted Department Secretary to ascertain from him what the issues were as I have been given to understand in our last communication (on September 15th, last) that all of the missing reports had either been filed or would be done momentarily. I also sent e-mail correspondence to DSVC Krock, Chief of Staff Stahr, PDC, Secretary Braden, PDC, Council Member Richard Grim, PDC, Ken Lindblom, CC, Michael Carr, PDC, Treasurer Weber, PDC, and Dept. Historian Rittel, PDC, informing them of C-in-C Campbell's Order No. 5; and, advising them that we need to contact all Camps within the Department and make them aware that pursuant to that order,

they are to immediately suspend all camp activities not directly related to the rectification of this situation.

Exec. Director Demmy advised me that the issues were that National had no Form 27s or checks from the Huntley and Anderson Camps (both of whom I know to have sent those documents to either Sec'y Braden or Treasurer Weber); and that the Grenville Dodge Camp has submitted its Form 27 but no check for the per-capita had been received. (The Camp's check for payment of both the Department and National fees was deposited into the Department checking account on 3rd April, 2014. I have no idea why the check to National was not written).

I discussed these matters with Secretary Braden and he assured me that these "issues" will be resolved forthwith and that he has communicated such to Executive Secretary Demmy. He stated that he also needs to co-ordinate efforts with Treasurer Weber to see that he issues the correct total per-capita payment check to National to ultimately resolve all issues, and new copies of the Camp Form 27s will be faxed to Exec. Dir. Demmy.

On 15 October 2104, PDC Rittel informed me that he has been in communication with PCinC James Pahl regarding the question of whether the individual Camps within Iowa can still conduct business and received word from him in the affirmative. Though the Department of Iowa is temporarily prohibited from engaging in any business not directly related to the resolution of the current "issues" with the National Headquarters, the individual Camps are judged to be "Camps at Large" in the interim and may still meet and conduct business. In my absence from the state, PDC Rittel notified all camp commanders of PCinC's Pahl's advice on the matter, as most of our Camps need to be holding Camp elections for new officers this month.

On 30 October 2014, I compiled a synopsis of all of the e-mail contacts that I have had with my staff officers during the past two-weeks and am confident that we will have our "issues" resolved viz our National Reports by the beginning of next week. We shall then begin a serious enquiry of all Camp Commanders and Secretaries to attempt to ascertain how and why the system has faltered so completely as to allow this situation to happen; and, will begin whatever processes are required to not only resolve the current dilemma, but to ameliorate the processes to see that such a total breakdown cannot occur again.

#### Littleton Monument Project:

We contacted the Departments of Indiana and Missouri to elicit support for three (3) "abandoned" monuments located on "Herron's Ridge" just outside of the Vicksburg National Battlefield Military Park. We are attempting to combine forces to get these three monuments moved back onto National Park Service property where they can be policed and protected. It would seem prudent for our Order to begin to marshal support from our respective state Governors and Attorneys General and put them into contact with their counterparts at the Federal level. I also forwarded copies of the photographs taken by Brother Commander Jim Braden during our visit to Vicksburg in May of 2013 as part of the Governor's Honor Guard for the re-dedication of the large Iowa monument down there.

I also telephoned the offices of Chief Magistrate for the United States District Court (Southern District of Iowa) and spoke with Melanie Ritchie, Assistant to Chief Magistrate Celeste Bremer. I explained the basics of the "Vicksburg situation" to Ms. Ritchie and asked her to ask Judge Bremer to telephone me at her convenience so that I might "brainstorm" with her a bit on how best to proceed in terms of locating any Federal legal documents conveying ownership of the state monuments unto the Federal government.

A Meeting of the Louisa County Historical Society is scheduled on Thursday night, Sept 25, 2014 in Wapello, Iowa, to open a campaign to raise funds to build a memorial to the six Littleton Brothers from that area who perished during the Civil War. I am exploring the possibility of attending this function to assure the organizers of the support of the Department of Iowa.

28 September 2014, I visited briefly with Brother Robert Petrovic (SUVCW Charitable Foundation) about the Littleton Monument Project and he assured me that he would personally carry forward a request for funding once the paperwork is received.

Canadian Monument Committee:

On 21 September 2014, I talked via telephone with Mr. Rob McLachlan, Chairman of the Canadian Monument Committee of the *Grays and Blues of Montreal*, and then sent a correspondence related thereto to PCinC Richard Orr (National Treasurer/SUVCW) providing him with the physical address for the funds-raising efforts to build the monument in Ontario Province, Canada.

On 22 September 2014, I corresponded with C-in-C Campbell on matters pertaining to the National Canadian Monument Committee that was disbanded at our recent National Encampment.

## **6.10 Department of Kansas, Rocky L. Bartlow, DC**

The Department encampment was held at Emporia on January 11 where I was elected to a second term as Commander. We were proud to have PCinC Brad Schall in attendance to represent the Commander-in-Chief and swear in our officers. PCinC Schall was raised in Kansas and we enjoyed hearing his stories and renewing the ties of friendship.

I have attempted to continue the two-fold focus started in 2013 of promoting comradery between camps and adding youth. The second focus has been stymied due to the Sandusky incident and attending direction from our Commander in Chief in GO#6 to abstain until advice could be received. Given the latest direction on GO#22 I am hopeful that focus can recommence. We currently engage Boy Scout groups and other youth in Memorial Day ceremonies and several camps also participate in awarding the SUVCW ROTC award. Regarding the first item, we have had some success as I will note below.

On Sunday, March 23, the department joined with the Department of Missouri in a ceremony to remember Medal of Honor recipient Private John Henry Ricksecker, who is buried at the Forest Hill cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. PCC Lane Smith of Franklin Camp #5 in Olathe represented Kansas as Chaplain.

Vital to our purpose as a department is the proper commemoration of Memorial Day. To that end, the four camps of the department have participated in multiple events this year in Wichita, Lawrence, Olathe, and Topeka. In addition, and at the request of, and funding by, PC-in-C Schall, Lawrence and Wichita camps placed wreaths in the GAR section of Eastside Cemetery, Hutchinson; Lincoln monument in downtown Hutchinson; the GAR section of Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita; and the GAR section of Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. Placing of the wreaths will be an annual event.

The Department brothers are working together well. On Saturday July 26, brothers held a ceremony in Sylvia, KS for Charles H Yust and via PDC Randy Durbin we were given the opportunity to honor Private Phillip Nickelson of the 114<sup>th</sup> Illinois at Garnett, KS. The Department led a ceremony in conjunction with the Humboldt Historical Society, for Rufus Anderson in Humboldt, KS on September 20. Anderson was a black soldier, serving with an alias. A stone was obtained and his ancestors were present for the ceremony. Because of the efforts in Humboldt, it is likely a new camp will be established there.

I'm very proud to report brothers representing all our camps responded on each of these occasions and are making the commitment to attend along with other veterans groups and re-enactors to support these soldiers and their families. We consider it one of our highest honors to do that so that they may receive the due owed to the honored dead of our country. They will not be forgotten on our watch. Camps work continually to preserve markers of Union soldiers, field requests for helping with replacement cemetery markers, performing ceremonies and help in researching ancestors.

We are also excited for two reasons: our first Civil War Sesquicentennial event on October 18, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek. Our department Patriotic Instructor Bill Fischer works for the National Park Service at Fort Scott and is spearheading the effort. For this event, the Department has already received the Albert Woolson Award for Most Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event. Our Fall Council Meeting will be held at this time. Secondly, we are glad to announce that the installation of a new camp in our department, Old Glory Camp #7 in St. Francis, on October 9. We believe the department of Kansas is on the rise and this is one indicator. I applaud PDC Alan Russ for his untiring efforts in the formation of this camp. Without him I'm sure the camp would not exist today.

In addition, our camps continue to show care to remember those who currently serve our country in providing items requested by them including calling cards so they can stay in contact with their families.

Camps and the department are current with our annual forms and IRS filings for 2014 and I am also glad to report a membership of 127, up from 121 in 2013.

Finally, many brothers from Kansas including myself were pleased to attend, along with many of our brothers from across the country, the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia on August 15-16. As part of the trip, I was also able to tour the Shiloh, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga battlefields where my ancestor fought and see the actual locations. I felt the encampment and trip back into history was beneficial for myself, the department, and the order.

I look forward to our department encampment in January.

#### **6.11 Department of Kentucky, Lindin R. Lairson, DC**

No report given.

#### **6.12 Department of Maine, Charles McGillicuddy, DC**

No report given.

#### **6.13 Department of Massachusetts, Edward J. Norris, DC**

No report given.

#### **6.14 Department of Michigan, Paul T. Davis, DC**

The Department of Michigan currently consists of 23 Camps and one Camp At Large. At this time all Camps are viable and the Department is in the process of election and installation of Camp officers.

The Department continues to aggressively engage in new member recruiting activities throughout the state and within each Camp. The summer months have allowed an excellent opportunity to perform a number of Dedication and Memorial services, march in numerous parades and participate in living history and Civil War re-enactment events with an eye on recruiting and making the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a recognized and excellent public image.

Our educational outreach efforts have included youth day camps, school presentations and participation at a month-long series of Civil War events at Delta College. These touch points have included elementary age students, middle school and high school students as well as college level students.

The Department is proud of the success of the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids, Michigan which is housed in the former and original James B. Brainerd GAR Post 111 building. The museum has a unique collection of GAR and Civil War artifacts as well as a records repository and research and educational facility. It is now fully operational. Department of Michigan Brothers Keith Harrison and Gary Gibson serve on the museum's board of directors.

Also of note, on November 8, 2014, the Sons of Union Veterans, Department of Michigan will be participating in the dedication of the GAR Hall in Detroit, Michigan. The building has been restored and renovated by Mindfield, a private investor, to reflect its former grandeur. The restored building will house private business office space, but much of the original building's architecture, décor and meeting rooms have been restored to their original condition.

The Department of Michigan has completed and submitted its proposal to host the 2017 National Encampment. Site Committee Chairman, James Crane has acknowledged receipt of the approximately 200 page proposal document and the Department is awaiting further instructions and site visitations.

The Department and the individual Camps within the Department continue our efforts at branding and public recognition with any and all media outlets and our success in this area continues to provide exposure and recognition for the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War.

Our Graves Registration efforts continue to perform at an exceptional level. Brother Richard Danes, Department GRO and his many Camp GROs are to be commended for their exceptional efforts and diligence to ensure no Civil War soldier goes unnoticed and forgotten.

The Department of Michigan is also very visible outside the state. In a few days we will be headed to Gettysburg to performed Dedication services during the Gettysburg Remembrance events including marching in the parade, serving as an Honor Guard at the Woolson Memorial Service, and other Michigan Monument dedication services.

## **6.15 Department of Missouri, Glennon Alsop, DC**

The Department of Missouri elected me the Department Commander this past June 7<sup>th</sup> at Rolla , Missouri. A Department meeting was held in Jefferson Mo. On Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Department gathered at Fort Davidson State Battlefield for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Pilot Knob.

Members of the Wilhelmi, McCormick, Grant and Sherman Camps gathered at St. Johns' Lutheran Church Cemetery in Beaufort, Mo. to dedicate a marker for 5 Union soldiers murdered during Prices' Raid.

On Oct. 3-4 Don Palmer Past C-in C, Marty Aubuchon PDC and Bob Petrovic PDC, Attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Allied Orders Region Association Conference at Oberlin, Oh. At the October meeting it was decided to form a committee to lobby for funding for the restoration of the Missouri memorial at Vicksburg. The members of the committee are Don Palmer Past C-in-C, Larry Dietzel, PDC and Brother Mark Coplin.

## **6.16 Department of Nebraska, William Dean, DC**

August – Marsee Best and John Wollert headstone dedication at Best Cemetery by Norfolk, NE. Harrison Camp at Wisner, NE. was in charge of dedication.

September – Harrison Camp at Wisner, NE. did a presentation for the Library fund raiser and an evening Cemetery spirit walk / talk portraying Cuming County last Civil War veteran, Ferdinand Scheibe (1844-1930).

Victor Vifquain Camp in Omaha had a headstone dedication on Sept. 6 for Gottlieb Hoyer at Prospect Cemetery.

October – Harrison Camp at Wisner, NE. placed new Pioneer Cemetery signs for Koch and Belz Cemeteries. They also did last mowing of the season at the Starliper Cemetery near Pilger, NE.

There were 5 Eagle Scout awards given in Omaha, Columbus and Alliance, NE. since August.

### **6.17 Department of New Hampshire, David A. Nelson, DC**

- The 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of NH was held on April 26, 2014. Following a joint opening with the Auxiliary of the SUVCW a memorial service was held for past deceased brothers and sisters during the past year. The SUVCW and the Auxiliary then adjourned to convene their respective meetings.
- Memorial Day observances were held by various camps and members at the NH Veterans Cemetery and Cathedral of the Pines.
- The Department of NH has one camp in suspension. Charles W. Canney Camp 5 was suspended for the following:
  1. Failure to file proper reports per the authority of National Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 7.
  2. Installation of camp officers was not done within the time period specified by National Regulations Chapter 1, Article 4, Sections 2 and 3.
  3. The officers if the camp were installed without department authority Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 3. Additionally the ritual of the order requires the installing officer to present his credentials from the department commander per National Regulations Chapter 1, Article 5, Sections 1 and 5.

PDC Dan Murray was appointed special counsel to Camp 5 members to resolve these problems to get the camp back in order. The Department continues to work actively to resolve these problems and return Camp 5 back to full status.

- Department Secretary and PDC Peter Whelpton has discovered a trove of information on Louis Bell Post 3 GAR at the Manchester Historical Society. This was the largest and most influential GAR Post in the state's largest city and is expected to yield valuable historical information.
- Brothers of Camp 7 are active in working with the state of preservation efforts of its Civil War Flags.
- While many SUVCW brothers will travel to Gettysburg for the Annual Remembrance Day observances, the Department of NH plans Remembrance Day observances here in the state for those brothers and sisters who cannot travel to Gettysburg, Pa. This event will occur on November 8 at the Franklin Pierce Manse in Concord.
- The Department of NH is working with the city of Franklin, NH to help with restoration efforts of its GAR post located in Memorial Hall, a building that also houses city hall and other city offices.
- A relic copy of Ayling's *Revised Register of Soldiers and Sailors of NH in the War of the Rebellion* was recently rebound by Camp 7.
- The records of GAR Post # 8, Great Falls (Somersworth) NH were recently acquired and have been securely located in SUVCW Camp 1 (Hillsborough).

### **6.18 Department of New Jersey, Ronald L. Brower, DC**

No report given.

## 6.19 Department of New York, George J. Weinmann, DC

The New York Department is proud to be part of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The department continues to perpetuate the memory of our Civil War ancestors. The department continues to hold ceremonies throughout the state for the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War.

The New York Department extends an invitation to you for your presence at our 132nd Encampment of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are in the process of finalizing our location for the encampment. May 1, 2, 3, 2015 are the dates set for our encampment at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY. In addition, the New York Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the New York Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary will hold their encampments at the same time and location. More details will be sent to you so you can plan your trip to New York State.

The New York Department is forming a new camp in Arcadia, NY. The Sgt. Judson Hicks Camp #111 is the camp's name led by the interim Commander Daryl VerSteate of Newark, NY. NY Department Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC has helped to form the camp. We wish the camp great success as we welcome it to our department and national order.

At the 129th New York Department Encampment a special committee was formed to promote and preserve the USS Monitor site and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. The NY department continues to support Oliver Tilden Camp #26, in NYC and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's efforts to develop the shoreline and establish a building on the museum's land. The museum shares the launch site of the USS Monitor. The museum is applying for Grant money that is available from a \$19.5 Million Dollar lawsuit that was won against Mobile Oil. The museum is applying for Grant money to do a study to develop its shoreline with a new shore protection, Rip Rap, soil, vegetation, walkway, pier and a dock. The community will benefit from it if the shoreline is developed. It will protect the surrounding properties from flooding from storms like Sandy. NOAA plans to dock its research vessel at the museum's dock and conduct Environmental classes to the public. PS 110 "The Monitor School" is a supporting partner to the project and has provided a classroom in their school for the museum's "Greenpoint Monitor Museum Road Show". The road show teaches the history of the Civil War, John Ericsson and the USS Monitor. Find attached a copy of the museum's vision of its land where it shares the USS Monitor launch site. This will be a great accomplishment for the museum and the Sons of Union Veterans if all goes as planned!

National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is planning to place a USS Monitor Trail Sign (marker) on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land on January 30, 2015. The placement of the sign will designate its importance in history as the building and launch site of the USS Monitor. The USS Monitor Trail Sign will be the first in New York State, there will be other signs to follow throughout New York State. NOAA is working closely with the Monitor Museum, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, NYC and Co. I, 83rd NYVI, SVR on the placement of the USS Monitor Trail Signs as well as the planning of the January 30th sign dedication. This will be a all day event that will take place indoors and out because of the time of the year and weather. More details will follow.

There were two headstone dedications that I would like to report. There was a re-dedication in Buffalo, New York and a new headstone dedication in Omaha, Nebraska. Members of the Colonel John B. Weber Camp #44, NY performed a headstone re-dedication for the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War on October 25, 2014 in Forrest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo, NY. The headstone dedication was for Medal of Honor recipient, Charles Alvin Orr who was a member of the 1st New York Light Artillery Battery E, 2nd New York Mounted Rifles, 187th New York Vols. and Co. G, 65th National Guard. He also enlisted into the US Navy as a Landsman. After the war, he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is one of seven Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, NY.

On September 6, 2014, a Sons headstone Dedication for Bugler and Band Leader Gottlieb Hoyer, 9th New Jersey Vol. was performed at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha, Nebraska. Bro. Philip Koether, a Tilden Camp #26, NYC member arranged the dedication with Nebraska Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War who performed the ceremony. Gottlieb Hoyer is Bro. Philip Koether's great great grandfather. It is great to see camps from different states work together.

As we approach Veterans Day, the New York Department will be honoring our veterans by participating in parades and dedications throughout New York State. New York Department is proud of its veterans!

In conclusion, the Department continues to support and promote patriotism by presenting certificates of commendation to those awarded in the ROTC program and to Boy Scouts that reach the level of Eagle Scout. As we have done in the past, we will continue to perpetuate and honor the memory of our Civil War ancestors sacrifices that helped to preserve the Union.

## **6.20 Department of North Carolina, Dennis C. St. Andrew, DC**

I am serving my second term as Commander of the Department of North Carolina having been reelected at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on April 12, 2014 in New Bern, North Carolina. The Department of NC Elected Officers are as follows: Senior Vice Commander William Fred Fulcher, PCC, Junior Vice Commander Rolf Cole Maris, Secretary/Treasurer John R. France, Council Members Doug Elwell, PDC, Jerry Devine, PDC, and Wendell Small, Jr., PCC.

Membership: The Department of North Carolina membership continues to grow. Membership stands at approximately 90 Brothers in good standing. The MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 is the largest Camp with 33 Members. The Department membership includes 8 Life Members, and 2 Junior Members. There are currently 6 Camps in good standing in our Department, including a Member at Large Camp.

Sesquicentennial: New Sesquicentennial commemorations and activities will be encouraged and supported by the Department of NC throughout the remainder of the Civil War Sesquicentennial observance in 2014-15. Both Fort Fisher (January 2015) and Bentonville Battlefield (March 2015) state historic sites have already invited our Department to be part of their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations in 2015, and planning for these events is already underway. Other possible 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations in North Carolina in 2015 include the Battle of Monroe's Crossroads (March), the Battle of Aversboro (March), the Battle of Morrisville Station (April), and the Bennett Place surrender (April).

Eagle Scout Certificate Awards: The Department actively awards certificates to Eagle Scouts in North Carolina. Brother Travis Masters (Union Volunteers Camp 5) is the Department's Eagle Scout Coordinator.

JROTC Awards: The Department supports this award and encourages all Camps to participate in this program. In total, the Camps and the Department awarded more than 20 JROTC medals & certificates, with the Ruger Camp #1 leading the way with 11 awards for 2014.

Memorial University: Six Brothers of the Department of NC have graduated from the Memorial University Officer Training Course. The Department leadership continues to support and encourage our members to participate and complete this valuable course.

Civil War Memorials: I appointed Brother Skip Riddle (Union Volunteers Camp #5) as Department Civil War Memorials Officer at our April 2014 Encampment. He has been working on locating and recording all North Carolina memorials dedicated to Union soldiers & sailors, and then forwarding this information on to the National Civil War Memorials Committee.

Recruiting/Educational Efforts: Camps throughout the Department have and will continue to participate in recruiting and educational activities at historic commemorations and on patriotic holidays. Camp & Department recruiting and SUVCW educational activities and patriotic events in North Carolina in the past year included efforts at Fort Fisher, Bentonville Battlefield, New Bern Battlefield, the 150<sup>th</sup> Skirmish at Warm Springs reenactment in Hot Springs, NC, the unveiling of the 1<sup>st</sup> NC Regiment of Colored Volunteers NC historical marker in New Bern, NC, and at the Bennett Place surrender site. Multiple new Members to our Order were recruited during these events over the past year. Recruiting goals for the Department of NC are for each Brother to recruit one or more new Members to our Order during the year in order to grow and strengthen our Camps, Department, and National Organization. Department Brothers John R. France, and Max Speers, PCC, were named as National Aides at the 133<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment in August for their recruiting efforts during the past administrative year.

2015 Department of NC Encampment: The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of North Carolina will be held on May 2, 2015 at the Bennett Place State Historic Site in Durham, North Carolina. Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, PDC has accepted our invitation to attend our Encampment.

Real Son: Luke P. Martin, Jr. has been identified as a "Real Son" here in North Carolina. Mr. Martin, age 97, is the son PVT Luke Martin, Sr., an escaped slave who served with the 35th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry. Luke Martin, Jr. lives in New Bern, NC, and we are in the process of contacting Mr. Martin and his family to see if he is willing to join the SUVCW through our North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp #5. I have been in contact with a member of the National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters regarding Mr. Martin.

Highlights of Activity as Department Commander as of October 31, 2014: **August/2014-\*** Attended the 133<sup>rd</sup> SUVCW National Encampment as Department of NC Commander, and accepted National Aide Awards for Brothers John France and Max Speers. Issued Department Order #2 announcing National Aide awards. \*Attended Civil War artist John Paul Strain art show in Fuquay-Varina, NC. \*Worked on 2015 Department Encampment date with Logan Camp #4 and Bennett Place Historic Site. **September/2014-\*** Worked on a proposal to place a memorial paver in the Fort Fisher Historic Site "Walk of Honor" for all Union soldiers, sailors & marines who took part in the December 1864 & January 1865 battles at Fort Fisher. \*Met with Dept. Sec/Treas. France regarding updating the Department By-Laws. \*Attended historical/Civil War artist Mort Kunstler art show in Fuquay-Varina, NC. Presented Mr. Kunstler with a Dept. of NC Certificate of Recognition for his efforts through art in commemorating the Civil War. \*Attended by invitation the "Luke Martin, Jr. Day" event at the NC History Center/ Tryon Palace in New Bern, NC, along with members of the NC Volunteers Camp #5. Event honored Mr. Martin for his contributions to New Bern, and honored him as a "Real Son" of a Union Civil War soldier. I made some remarks during the ceremony and presented Mr. Martin with a Certificate of Recognition from the Department of NC. Photos were taken during and after the ceremony. \*Contacted a member of the National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters regarding Mr. Martin. **October/2014-\*** Issued Department Order #3 establishing Dept. of NC By-Laws Committee. \*Attended MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 meeting in Fayetteville, NC. Reviewed activities of the National Encampment, and presented National Aide awards to Brothers John France and Max Speers. \*Attended Friends of Fort Fisher Board of Directors meeting at Fort Fisher, Kure Beach, NC. Obtained updated information on the Fort Fisher 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance events set for January 2015. The Department of NC SUVCW will be participating in these events. Also submitted the paperwork for the memorial paver in the Fort Fisher Historic Site "Walk of Honor" for all Union soldiers, sailors & marines who took part in the December 1864 & January 1865 battles at Fort Fisher.

## 6.21 Department of Ohio, Jonathan C. Davis, DC

Nothing to report.

## **6.22 Department of Oklahoma, John Manley, DC**

Nothing to report.

## **6.23 Department of Pennsylvania, Douglas P. McMillin, DC**

The past three and a half months have been very eventful. We have made a great start on four major projects which are progressing. As is often the case in any project, not all the goals set at the beginning have been met. That does not diminish the fact that the projects are moving forward and we simply need to adjust our expectations to meet the new situations.

The Boy Scout Educational program has made the most progress. Brother Greg Kline has made a very good committee chair. The committee has met and set up a good outline of the event based on the original Camp 112 program provided by Brother Mortorff. Brother Kuhn reports that we have a potential location. Funds allocated by the Department have been determined insufficient to hold the event. In response to this obstacle a fund raising plan is being investigated to raise the needed money to provide the event to the Scouts at no cost. Suppliers for needed equipment have been secured.

There has been some fair progress on the Training Video project, but due to difficulties in committee appointments and meeting times progress has been slowed. Junior Vice Department Commander Chris Carty has been appointed to committee chair. We have managed to locate some very good software to build our videos with. Plans for interviews of members who knew the Grand Army personally have been stalled due to the need to locate people with the required video and editing equipment needed to do the filming. The distances between members of the committee have also hampered progress.

The SVR muster project has hit a roadblock in setting up meeting times with the head of event planning at the Army Heritage Education Center. Work schedules of the planners and major events at the AHEC have made getting the planning meetings going very difficult. Hopes are to continue to push to get things rolling again soon as the outdoor event season come to an end freeing up potential meeting days and times. The Department Commander is still committed to this project because the SUVCW and the SVR are growing further and further apart all the time. It is a trend that has many negative impacts on the SUVCW and is beginning to diminish the meaning of SVR membership to little more than a badge to wear on a re-enactors uniform. Recent issues between the SVR and the Allied Orders regarding the Remembrance Day parade and events are an excellent example of frictions that must stop and be prevented from recurring. This program is intended to be a step in the right direction to begin to bring a sense of unity back to the SUVCW and the SVR in the 2nd Military District region.

Our fourth project was announced at the 2014 Department Encampment. During our work to ensure that the alleged Civil War Skull that was to be auctioned off this past spring was protected the National Park Service brought to our attention a much more immediate issue. Those who attended the Testimonial Luncheon on Oct 4th will recall that we had representatives of the National Park Service and the Gettysburg Foundation, present a program on the crisis facing the Soldiers Monument in the Gettysburg Soldiers National Cemetery. The monument is in very serious trouble from erosion and foundation deterioration. The Gettysburg Foundation is raising money to make the needed repairs. The NPS asked if we could help raise some of the funds. In answer the PA Dept Commander is launching a department wide effort to raise donations for the project. In addition to this there is a plan to bring the effort to the National Organization SUVCW. More on this subject will be coming later in a presentation to the meeting attendees.

The PA Dept Commander began his term right away by bringing the greetings of the PA Department SUVCW to the National DUVCW Encampment held in Gettysburg, PA. The Commanders remarks were very well received. Attendance at the Encampment was very good and some interesting ideas on how to ease the time and expense of breakfast and lunch when attending a department or a

national encampment for the membership. By relying on each tent to donate a breakfast or lunch provided in the hospitality room the ladies had time to eat at little personal expense. Donations were given at the time of eating and the money collected went to the tent providing the meal. Every tent made a profit and the ladies got a quick, inexpensive meal. The idea is worth referring to the sites committees for consideration in future encampments.

In August the Department Commander attended the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia. The most positive thing to come out of this encampment has to be the trip out and back. Not much can be said for the actual meetings which were failed to live up to expectations. The PA Delegation was bogged down in dealing with internal problems brought forward at the last minute causing much research and internal debate ultimately being determined inappropriate to present to the Encampment and no action was taken to do so.

To date the Commander has been invited to attend several memorial and dedication ceremonies. Most notable was the invitation to join with the PA Bucktails in their memorial program in Wellsboro, PA. In spite of the rain and the cancelation of the parade, the memorial exercises in the cemetery were well attended and made local newspapers. Camps 503 and 15 worked together to dedicate a new headstone for a Civil War veteran from the 151st PVI at Lauvers Church near McAlisterville, PA. The ceremony was well attended and very impressive.

Two brothers of the PA Dept received the honor of the SUVCW Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star this year from CnC Freshley. James Getty of Gettysburg, PA and David Klinepeter were the recipients. The Department Commander had the honor of delivering these awards to Brother Getty at the September Camp 112 meeting in Gettysburg and Brother Klinepeter at the recent Camp 15 meeting in Harrisburg. We are very proud of our honored brothers.

On Saturday, September 27th, The Commander attended the Testimonial for the Pennsylvania Department Auxiliary President Betsey Nightingale at the historic Jean Bennett Tavern outside Bedford, PA. The program on the Underground Railroad use of the Portage Railroad and canal systems of that region was very educational and well done. Attendance was very good.

Saturday, October 4th, Gettysburg Camp #112 and the Jennie Wade Auxiliary #27 provided a very impressive testimonial luncheon for the PA Dept Commander at the historic Dobbin House in Gettysburg, PA. 55 brothers and sisters were in attendance. Many thanks go out to everyone who attended. The entertainment was provided by the presentation of the Soldiers Monument history and situation regarding the restoration of the monument by the Gettysburg Foundation and the National Park Service's expert on monument repair and restoration. Many great questions were asked by the brothers and sisters in attendance. After the luncheon many brothers and sisters went to the monument with the park ranger for a personal look up close and personal at the damage.

National ASUVCW President Ellen Higgins held her testimonial dinner in Philadelphia at Williamson's on Saturday, Oct 18th, The PA Dept Commander attended and brought the greetings of the Department to Sister Ellen. The lunch was good followed by a slide show of Civil War images to the playing of the Battle hymn of the Republic. Representatives of several Departments were in attendance.

There has been one issue that has wasted a tremendous amount of time for the Department Commander and is responsible more than any other event for the delays in the progress of the four programs mentioned before. As most people are aware, the Past Commanders and Presidents Association of South Central Pennsylvania has canceled the annual banquet held on Remembrance Day due to a dispute with the SVR and the Wyndam Hotel. This issue is directly between the association and the SVR so the PA Dept has absolutely no official position in this matter beyond our regret that such an old tradition should be interrupted.

I mention this issue because it seems to have directed every complaint from every organization involved in the Remembrance Day events at the PA Dept. This must be very clear; The Pennsylvania Department does not run this event. The event is an SVR event. It is planned and organized by the

SVR. We are not consulted on the running of this event. We are not asked for feedback on this event. Complaints directed to the Department Commander will not have any effect on this event one way or another. The SVR has made it clear that complaints must be directed to organizers Henry Shaw or Robert Petrovic. Please direct future complaints to these men.

On October 25th the PA Department midyear meeting was held in Carlisle, PA. Some 35 brothers were in attendance. Without much work to do this year the meeting was brief.

## **6.24 Department of Rhode Island, Benjamin Frail, DC**

Major Sullivan Ballou Camp 3: Camp 3 is continuing with its primary mission of the cleanup of Manchester Cemetery in Coventry Rhode Island. With the winter months coming, Camp 3 will begin to focus on fundraising efforts for next year as well as working with local cemetery commissions to begin planning for continued efforts in Manchester. Camp 3 will also be working on the planning of their Memorial Day ceremony.

Elisha Dyer Camp 7: Camp 7 had a successful living history event at the Nathanael Greene Homestead in Coventry Rhode Island. A wonderful educational display about the SUVCW and also encampment area was set up, with of course a small battle. Camp 7 also set up tables for recruitment and education at 2 other events in the state, one in Middletown Rhode Island and another in Coventry Rhode Island. Camp 7 plans on continuing with their educational efforts and being highly active at the Department level.

Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp 11: Camp 11 has had a productive past few months with the addition of 2 new lineal members this past month alone. This camp continues to be active with Camp 3's clean-up of Manchester Cemetery as well as their members being extremely active in Rhode Island's SVR Unit the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rhode Island Heavy Artillery. These brothers will be spending the winter months planning their Memorial Day ceremony, and coordinating with the other camps where the 3<sup>rd</sup> RIHA will be needed for their events.

Col. Zenas R. Bliss Camp 12: Camp 12 has been very busy with planning their camp trip to Remembrance Day weekend in November. These brothers have been very busy the past few months with the planning of the more cemeteries clean up's and head stone repairs. They also are in the initial planning stages of their 2015 Memorial Day Event.

The Department of Rhode Island has been busy with being in the process of planning 4 Fraternal Events for the upcoming month. The first outing being to the Providence Bruins, the AHL affiliate of the Boston Bruins, the date is still being negotiated. Another event in the works is a Pot Luck Dinner to commemorate Lincoln's Birthday, we are trying to make this a less formal event that it has been in the past and more of a "all brothers come and have fun". The next one is the Annual Department Awards Dinner; this formal dinner is to recognize the Brothers, Camps, and Civilians that have gone above and beyond for the order this year. The final fraternal event we are in the process of planning is an outing to the Pawtucket Red Sox, the AAA Affiliate to the Boston Red Sox. The goal for this is to make it a "Civil War Night" officially recognized by the Paw Sox. This has the potential to have Members of the Dept. of RI SUVCW present the National Colors for the National Anthem and have the Organization recognized in front of thousands of Rhode Islanders. The Department has also been planning the Department of Rhode Island Annual Appomattox Day Encampment on 4 April 2015. This will be the Departments annual business meeting where election and installation of officers will take place.

## **6.25 Department of Tennessee, Samuel C. Gant, DC**

The Tennessee 2014 official State Sesquicentennial ceremony is planned for Franklin, Tennessee, on 14 November, 2014. The City of Franklin was chosen because of the Battle of Franklin, 30

November 1864, and its nationally-recognized battlefield preservation and reclamation efforts which are taking place in the City. The Sesquicentennial events at Franklin are being nationally advertised and will have participants and visitors from throughout the United States. As of two weeks ago, visitors and participants from 21 states and 3 countries had registered for the opening events. All events are listed on [www.tncivilwar150.com](http://www.tncivilwar150.com) and [www.franklin150.com](http://www.franklin150.com).

The SUVCW Department of Tennessee in conjunction with Fort Donelson Camp # 62 will have a booth at the Tennessee State Sesquicentennial Event.

Throughout November, numerous other events will be taking place in which members from the Department of Tennessee, Fort Donelson Camp # 62, the 10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee, U.S., SVR, and SUVCW members from other departments will be participants or spectators.

I serve as the SUVCW representative on the Franklin City Battlefield Preservation Commission (BPC) and member of several committees related to the Sesquicentennial events. The BPC, made up of representatives from the Civil War museum houses, preservation groups, City Parks, tourism, and other Civil War-related groups, oversees City participation in battlefield preservation, reclamation, and related events. I serve on the following Sesquicentennial committees: Franklin 150 Committee, Cannons-on-the-Square Committee, and Trench-Line-Markers Committee. Digital copies of some related newspaper articles are attached.

Sesquicentennial Mid-State events that SUVCW members will take part in include:

- November 11: Dedication of Cannons on the Square
- November 14: Booth at the official Tennessee Sesquicentennial Event
- November 14-16: Blue-Gray Days at Carnton Plantation
- November 15-16: Reenactment of the Battle of Franklin
- November 30: Fort Donelson Camp # 62 and Sam Davis SCV Camp March to The Carter House
- December 6-7: Table at the Middle Tennessee Civil War Show
- December 13-14: Nashville's Fort Negley: Anniversary-Battle of Nashville

## **6.26 Department of Texas, Lewis E. Willis, DC**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Cook Center, Corsicana, Texas. The Department elected and installed new leadership and acted upon the business before the Department. The Department has set goals for the year 2014/2015. Recruiting and retention remain our highest goal and focus. Our three Camps actively interact with the public to identify potential new members. All three camps held public Memorial Day programs.

The Department and Camps continue to remain strong in membership and financial stability. All Department Officers, Camp Officers and Brothers are to be commended for their faithful adherence to the tenets of our order.

## **6.27 Department of Vermont, Robert Grandchamp, DC**

In reply to the recent request for an update from my Department, I have the honor to report the following. On October 1, 2014 Whitney J. Maxfield, the elected Department Commander unexpectedly resigned as commander of the Department of Vermont. After consultation with the Department Council I was elected to fill the vacancy. I have since issued department orders announcing the new officers and have visited Past Commander Maxfield to retrieve Department property in his possession.

Vermont is one of the smallest Departments in the Order, but we give it our all. We have a good working relationship with the Vermont Historical Society and have granted them our Department Archives on long term loan to allow our records to be safely maintained and the public to use them. I have continued to work with Auxiliary President Teresa Doyle to move items that her father, the late Merlin "Tuffy" Doyle, PDC, PCC had in his basement to the Vermont Historical Society.

We also have relationships with several local reenacting groups who assist us as needed. Our big event in 2014 was participation at the Vermont History Expo and the St. Albans Raid Reenactment.

Our Stannard Camp 2 recently was welcomed to take part in activities to preserve the Milton Farmhouse that was granted to General G.J. Stannard as a gift for his services in the war. We are working to have it recognized by National as a Civil War Monument.

In Rutland, Camp 4 is still engaged in registering Civil War veteran's graves in outlying parts of Rutland County. Scott Camp 302 has been busy in the Calais area registering graves and recently performed some work in the Newport area, bringing a vital SUVCW presence to the Northeast Kingdom.

My only concern with the Department of Vermont is Hall Camp 28 in Chelsea. This camp is the oldest Sons Camp in New England, and has been in existence since 1883. Tuffy Doyle was the heart and soul of this camp, but with his passing it has become difficult. The two principal members of the camp live in Florida most of the year. Only one other member of the camp lives in Vermont, the rest are "paper members," living elsewhere. Indeed, Hall Camp exists only on paper for the time being; they are down to six members. I am working with their commander to recruit men in the Upper Valley area to join the camp, but we are floundered by a very active camp, McKinley Camp, in Lebanon, NH which has taken some recruits. Also a problem is the rural area that is Chelsea, without access to a large population center. We are working with ideas to get the camp going again. I would hate to lose this camp, but our options are limited.

The leaves are past-peak here in Vermont now, signaling that winter will soon be coming. With it, our work largely ends in the field, and we will go into winter quarters. We will have several research projects over the winter and participate in a Civil War show in Barre. Although small, we give it our all here in Vermont.

## **6.28 Department of Wisconsin, Kim J. Heltemes, DC**

Since attending the National Encampment in August 2014, it has been a little more exciting than usual. We are looking at getting several new camps started in Wisconsin and Minnesota. One of those camps will be about 15 miles from Milwaukee in an area that had a lot of response for recruitment during the Civil War. Another camp working on the startup but has not filed the paperwork so far happens to be on the Mohican Reservation in northern Wisconsin. If the camp gets off the ground it may be the only camp in America with an all Mohican membership. The third camp in the startup process is in Rochester, MN. So far though, the distance between members in Minnesota makes it difficult to get commitment on the officer level.

1. I attended regular camp meetings.
2. I attended the largest Civil War re-enactment at Wade House, Plymouth, WI on Sept 27, 28.
3. I will not be able to attend Gettysburg for the Remembrance.

Camp activities:

#### C.K. PIER BADGER CAMP # 1

1. Camp #1 did four parades this summer. The parades were at Kenosha, the South Shore Water Frolics, South Milwaukee and St. Francis Days.
2. The camp has been active in the Milwaukee Veterans Day parade for many years. They are looking forward to it again this year.

#### Old Abe Camp #8

1. Camp #8 did the Nehemiah Thurlow dedication at the Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenberg, WI, on August 9.
2. On August 25, the camp did a monument dedication at Berlin, WI.
3. The camp had their camp meeting at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum on Sept 17.
4. The camp had a good turnout at the Wade House re-enactment on Sept 27 and 28. They had a recruiting display setup and a raffle.
5. On October 4, they were part of the Neenah Vintage Days in Neenah, WI.

#### William Colville Camp #56

1. A November 8, 2013 meeting has been scheduled for the election of officers.

## 7.0 Addendums

### 7.1 National Encampment Site Committee – James T. Crane, Chair

I am writing this addendum to our original report after conversing with the Treasurer of the SUVCW. It regards the issue of the Department of GA/SC having received a total of \$3,809.00 for the 2014 Encampment to help them with their expenses. We do not know the exact amount, but the previous number is close. We have requested that the Department complete a P&L for the purposes of determining whether or not they made a profit, or lost money. Departments receive \$1,500.00 from National to subsidize their cost, and \$500.00 from each Allied Order that attends. (LGAR, Auxiliary etc...)

The breakdown of the funds they received from the SUVCW was \$1,500.00 in the fall from National, and \$2,309.00 that Site Chairman Jim Houston gave the hotel for a deposit they required upon signing the contract in August of 2012. Brother Houston was reimbursed by National for this deposit. So in effect, they had received the \$1,500.00 and the deposit money of \$2,309.00 for a total of \$3809.00.

The purpose of asking for the P&L was to ask for forgiveness of the \$2,300.00 if they lost money or broke even. The reasoning behind this was that this Department did not have any guidance for almost a year from any of the Site Committee personnel. As what happens most of the time, is that when a Department is awarded the proposal to Host the Encampment, the Site Committee always is asked questions by these brothers of the Host Committee such as how much money do we receive, how much do the medals cost, what expenses do we have to pay for and so on. The Site Committee has the answers to help guide the Department, and usually we advise them to call the Host Committee of the previous Encampment so they can help and give them their ideas on what worked, and what did not. Of course, if this Department has done an Encampment previously, and has some of the same people, they have almost all the answers, and it makes everyone's job much easier. But in this case, communication was lacking, and they did not have previous experience.

In closing, we have requested their P&L several times from the Chair, and also from their Treasurer. I even offered to help them put it together, but to no avail. I felt it was our responsibility to notify the Commander in Chief and Treasurer of this situation as a matter of fairness and accounting.