



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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1. To all the Brothers in attendance at the 136th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for your continued support and faith in me. I also wish to express my thanks to the Michigan's Encampment Host Committee Chairman Paul Davis and the members of his committee, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan themselves, and National Site Committee Chairman Brother Jim Crane along with his Committee members for an excellent encampment.
2. The Commander-in-Chief Headquarters is hereby transferred from Chillicothe, Ohio to 104 Mullbury Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and are available at CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications are for urgent matters ONLY at (C) 540-797-7754 or (H) 434-385-7283.
3. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of them a productive and successful year in our shared endeavors to perpetuate the memory of our noble ancestors and look forward to engaging in meaningful fraternal conversations that seek to build greater success for all.
4. All Brothers are directed to review and familiarize themselves with the Policy on Confederate Battle Flags and Monuments, which was approved by the recent National Encampment in Lansing. It is available for viewing on the national website
5. While we must continue our mission of education and preserving the history and legacy of the boys in Blue through long established programs and SUVCW sponsored events, we need to also invigorate our organization, promote our organization, and effectively communicate with both our members and the greater American society by:
 - A. Encouraging local Camps and Departments in their efforts to establish:
 - activities, projects and goals which will inspire their membership and draw in new recruits.
 - a media presence in their communities and regions to inform the public about the work of our Order.

- connections with other heritage and veteran's groups, or civic organizations in their communities that share our goals of honoring our ancestors, educating the public on the Civil War, and inculcating the value of Patriotism and Sacrifice in the future generations.

B. As stated in my address to the National Encampment, the most critical and effective tool we have available to increase awareness and grow the organization is the Camp and ultimately the individual Camp member. I would ask that every Brother renew his commitment to do the Orders work from the CinC to the newest member.

C. Establishing methods and technologies, which will improve the communication pathways between the National Organization Leadership, the Department Leadership, the camps, and the membership in general.

6. I will call on Camps and the Departments to continue the process of completing their histories and the Last Soldier Projects. These projects have been a long-standing goal. I am aware that this is a daunting task but I ask that in the coming year a concentrated effort be made to find and place an appropriate marker on the grave of the Last Soldiers in each county across the nation. In March of 2017 the CofA approved a marker for just this purpose and that marker is available from the Department of Wisconsin

7. I encourage the Brothers of our great Order to take advantage of the rejuvenated Memorial University Program, which the National Patriotic Instructor monitors and coordinates. Memorial University provides the best vehicle for learning the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW. Increasing his knowledge of the C&R should be a goal for every Brother, but more especially for those who seek to become leaders at all levels. I hope, that we will soon be able to expand the instruction available at Memorial University to include a new member indoctrination course, courses on the History of the GAR / SUVCW, and possibly training for Secretaries and Treasurers.

8. Patriotic Instructors will provide instruction at each Camp meeting. There are over 100 Patriotic instructions on the SUVCW website alone. CPI's are welcome to use their own as well. Additionally Camp Patriotic Instructors are required to submit an annual report to their Department Patriotic Instructor by **1 April 2018** and Department Patriotic Instructors are required to report a consolidated Patriotic Instruction report to the National Patriotic Instructor by **1 June 2018**; utilizing the most current Patriotic Instruction reporting forms 40 and 41, which can be found on the national website These reports provide essential information used by the National Treasurer in reporting our charitable activities to the Internal Revenue Service in support of our 501c3 tax exemption.

9. Camp and Department Secretaries are reminded that a new standard membership card form, which has preprinted data on the back, stating that the card is the property of the SUVCW and a mailing address that may be used to return it if lost. These new membership cards are available for purchase through the Quartermaster Store at a nominal fee. A template for creating a pre-set data base, that can be used to fill in the front of the cards is available under the forms link on the

governance page of the National Website along with a set of instructions for setting the data base up.

10. I highly encourage the Brothers of the Order to familiarize themselves with the Forms, publications and polices of the SUVCW. These items can be found on the **governance page** at the National website. Several of our polices were recently revised or created and many a contain important instructions relating to our 501c3 tax status.

11. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000.

12. Direct financial correspondences for the Order to National Treasurer should be directed to, David McReynolds 4323 Near Shore Dr. Louisville TN 37777-5231 865-981-2854 mcreyscope@aol.com.

13. Direct all other correspondences for the Order to National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162; 614-745-6079; secretary@suvchw.org.

14. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule will be coordinated by National Chief of Staff W. Faron Taylor, theoverlandgroupllc@gmail.com, 5321 Broadwater Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029

15. National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski, paptom@msn.com; 206 E. Grantley Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126, should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's rank and unit.

16 Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be sent to Brian C. Pierson, PDC, PO Box 3394, Shawnee, OK 74802-3394; 703-989-9296; CofA2@suvchw.org.

17. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), George Shadman, 99 Elizabeth Dr., Barboursville, VA, 22923, 434-985-8540

18. All Camps and Departments should submit articles for the BANNER to Banner Editor James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St, Mason, MI 48854-1519 517-676-1471 Banner@suvchw.org

19. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting and a final report for the 137th National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.

20. Per the 2017 National Encampment I have established a special committee to discover the requirements and scope of work necessary for re-designing the national website and to solicit bids from professional web design services in order to identify our needs. The committee will report back to the National Encampment no later than June 30, 2018 This committee consists of DC Jamie McGuire, Chairman, Kevin Tucker (PDC), Tim McCoy (DC) and Brother Sumner Hunnewell.

21. The following National Special Committees will remain in place to serve the Order.

- National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials (2018)
- National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign
- National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters
- National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021)

22. The following National Special Committees are discharged with the thanks of the Order

- National Special Committee on Memorial Day
- National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flags

23. I hereby create a CinC appointed committee, which is tasked to conduct talks with the other Allied related to seed money and other contractual National Encampment issues; the committee will consist of the following Brothers CinC Mark Day Chairman, PCinC Don Darby, PCinC Tad Campbell, DC Jim Crane and PDC Michael Paquette. DC Faron Taylor will serve as an aide to the Committee.

24. I hereby create a CinC appointed sub-committee of the Communications and Technology Committee to review the equipment and technology needs of the National Headquarters and make recommendations to the CofA for improvements or purchases. Jamie McGuire (DC) Chainman, Michael Paquette (PDC) Ken Freshley (PCinC). David W. Demmy and Eugene Mortorff (PCinC) are assigned as aides

Ordered this 18th Day of August 2017.

Mark R. Day

Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Attested:

Jonathan Davis

Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War