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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 March 24, 2018 meeting in Brentwood, Tennessee. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

**2.0 National Elected Officers**

**2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Mark R. Day, CinC**

Well, we are at the halfway point of my administration. To say the least it has not been a boring six months. I will forego restating the items that were covered in my first report to the CofA at Gettysburg unless that issue has not yet been resolved. Since Gettysburg, I have been focused on completing the task which were assigned to me and honoring my commitments to various department encampments, ceremonies, and visitations.

As each of you are aware the LGAR will not be joining us in Boston this year. Like all families the Allied Orders from time to time face issues that disturb the peace of our relationships. I have made it a personal goal to find ways to improve communication between all the Allied Orders to strengthen and revive our filial relationships. Recently, I am pleased to announce; progress has been made toward improved relations with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In the past four months, I have had many conversations with their current President, Caren Cleveland, which have led to the creation of a DUCVW Fraternal Relations Committee and a letter of invitation to discuss a possible co-located national meeting in the future. I hope that you will agree with me that this good news for the preservation of the bonds, which I believe the men of the Grand Army of the Republic sought to create, between their children and their children’s children. Yes, we will face obstacles, but I am committed to this work and feel that we must find ways to work together wherever and whenever possible at every level of our organizations.

In December the CinC appointed Committee to create the job description for the Development Officer position reported their result and a vote was taken, by the CofA, to move forward and form a strategic development committee to oversee fundraising efforts for the SUVCW and to seek out proposals from consultants in order to educate both the Strategic Development Committee and the CofA on how to draft a Strategic Development Plan. Following this vote, I wrote GO 16 Discharging the CinC appointed Committee on the Development Officer Position and formed the Strategic Development Committee. It is my understanding that the Strategic Development Committee will have a report for submission at the upcoming March meeting of the CofA.

Also, in December the National Treasurer asked that the Departments and Camps be instructed to include several paragraphs of Internal Revenue Service specific language in their by-laws. In support of this request, General Order 18 was written and distributed to the membership. Several questions were

raised dealing with a provision of the IRS language that technically conflicted with the C&R. Working with PCinC Paul, PCinC Darby, PCinC Orr, my counselor PCinC Kennedy, and the National Treasurer wording for GO 18 was found, which fulfills the spirit of the IRS language and the spirit of the C&R. In GO the Departments and Camps were given until June of 2019 to complete changes to their by-laws.

A believer in the power of communication, I have continued to produce and send CinC messages to the membership. These messages are, I hope, providing the Brothers with information that helps make sense of the things being done at the National Level. In addition to the CinC Messages, I have had dozens of phone conversations with Brothers from around the country and I have responded to several pieces of personal correspondence.

Specific Administrative Actions taken:

1. I received and approved a new set of Department By-laws for the Departments of New York and Rhode Island.
2. My initiative to help gain support for the Dr. Stephenson Memorial Plaza in Illinois has achieved some success. I have been told that several thousand dollars have been contributed because of my challenge to the Camps and Departments. To fulfill the pledge to provide a streamer and a certificate to those camps and departments which donated, I have had a streamer designed and produced. Certificates are also in the works. My personal thanks to Sister Cher Petrovic for assisting me in this endeavor. This award was not designed to be a permanent award, but as I said in my report at Gettysburg, if this proves to be a successful method for supporting significant projects, I would encourage future CinC's to consider creating initiatives and incentives.
3. I have signed the Charters for two new camps; one each in the departments of Kentucky and North Carolina. It was also my privilege to present the charter to the camp in North Carolina personally. In speaking with the National Secretary, it is my understanding that the Charter paperwork for new camps in New York and Missouri is near completion. Unfortunately to offset this good news it was my unpleasant duty to revoke the charters, at the request of the Department Commander, the Commander David Beam Camp of Georgia / South Carolina and the Admiral John L. Worden Camp of New York. This brings to a total of three camps, which have seen their Charters revoked since I became CinC in August 2017.
4. In the month of December, it was necessary to conduct the investigation of a harassment complaint. GO 11 was issued as the findings and rulings in the matter. The administrative actions required by GO 11 were carried out by the CinC and National Secretary.
5. At the request of several Brothers, I have accepted their resignations from Committee Chairmanships or appointed officer positions. Brother Jim Crane stepped down as the chair of the National Site Committee and was replaced by Brother Kevin Tucker; Brother Turner stepped down as the chairman of the then Scholarship Committee and was replaced by PCinC Eugene Mortorff; and Brother John K. Eger stepped down as National Guard and was replaced by Brother Charles Lewis.

Since the Gettysburg CofA meeting, I have maintained an active schedule and attended as the Commander-in-Chief the following events:

December 10 - I attended the annual ceremony to honor the Irish Brigade at the Battle of Fredericksburg in Fredericksburg.

December 21 - I attended the funeral of Brother David Demmy's wife Marilyn in Harrisburg, PA.

January 27 - I attended the Mid-year meeting of the Department of Indiana in Greenfield, IN

February 3 - I attended the Mid-year meeting of the Department of Wisconsin near Milwaukee, WI

February 12 - I attended and placed a wreath for the annual Lincoln Birthday Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

March 10 - I was honored with a testimonial dinner hosted by the Department of the Chesapeake in Frederick, MD

March 16/17 - I attended the Department of California Annual Encampment in Bakersfield, CA

In summary, I am truly honored to be the CinC of the SUVCW and to work with my Brothers of the CofA to advance the Order. I now look forward to a very busy April, May, and June filled with visitation to the various department encampments and the joy which comes from fellowship. For fellowship is basis of our belief in fraternity, charity, and loyalty. Please let me end this report with these words from Matthew 5. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God, blessed are the merciful; for they shall receive mercy, and blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

## **2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Donald W. Shaw, PDC**

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels these last few months, I have also been busy with Senior Vice Commander in Chief duties at a National level. I have monitored and participated in the discussions regarding questions coming before the Council. Further, I have cast votes on the issues put to the Council for discussion and decision.

I have attended various dedications and events promoting the Order and honoring the service of our Civil War ancestors, and, am in the process of making travel arrangements to represent the Order at various department installations.

I assisted the Department of Michigan by serving on its special committee reviewing the Standard Operating Procedures used in that Department.

I continue to work as chair of the Programs and Policies Committee. We have addressed forms 3, 60, 30 35, 27 and 12 so far and others are under review. For additional information see the Program and Policy Committee Report.

Additionally, I have fielded various emails and telephone calls with questions regarding membership. These are matters being finished from my time as JVC in C.

## **2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Edward J. Norris, PDC**

No report received.

## **2.4 National Secretary; Jonathan C. Davis, PDC**

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

- Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Saturday, November 18, 2017.

### **MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.**

The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the November 2017. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below.

- **Motion 04 Motion Passed November 15, 2017**

Motion that the minutes of the 2017-08-13 CofA meeting held in Lansing, Michigan be approved made by Brother Mike Paquette and seconded by Brother Don Shaw.

- **Motion 05 Motion Passed November 19, 2017**

Motion by PCinC Martin to approve the proposed Fund Raising Action Plan as modified by the an amendment by Brother McReynolds and seconded by Brother Lynch, which limits the approval to steps 1 and 2 of the action plan, which allow the formation of a Strategic Development Committee to oversee the fundraising for the SUVCW and authorize the Strategic Development Committee to seek out proposals from "Consultants" who may educate both the Committee and the CofA and begin drafting the Strategic Development Plan.

- **Motion 06 Motion Passed December 16, 2017**

Motion made by Brother Davis and seconded by Brother Shaw to donate \$2000, from the budgeted special projects fund, to the GAR Memorial Hall & Museum in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

- **Motion 07 Motion Passed January 25, 2018**

Motion made by Brother Kevin Tucker and seconded by Brother Don Martin that CofA authorize the Logan General Order #11 Medal, which has been produced by the Charitable Foundation, for wear with the SUVCW Medal for the remainder of the year 2018.

- **Motion 08 Motion Passed February 5, 2018**

Motion made by Brother Shaw and seconded by Brother Lynch to approve the request of the California Department Commander granting an exception to allow the of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21, Dept. of California & Pacific, to install their officers on February 10, 2018 due to circumstances caused by the wildfires in their area.

- **Motion 09 Motion Passed February 6, 2018**

**Motion made by Brother Shaw and seconded by Brother Martin to approve the revised Forms 27 and 30.**

- **Motion 10 Motion Failed February 14, 2018**

Motion made by PCinC Martin and seconded by Brother Davis to have the two documents previously sent become the official CofA response to the questions from the Auxiliary and LGAR regarding an agreement between the Sons and the Those two organization for expenses and arrangements at the National Encampments.

- **Motion 11 Motion Passed February 16, 2018**

Motion by Brother Shaw, which has been seconded by Brother Paquette to approve the revised Form 35.

### **CAMP/DEPARTMENT CHARTERS.**

The following applications for permission to form a new camp will be expiring:

- Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54, Department of Massachusetts. Expires March 19, 2018
- Lillie Camp No. 6, Department of Missouri. Expires May 22, 2018 (Paperwork completed and to be sent)
- Burke-Haste Camp No. 37, Department of Massachusetts. Expires June 10, 2018
- Sgt. George Marion Taylor Camp No. 6, Department of Tennessee. Expires September 10, 2018
- Brig. General Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5, Department of Texas. Expires October 23, 2018
- President Andrew Johnson Camp No. 70. Expires November 6, 2018
- Col. Reuben F. Maury Camp No. 61, Department of CO/WY. Expires December 8, 2018
- Thomas D. Osborne Camp No. 43, Department of CO/WY. Expires December 9, 2018
- Capt. Francis Emory Warren Camp No. 44, Department of CO/WY. Expires January 16, 2019

The following charters have been issued by CinC Day since November, 2017:

- (2018-01) Calhoun Camp No. 2, Department of Kentucky. Date of ranking: January 8, 2018
- (2018-02) Richard J. Clark Camp No. 210, Department of New York. Date of ranking: January 8, 2018.

### **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.**

Have not yet received the National Encampment Proceedings for 2015, 2016 or 2017 for printing and distribution.

## **2.5 National Treasurer; David H. McReynolds, DC**

(As of 25 February 2018)

Since the November CoA meeting, the following activities have been completed or are in process as we move closer to the March 2018 meeting date for the CoA:

- The audit of the financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2017 has been completed and an electronic copy of the report provided to the members of the CoA via e-mail on November 3,

2017. No management letter was issued this year as all deficiencies in internal control had been addressed over the past year.

- The required letter and two copies of the audited financial statements were sent on November 27, 2017 to the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee as required by our Congressional Charter.
- The Form 990 tax return, which is under extension until May 15<sup>th</sup>, for the National Organization, has been completed and will be submitted by mail to the IRS by March 2, 2018. The form cannot be filed electronically because of our change in tax status to 501(c)3.
- We have worked with numerous Camps, either individually or through their Departments, on a variety of tax related issues. There are many Camps working to restore their revoked tax exemption. Also, many who have had their tax-exempt status revoked are waiting to work with the National Organization simply because of the costs involved.
  - The cost to file Form 1023 to become a 501(c)3 entity is \$600. (<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/form-1023-amount-of-user-fee>)
  - Note that camps or other units cannot file Form 1023-EZ because they have been a part of a Group Exemption.
  - Form 1023 is a long and complex application. If a subordinate unit takes that route, then, under IRS rules, that camp or other unit can never be part of National's Group Exemption.
  - We believe that it would be in the best interest of the entire SUVCW if camps would refrain from individually filing for separate 501(c)3 status. It would be in our best interest for camps to wait until the National Organization can get all camps covered under National's Group Exemption.
  - Some camps would never have the \$600 to file and those camps need for National to continue to provide a Group Exemption.
  - If a camp or other unit files Form 1024A ( <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1024a.pdf> ) to restore an unit's 501(c)4 status, the user fee is \$400 for organizations whose annual gross receipts are less than \$10,000 for the preceding four years (See Form 8718 at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8718.pdf>).
  - Form 1024A is a much easier application to complete than Form 1023.
  - Finally, we recommend that camps do not apply for retroactive reinstatement but for post mark date reinstatement.
- We have begun to work toward filing a new application to change the National Organization's Group Exemption from 501(c)4 to 501(c)3.
  - Our current Group Exemption under 501(c)4 continues to exist as confirmed by the letter dated August 1, 2017 confirming receipt of our list of subordinate units.
  - Our original application to change our Group Exemption to 501(c)3 was denied for the following reasons:
    - "Many of your subordinate organizations failed to file an information return or electronic notice for taxable years beginning in 2007." – this is the provision that revokes tax exempt status when camps or other units fail to file their 990N for three consecutive years.
      - We can not include any camp or other unit who has had their tax-exempt status revoked and whose tax-exempt status has not been restored on our annual Group Exemption filing or on a new application to change the status of our Group Exemption to 501(c)3.
      - Therefore, we are working with camps to restore their tax-exempt status.
    - "You have not adequately demonstrated the subordinate(s) are subject to your general supervision and control." – this reason for denial goes back to the same issue discussed above.
      - We included subordinates who had their tax-exempt status revoked and who had not applied for its restoration.
      - The denial also states, "the only way it (a subordinate unit) can get that status reinstated is to apply for exemption."

- These words lead back to our efforts to help camps and other units who had their tax status revoked to apply for exemption by filing Form 1024A.
- “You have failed to establish that all your subordinates meet the requirements for exemption under Section 501(c)3 of the Code.” – the easiest way to demonstrate that an organization meets these requirements is through the organizing document or bylaws in the case of our camps, departments and other units. The code requires the following:
  - A 501(c)(3) organization must be organized as a corporation, trust, or unincorporated association.
  - An organization’s organizing documents must:
    - limit its purposes to those described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code;
    - not expressly permit activities that do not further its exempt purpose(s), i.e., unrelated activities; and,
    - permanently dedicate its assets to exempt purposes.
- Furthermore, the IRS provides guidance on the specific language to be used.
  - Throughout IRS rules and regulations, there is sample language suggested to be included in organizing documents in order to meet these requirements.
  - The language requested to be inserted into camp, department and other subordinate unit bylaws by way of the Commander-in-Chief’s General Order No. 18 is based upon this sample IRS language.
- In addition to the above, we have also been involved in the following activities:
  - Input of all accounting data into Quickbooks.
    - Assistant Treasurer Mike Downs has been an immense help, especially in entering the semi-monthly receipt of Quartermaster Store transactions.
  - Preparing monthly financial statements. Publishing a consolidated set of financial statements quarterly, distributed to the members of the CoA.
    - On February 13, 2018, consolidated financial statements for the six months ended December 31, 2017 were distributed to the CoA.
    - As a part of these activities, have kept all balance sheet accounts reconciled including the cash and other investment accounts.
  - Filing sales tax returns, issuing 1099s, etc.
  - As Chairman of the Strategic Development Committee, I have been researching possible consultants and directing information about the consultants to the other committee members. We may conclude this process prior to the March CoA meeting. If so, we will report our findings.

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

No report received.

## **2.7 Council of Administration – 2020; Kevin P. Tucker, PDC**

No report received.

## **2.8 Council of Administration – 2018; Brian C. Pierson, PDC**

1. Per the action item from the November COA meeting, I chaired the special committee to draft language to codify protocol guidance and the procedures for fraternal greetings to official delegations from the other

Allied Orders at Encampments. The other committee members, Brothers Kevin Tucker and Faron Taylor are to be commended for their outstanding work and insight work in this endeavor. Special thanks to PCinC Andy Johnson for graciously providing the greetings he presents each year from the National Encampment to the delegations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation 1.** The Committee recommends this language be included in the Order's Ritual & Ceremonies via the appropriate process. (see Appendix)

2. Discussed issues and voted on motions to come before the C of A.

### **2.9 Council of Administration – Donald L. Martin, PCinC**

1. Serving on the National Military Affairs Committee.
2. Attended Enderlin #73 Camp's Lincoln Dinner 10 Feb 2018
3. Voted on all Motions placed before the CofA.

### **2.10 Council of Administration – 2019; Paul Davis, PDC**

To date, I have attended all regularly scheduled Council of Administration Meetings.

I have voted on most motions and believe I may have missed one and abstained from one that was my motion on behalf of Keith Harrison and the GAR Hall and Museum in Michigan.

I am currently serving on two committees.

The second Committee is the Heritage Committee chaired by Jim Ward. At this time, I have nothing to report on the activities or my involvement on that committee.

In February I will be attending the Lincoln Birthday Celebration and services in Washington D.C.

In April I attend the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois as well as the memorial services at the Stephenson monument in Petersburg, Illinois.

I continue to regularly work with the Department of Michigan Officers and attend Camp meetings within the Department to assist them and serve the needs of these Camps. I am assisting a Camp Organizer with the establishment of a new Camp for the Department of Michigan. I also regularly attend Sons events and Memorial Services and public events to promote the identity and work of our Order. We had an especially busy Memorial Day week with five services including a Headstone Dedication Service for the family of their Civil War Veteran.

The Host Committee has arranged for some interesting and unique opportunities for our guests including attendance at an afternoon minor league Toronto Blue Jays.

### **2.11 Council of Administration – 2019; Michael Paquette, PDC**

Since the 31st of October, I have participated in the following SUVCW activities:

- 18 November, Remembrance Day parade in Gettysburg, PA
- 19 November, Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg, PA

- 10 December, annual wreath laying ceremony at the Irish Brigade Monument by the City Docks in Fredericksburg, VA
- 10 February, annual Lincoln Day dinner held at the Fredericksburg Country Club, sponsored by the Irish Brigade Camp in Fredericksburg, VA
- All Council of Administration voting sessions
- All Monument Grant Committee voting sessions
- 13 November, 21 December, 25 January and 22 February meetings of the Irish Brigade Camp located in Fredericksburg, VA

## **2.12 Council of Administration – 2018; Fredric C. Lynch, PCinC**

- Attended Gettysburg COA Meeting
- Participated in 2018 Remembrance Day ceremony and activities
- Voted on Motions presented to COA
- Participated in Strategic Development Committee review of potential development contractors
- Represented National SUVCW at SW Ohio Lincoln's Birthday Dinner 2/29/18

## **2.13 Banner Editor; James B. Pahl, PCinC**

The Winter edition was mailed end of January. The deadline for the Spring issue was March 15 and should be at the printer by the time of this meeting. The deadline for the Summer issue is May 31.

I hope each of you is enjoying the Banner. It is my pledge that my brothers will receive four Banners a year – on schedule.

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

No report received.

## **2.15 Assistant Executive Director; Eugene G. Mortorff, PCinC**

No report received.

# **3.0 National Appointed Officers**

## **3.1 National Aide-de-Camp, Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, the committee sent notifications on March 2, 2018 via mail to fourteen (14) representatives of each of our kindred Societies listed in the recently updated National Fraternal Relations Guide. The notifications included details for the 62nd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, parade, and luncheon in Springfield, Illinois on Saturday April 14, 2018.

At the request of the President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW), Caren Cleaveland, and Commander-in-Chief Day, our committee supported the formation of the DUVCW National Fraternal Relations Committee. The Chair of this committee is Sister Eileen Sleckman ([esleck57@gmail.com](mailto:esleck57@gmail.com)). To quote President Cleaveland, "This committee will be working to help grow the Grand Army of the Republic Allied Orders as they were historically intended."

The DUVCW is currently planning their 2021 National Convention and requested information on the SUVCW 2021 National Encampment. In the spirit of camaraderie, the DUVCW would like to revisit having our Conventions/Encampments at the same time and location.

**Recommendations:**

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**3.2 National Organization Expansion Officer, Eric D. Richart, PDC**

No report received.

**3.3 National Chaplin, Jerome W. Kowalski**

Jerry Kowalski didn't do anything. He wanted to eat cookies, watch TV and sleep. However, God gave Grace to Chaplain Jerry, and the Chaplain accepted that Grace. He visited the sick, attended and officiated at funerals and weddings, led prayers, evangelized, recruited, wrote articles and notes, attended and participated in Camp Meetings, spoke to children and adults about the Recent Unpleasantness - but most importantly, prayed for the success and happiness of the Allied Orders and its members.

**Recommendations:**

**Recommendation 1.** The Chaplain is nearing the end of his tour of duty and has experienced the tremendous expense associated with attendance at Springfield, Gettysburg, the CofA Meeting and the National Encampment. He would like the Officers to consider a stipend, or some other honorarium to help defray the expenses of being a Chaplain. Not so much for Chaplain Jerry, but for those who follow him.

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

In addition to monitoring the on-going travel schedule of the Commander-in-Chief (and his official representatives), I have assisted in handling routine assignments and correspondence on his behalf. Additionally, with hosting by the Department of the Chesapeake, I managed the recent (March 10) testimonial dinner for the Commander-in-Chief in Frederick, MD.

Regarding the submission of reports for this and future COA meetings, please make every effort to submit them in a timely fashion and in the format requested. **(Of note, the body of this report reflects the response to the call for reports issued to those officers and committee chairs of record as of the most recent listings available.)** As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. An analysis of report submissions by type reveals the following:

Report Type	Number of Officers	Reports Received	Percent Complete
National Elected Officers	14	10	71%
National Appointed Officers	35	21	60%
National Standing Committees	18	9	50%
National Special Committees	8	3	37%
Department Reports	30	17	57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57%</b>

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

We received a few new monuments since the last meeting report, but that is all. Still awaiting the development of the database.

A complete breakdown by state will be submitted with the report for the National Encampment as little has changed since the November report.

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

I will be in attendance at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL in April, 2018.

If requested, I will serve as the National Color Bearer for the event.

### **3.7 National Counselor, Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC**

No report received.

### **3.8 Assistant National Counselor, Donald E. Darby, PCinC**

I provided assistance to the Commander-in-Chief as requested.

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

The proceedings of the 2015, 2016 and 2017 National Encampment have not yet published as of the date of this report. I am therefore not able to incorporate the annotations from those years in the Constitution and Regulations. An edition of the C&R was recently posted to the web site which includes all changes adopted at the 2017 National Encampment.

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

As the Coordinator of the National Eagle Scout Certificate Program, it has been my honor to serve you and the Brothers of the SUVCW. Executive Director David Demmy has also been a great deal of help to me with keeping up with the applications for certificates that he receives and changes in Coordinators.

A number of things that I see that we need to work on is the usage of our form that is on the SUVCW website. By doing this, it shows how well we are doing by Department and Nationally. When requesting a certificate many of our members and Scouts are not using our form and filling out all the information we need to send out a completed certificate (I will not send out an incomplete certificate). This creates more work for whoever is doing the certificates and a time delay because of communications. Many of these incomplete forms are just letters that are being forwarded to me by our members. It would help if they completed the form online and sent it to the Coordinator.

Our Brothers work hard to take care of the new Eagle Scouts as they come about. Our Brother Al Peterson of Las Vegas, NV had contacted me about what to do for 3 brothers that were blind and earned their Eagle Scout Honor. Brother Al got the congratulation letters done in brail and framed them and sent them to these three brothers. This is the kind of things our Brothers do to make us a great organization. I believe that Brother Al Peterson has gone above and beyond to show that the SUVCW cares about all people and should be honored by the SUVCW. It was my pleasure to work with him as the National Eagle Scout Coordinator.

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

I sent out an email to all State Department GAR Highway Officers introducing myself to all new Dept. GAR Highway Officers. I mentioned if you don't have anything to report please just say I don't have

anything to report. No response from Andrew C. Adams of California, William R. Brown of Indiana, Steven Haight of Illinois, Harley Lofton of Nebraska, Dan Rittel of Iowa.

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

See Section 4.9 National Committee on GAR Post Records Report.

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

No report received.

### **3.14 National Guard, Charles F. Lewis**

No report received.

### **3.15 National Guide, Robert F. Koenecke**

No report received.

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

No report received.

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

No report will be forthcoming until after May 30, 2018.

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

No report received.

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

Nothing to report.

### **3.20 Parliamentarian, Kent M. Melcher**

Nothing to report.

### **3.21 National Patriotic Instructor, Jeffrey French, PDC**

Nothing to report.

### **3.22 National Legislation Officer, Daniel R. Earl, PCC**

The duties of the National Legislation Officer are to keep Brothers apprised of federal and state legislation affecting the welfare of the Order, or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. This report includes an analysis of such legislation.

This report includes federal legislation that has been introduced or passed by Congress from 3 January 2017 through 23 February 2018. No state legislation is included at this time.

- ❖ H.R. 88 - Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation

- Author: Rep. Marsha Blackburn [R-TN-7]
  - Summary: This bill modifies the boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi to include the Fallen Timbers Battlefield, the Russell House Battlefield, and the Davis Bridge Battlefield. It also would establish the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield in Tennessee as an affiliated area of the National Park System.
  - Status: Introduced 1/3/17. Passed the House on 2/27/17 and sent to the Senate. Passed Senate Committee with Amendments and awaiting action by the whole Senate.
- ❖ S.100 – Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation
- Author: Sen. Lamar Alexander [R-TN]
  - Summary: This bill modifies the boundary of Shiloh National Military Park to include the following areas: (1) Fallen Timbers Battlefield, (2) Russell House Battlefield, and (3) Davis Bridge Battlefield. It also would establish the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield in Tennessee as an affiliated area of the National Park System.
  - Status: Introduced on 1/11/17 and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- ❖ H.R. 504 – To require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property.
- Author: Rep. Leonard Lance [R-NJ-7]
  - Summary: The bill changes the days on which the POW/MIA flag is required to be displayed at specified locations to all days on which the U.S. flag is displayed.
  - Status: Introduced 1/12/17 and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.
- ❖ H.R. 506 – Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017
- Author: Rep. Thomas J. Rooney [R-FL-17]
  - Summary: This bill amends the federal criminal code to declare that any person who knowingly engages in any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of veterans' benefits, or in connection with obtaining veteran's benefits for that individual, shall be fined, imprisoned not more than five years, or both.
  - Status: Introduced 1/12/17. Passed Committee and sent to the House as a whole for consideration on 1/10/18.
- ❖ S.150 – Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2017
- Author: Sen. Marco Rubio [R-FL]
  - Summary: This bill amends the federal criminal code to declare that any person who knowingly engages in any scheme or artifice to defraud an individual of veterans' benefits, or in connection with obtaining veteran's benefits for that individual, shall be fined, imprisoned not more than five years, or both.
  - Status: Introduced on 1/17/17. No action taken.
- ❖ H.R. 558 – Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act
- Author: Rep. Barry Loudermilk [R-GA-11]
  - Summary: This bill modifies the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Georgia to include approximately eight acres of land or interests in land identified as Wallis House and Harriston Hill.
  - Status: Introduced on 1/13/17. Passed the House on 1/30/17 and sent to the Senate. Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar with a substitute amendment on 5/16/17.
- ❖ S.136 - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act
- Author: Sen. Johnny Isakson [R-GA]
  - Summary: Summary: This bill modifies the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Georgia to include approximately eight acres of land or interests in land identified as Wallis House and Harriston Hill.
  - Status: Introduced 1/12/17 and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

- ❖ H.R. 3099 – Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park Act of 2017
  - Author: Rep. Mark Sanford [R-SC-1]
  - Summary: This bill establishes the Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in South Carolina for the preservation and interpretation of the nationally significant historical values and cultural resources associated with Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, and Sullivan's Island Life Saving Station Historic District.
  - Status: Introduced 6/28/17 and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. No actions taken.
- ❖ S.1459 – Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park Act of 2017
  - Author: Sen. Tim Scott [R-SC]
  - Summary: This bill establishes the Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park in South Carolina for the preservation and interpretation of the nationally significant historical values and cultural resources associated with Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, and Sullivan's Island Life Saving Station Historic District.
  - Status: Introduced 6/28/17 and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
- ❖ H.R. 3121 – All-American Flag Act
  - Author: Rep. Cheri Bustos [D-IL-17]
  - Summary: This bill requires U.S. flags acquired for use by the federal government to be manufactured entirely in the United States from articles, materials, or supplies grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States.
  - Status: Introduced 6/29/17. Passed Committee and sent to the House as a whole for consideration on 11/2/17.
- ❖ H.R. 3701 – Confederate Monument Removal Act
  - Author: Rep. Barbara Lee [D-CA-13]
  - Summary: This bill would require the removal of all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the Capitol of the United States.
  - Status: Introduced on 9/7/17 and referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
- ❖ H.R. 3714 – Harriet Tubman Tribute Act of 2017
  - Author: Rep. John Katko [R-NY-24]
  - Summary: This bill would amend the Federal Reserve Act to require the Department of the Treasury to ensure that each \$20 Federal Reserve note printed after December 31, 2019, bears the likeness of Harriet Tubman.
  - Status: Introduced 9/8/17 and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
- ❖ H.Con.Res. 12 – “Patriot Week”
  - Author: Rep. Mike Bishop [R-MI-8]
  - Summary: Recognizes that each generation should renew the spirit of the nation based on the first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of the United States.
  - Status: Introduced 1/24/17 and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. No actions taken.

### **3.23 Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond, PDC**

Penna – nothing to report

Maryland – nothing to report

Delaware – nothing to report

New York – continued efforts to strengthen laws for vandalization of veterans' gravesites

New Jersey – nothing to report

CT – continued efforts to penalize desecrations of veterans' grave

RI – nothing to report

Mass – nothing to report

VT – nothing to report  
NH – nothing to report  
Maine– nothing to report  
VA – nothing to report  
WV – nothing to report  
NC – creating a fund to support the development of the Bentonville Battlefield  
Ohio – honored Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, SVR for many years of support as re-enactors and teaching citizens about Civil War.

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

With the formation of the of the Ensign John Davis Camp #10, I am again engaged with this office. Advice and counsel has been provided.

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

No report received.

### **3.26 National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire, PDC**

No report received.

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

No activities since last report.

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

No report received.

### **3.29 Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs, DC**

Brothers, as Assistant to our National Treasurer, Brother David McReynolds, I have worked with him for a total of fifteen hours since the first of the year.

### **3.30 Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max L. Newman, PCC**

No report received.

### **3.31 National Washington DC Representative, Lee D. Stone, PDC**

Having been re-appointed Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Mark R Day at the National Encampment in Lansing MI, I beg leave to report the following:

I supported the outgoing and incoming CinC's at the National Encampment in Lansing, MI in August 2017. I supported the CinC SUVCW, the National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, and the National President of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States at the Lincoln Birthday ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC on 12 February 2018. This included ordering wreaths for both the CinC and the NP ASUVCW, ensuring the CinC had a flagbearer, instructing the flagbearer of the ASUVCW, bearing the flag of the DOLLUS, and offering guidance to those not familiar with the Washington Metropolitan Region.

My goals as Washington DC Representative of the National Order are, as ever, to represent the

SUVCW in the Washington Metropolitan Region, and to assist National Officers of the SUVCW, all the Allied Orders, and sister organizations, whenever they visit this region.

I have no formal recommendations. If any National Officers, or any officers of our Allied Orders, wish my assistance in the Washington Metro Region, they have only to ask.

### **3.32 National Webmaster, James P. McGuire, PDC**

No report received.

### **3.33 National Webmaster for Quarter Master Store, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

No report received.

### **3.34 Assistant National Quarter Master, George Shadman**

Since my last report of October 24, 2017, activity was light over the winter but has, as expected, picked up after the first of the year. I have attached a bar chart demonstrated the activity from May, 2017 to present.

One thing to note is the increase in postage to mail out a single award package. On January 22, 2018, the USPS increased that cost from \$3.16 per unit to \$3.75. When you consider we processed a total of 1059 awards last year that increase will mean an increase of approximately \$625.00 per year in mailing expenses.

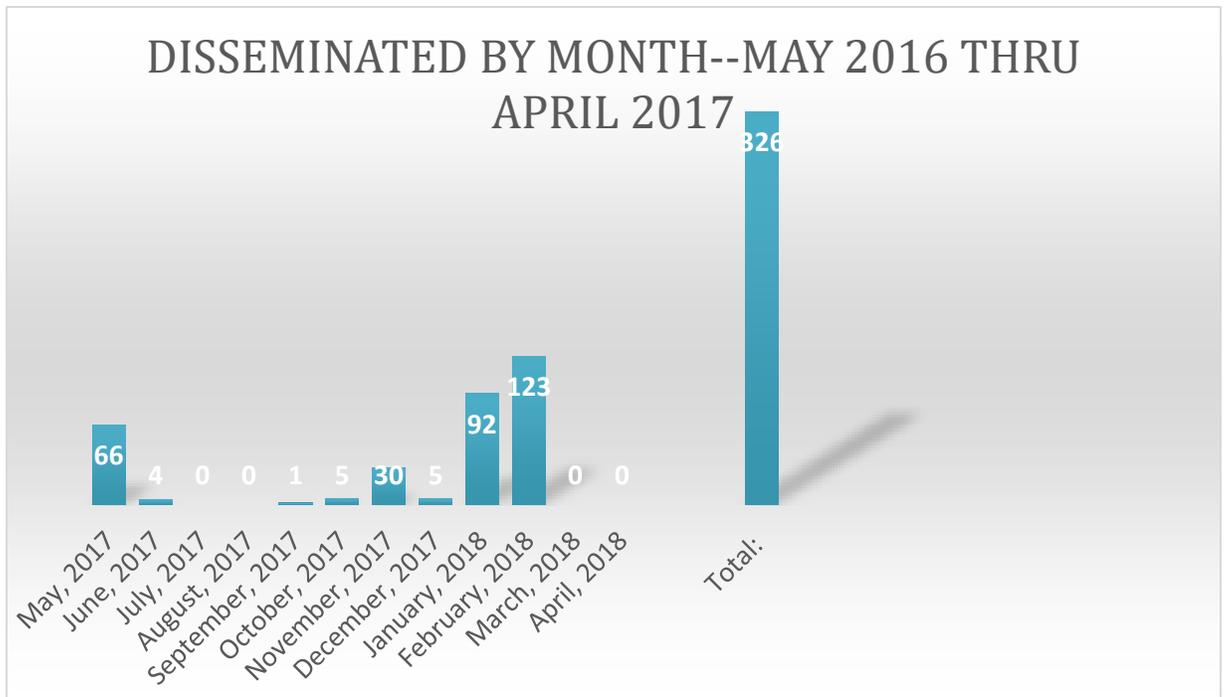
I have noticed more camps and departments are participating in the ROTC/JROTC Awards program and appointing ROTC Coordinators and posting their names on their websites. This is a good thing as I get requests from high schools and universities for a representative from our organization to go to their award ceremonies/banquets and present our awards to their cadets. When I go to the Department's website I go to the ROTC Coordinator first, and then to the Department Commander and refer the school/university to that individual. This is why it is so important that Departments keep their websites current.

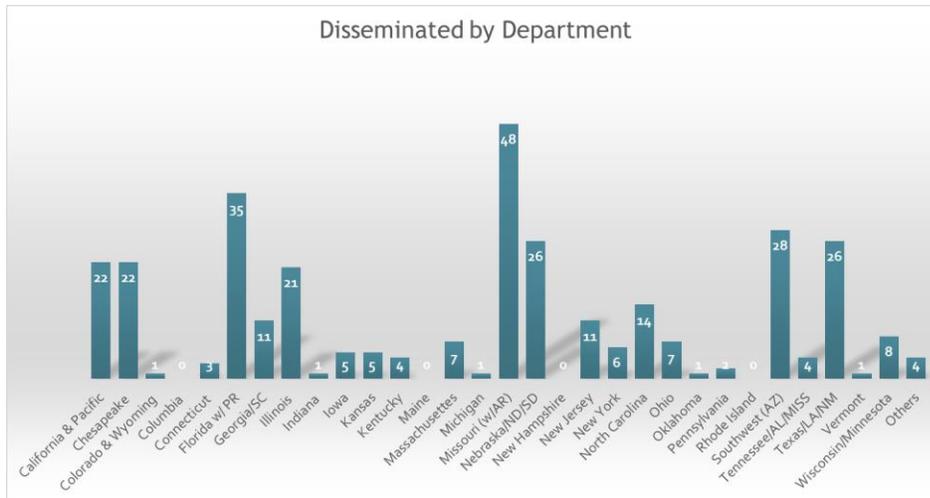
A special "shout-out" to the Departments of Missouri, Florida, and Southwest who has truly gone the extra mile early this calendar year. I expect Texas and California to begin flooding me with applications soon. I would be neglecting my own dual membership Department of the Chesapeake ROTC Coordinator, Roger Leturno who has been doing a fantastic job with the Virginia ROTC/JROTC programs only in his second year.

I would like to openly thank National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler and National Treasurer David McReynolds for their support, always expeditiously answering my requests and rendering assistance when needed. I thank Danny and the National Organization for the privilege of serving the organization of which I have been proud to be a member for the past forty-five years.

Month/year	Applications processed
May, 2017	66
June, 2017	4
July, 2017	0

August, 2017	0
September, 2017	1
October, 2017	5
November, 2017	30
December, 2017	5
January, 2018	92
February, 2018	123
March, 2018	0
April, 2018	0
Total:	326





### 3.35 Assistant National Webmaster, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC

No report received.

## 4.0 National Standing Committees

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

No report received.

### 4.2 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Five grant requests have been received so far during the business year, of which three have been approved. The details of the requests are provided below.

- 2017-18-01, Historical Marker, Calvary Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI. \$750. Approved 21 Oct 2017.
- 2017-18-02, Repair of Concrete Walkway around GAR Monument, Vermont, IL. \$2,000. Approved 25 Oct 2017. Committee had requested clarification of scope of work to be accomplished, which was provided on 24 Oct.
- 2017-18-03, Iron Brigade Highway Marker, Wisconsin Veterans Memorial, Sauk Prairie, WI. \$1,878. Approved 24 Oct 2017.
- 2017-18-04, Joseph Willis Historic Home, Atlanta, GA, HQ US XXIII & XIV Corps, Historical Marker. \$2,000. In progress.
- 2017-18-05, 1916 GAR National Encampment Historical Marker, Kansas City, MO. \$2,000. In progress.

In addition, the Committee received general inquiries for information from the following:

- City of Keokuk, Iowa, Dept of Public Works. Restoration of the General Curtis Monument. Referred to the Dept of Iowa for action.
- Jones Bradbury Camp 149, West Chester, PA. Future monument for an abandoned African-American Cemetery with unmarked USCT and USN graves, among others, Westtown Twp., Chester County, PA. Currently, the cemetery is privately owned and the current owner refuses to allow any grave markers or monuments to be erected. The owner does want to sell the property. The Camp was informed that

the committee will be happy to consider a grant application in the future at such time when monuments will be permitted. The Camp was also advised to contact the VA at that time for veterans' grave markers.

The purpose of the Memorial/Monument Grant Fund is to assist Camps and Departments in their efforts to refurbish and restore Civil War related memorials and monuments. The grant fund is open to the preservation and restoration of Civil War monuments and memorials as well as supporting the production of new monuments. Priority of funds will be for preservation. **Requests for new monuments will be accepted between 1 May and 15 June.**

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

See Section 3.5. National Civil War Memorials Officer report

#### **4.4 National Committee on Communication & Technology, James P. McGuire, PDC**

No report received.

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

The committee is currently studying and evaluating several possible changes to the Regulations for presentation at the 137th National Encampment.

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

No formal report for the eBay Surveillance Committee, however, we would like advice from the National Organization for legal rights and definitions for certain items that come across our members that are for sale. For example, Post records, Items of business from posts. Do we as the Sons own them by law, if so how do we retain them. If not, would we as an organization like to set funds to acquire these items to be archived?

#### **4.7 National Encampment Site Committee, Kevin P. Tucker, PDC**

No report received.

#### **4.8 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

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**4.9 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.

**Recent Activities:** The National GAR Records Officer continues to receive frequent email inquiries and tips regarding GAR records. Major distractions in recent months (including the October fires in California, and the death of the father of the National GAR Records Officer) have resulted in a sizeable backlog of emails awaiting responses. We hope to catch up over the next few months.

One of our recent success stories involves a collection of record books from Ross Rush Post, No. 361, GAR, which was based in Ursina, PA. The records were acquired from an antiques dealer in New York, thanks to a team effort by Mt. Union Church Camp #502, SUVCW, and Betsy Nightingale Matthews Auxiliary #502, ASUVCW, in late 2016. The contents have since been scanned (and a CD sent to the National GAR Records Officer). The originals have been placed on loan in the Meyersdale Public Library, in Meyersdale, PA (a few miles east of Ursina). The archivist at the library personally contacted the National GAR Records Officer to express her appreciation for being selected to conserve the records. This is a perfect example of every step being done right, with the ideal outcome of the records now being safely conserved and copies being distributed. We salute our Brothers and Sisters in the Pennsylvania Department for a job well done!

**Department GAR Records Officer:** We continue to track progress of Departments in filling the position of Department GAR Records Officer position. It's slow, but we're making headway.

Because the office of Department GAR Records Officer is now a required position, our committee recommended previously that this office should be added to the SUVCW Form 49 to make it easier to identify and contact these officers. A draft modified Form 49 was provided to the National Committee on Program & Policy on Nov. 19, 2017. Chairman Shaw advises us that a revision is scheduled to be presented to the CofA at the March 2018 meeting.

The following table shows Departments that have identified a GAR Records Officer (or equivalent) either on their websites or in personal communication to the National GAR Records Officer.

<b>Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer</b>			
<b>Department</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Officer</b>
CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC	David Davis	MISSOURI	Walt Busch
CHESAPEAKE	---	NEBRASKA	William Dean
COLORADO/WYOMING	James Barker	NEW HAMPSHIRE	---
COLUMBIA	Joseph Stevens	NEW JERSEY	Robert Wilhelm

Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer			
CONNECTICUT	---	NEW YORK	Lance Ingmire (GAR archivist)
FLORIDA	Roger Heiple	NORTH CAROLINA	---
GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA	Tom Biederman	OHIO	Richard Davis
ILLINOIS	---	OKLAHOMA	---
INDIANA	Bruce R. Kolb	PENNSYLVANIA	---
IOWA	Ron Rittel	RHODE ISLAND	---
KANSAS	---	SOUTHWEST	David Swanson
KENTUCKY	---	TENNESSEE	---
MAINE	---	TEXAS	---
MASSACHUSETTS	---	VERMONT	---
MICHIGAN	Gary L. Gibson	WISCONSIN	---

**Status of Previous National Encampment and Administrative Actions Relating to GAR Records:** The following table presents the status of previous National Encampment and administrative actions in recent years. The 2016 recommendation from the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning to "make a more accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page" is on standby. The matter has been referred to the National Signals Officer/Webmaster, but changes will probably not be made until a third-party review of the SUVCW national website (authorized by the 2017 National Encampment) is complete.

Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
2012	Approve a GAR Records Project Plan.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Approved by National Encampment, August 2012
2012	Amend the job description of the National GAR Records Officer.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated August 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website National Job Descriptions page.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
2013, 2015	Amend job description of the National Standing Committee on GAR Records.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website National Job Descriptions page.
2013, 2015	That a National Policy on GAR Records be approved.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> The new policy is posted to the SUVCW website National Policies page.
2014	Amend Chap. II, Art. IV, Sec. 1 of the C&R to include the office of Department G.A.R. Records Officer (the office was created at the Nat'l Encampment in 2004).	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated in August 2014. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap. II, Art. VIII, Sec. 4 of the C&R to revise the job description of the Department Historian.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap I, Art. VIII, Sec. 4 of the C&R to revise the job description of the Camp Historian.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> SUVCW Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap. III, Art. VII, Sec. 12 of the C&R to revise the job description of the National Historian.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website National Job Descriptions page.
2015	Amend Chap. III, Art. X, Sec. 17 of the C&R to revise the job description of the National Committee on History.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website National Job Descriptions page.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
2015	Amend Chap. III, Art. X, Sec. 17 of the C&R to create a new Job Description for the Department GAR Records Officer.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Blue Book updated November 2015. Job description needs to be posted to the SUVCW website Department and Camp Job Descriptions page.
2016	Recommendation from the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning: "Make a more accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page."	Pending/Standby	<b>PENDING.</b> Addressed at the 16 Apr. 2016 CofA meeting, and assigned to the National Webmaster/Signals Officer for action. The link is currently accessed using the "Projects & Preservation" tab on the SUVCW website.
2017	Approve new GAR Records Project 5-year Plan.	Voted/Approved	<b>COMPLETE.</b> Approved by National Encampment, August 2017.
2017	Revise the "Officers Installed" section of the SUVCW Form 49 to add the required office of Department GAR Records Officer.	Recommended to the CofA in the November 2017 report.	<b>PENDING.</b> A modified Form 49 fill-in PDF file has been delivered to the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.

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

We have the permits for the program. The band has been hired. Luncheon program finalized. Ribbons will be ordered the 3rd week in March. This year the attendance is WAY DOWN. As of February 27th, we only have 7 people presenting wreaths and 6 people attending the luncheon. Last year the support was way down also.

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

No report received.

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

Nothing to report.

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

The Committee has been involved in revising forms and working on authoring policies.

To date we have dealt with forms 3, 60, 12, 30, 35, and 27. We have revision work under way on form 49 and the packet of camp formation forms 50 through 55. Form 27 was a particularly troublesome

form in that the automatic calculation features of the form were difficult to get to work correctly. After a number of revisions within the committee, we secured the assistance of two computer experts outside the committee to correct ongoing calculation problems in the form. The currently posted form seems to work, but you will note that we took it through 10 revisions to get it to do so. As I said, the final product was made to work by two non-members of our committee. One a brother of the Order, one not. Both donated their time and talent when told that it was for the SUVCW.

We expect the balance of the forms and policies we are to have completed, finished within the next month or two. Certainly, well before the August encampment.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation 1.** That the Council issue letters of thanks to the two individuals who donated time and talent to fixing the problems we had with the calculation features on the Form 27. They are David Wallace, PDC and Robbie Gifford, Technology Coordinator for Michigan's 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court.

#### **4.14 National Committee on Scholarships, Eugene G. Mortorff, PCinC**

No report received.

#### **4.15 National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Donald D. Palmer, Jr. PCinC**

No report received.

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

No report received.

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

No report received.

#### **4.18 National Committee on History, Robert Wolz**

No report received.

## **5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5.1 National Encampment Credentials Special Committee, Joseph S. Hall, Jr., PDC**

No report received.

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

The committee has been charged with developing an introductory online course made up of several interactive power point presentations. The committee is still fielding questions regarding registration and proof of completion, associated with the original Memorial University course tests on the Constitution & Regulations. The National Webmaster has agreed to remedy the situation, returning confidence in the course.

To date, the committee has completed the first five Power points of the introductory course. These include: Intro/Overview, History of our Order, Customs & Courtesies, Badge Wear, and

Organization & Structure. These have been reviewed and accepted by the committee. The remaining two (Core Values and Benefits of Membership) should be ready for review soon.

Each presentation is readied for CofA review on "Blendspace." All presentations have a script and include a review quiz. It is the committee's intent that the presentations be used as either part of an online learning management program or downloaded for use in a classroom setting.

### **5.3 Real Sons & Daughters Special Committee, Jerome L. Orton, PDC**

Nothing to report. Of note however, Irene Triplett the last Civil War pensioner is still alive in Wilkesboro, NC. It would nice if the CofA would consider making her an honorary member of the SUVCW.

### **5.4 CinC Appointed Committee to conduct negotiations with the Allied Orders related to National Encampment contracts and relationships, Mark R. Day, CinC**

See Section 2.1, Report of the Commander-in-Chief.

### **5.5 CinC Appointed Communications and Technology Sub-Committee on technology needs at National Headquarters, James. P. McGuire, PDC**

No report received.

### **5.6 Strategic Development Committee, David H. McReynolds, DC**

No report received.

### **5.7 National Special Committee on Website Redesign, James P. McGuire, PDC**

No report received.

### **5.8 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues, James G. Ward, PDC**

No report received.

## **6.0 DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **6.1 Department of California and Pacific, Dean A. Enderlin, DC**

Our Department consists of thirteen Camps, with two based in Nevada and the remainder in California. Total membership is 334 (as of May 2017).

The 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of California & Pacific will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Bakersfield, California, on March 16 and 17, 2018. The Encampment will be held concurrently with the Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive meeting in 2018, and we will be welcoming CinC Mark Day and NP Ramona Greenwalt as our installing officers.

The late 2017 wildland fires in both the northern and southern parts of California affected many of our Brethren in various ways. Although none have reported losing their home, many were impacted by

the widespread mandatory evacuations, utility outages, and disruptions of routine schedules. Many of those affected, including the Department Commander, are still unpacking! One of the unusual consequences of the fires was the forced postponement of the December 9 installation of officers of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21 in Fallbrook, CA, due to the Lilac Fire advancing through the area at the time. On January 23, 2018, Camp Commander John Finch sent a special request to DC Enderlin, seeking approval to reschedule the installation for February. DC Enderlin forwarded the request to the CofA via CinC Mark Day on January 30. The request was approved by vote of the CofA of February 5, followed by G.O. #21, issued by CinC Mark Day on February 6, granting the special request. Camp #21 successfully installed their officers on February 10, with many thanks to the CofA and CinC for their help in this matter.

All but one Form 22 for Camps in our Department have been received by the Department Secretary-Treasurer. DC Enderlin was able to preside as installing officer at ceremonies for five of our thirteen Camps. Our goal next year is for that number to be higher, barring any new natural disasters!

To date, the Department Commander has issued nine Department Orders for the 2017-2018 administrative year, and two Special Department Orders (death notices).

## **6.2 Department of the Chesapeake, W. Faron Taylor, DC**

The Department of the Chesapeake includes fourteen (14) Camps and a total membership of over 400 Brothers. Since our last report camps within the Department have sponsored and participated in a wide-range of activities, all designed to honor the service of our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

In keeping with the General Order of the Commander-in-Chief, Department Brothers are continuing to closely monitor Civil War- related monumentation and the actions of local and state governments toward same. With our location situated in the heart of the eastern theatre of Civil War operations, there are a host of monuments sited in our jurisdiction and the reactions and still-developing stances by governmental entities has varied widely.

Additionally, (and rather than focusing on individual, Camp-related activities), this narrative highlights *Department* actions for this reporting period:

1. Department officers have worked to consolidate records for historical accessibility and greater managerial efficiency.
2. In a collaborative effort, officers have worked to ensure long-term measures are in place to maintain the financial well-being of the Department.
3. Additional steps have been taken and incentives offered to maintain 100% compliance with Camp-to-Department reporting requirements, on time.
4. The Department contributed \$500 toward the construction of a monument honoring our ancestors at the site of a large Union hospital at Point of Rocks, VA.
5. The Department sponsored a testimonial dinner for Commander-in-Chief Day in Frederick Maryland on March 10, 2018.
6. Final preparations have been made for the 131<sup>st</sup> annual encampment scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 27 – 28, 2018 in Ellicott City, MD. The theme for the encampment will be “The Role of Railroads during the Civil War.”
7. Represented the Order at a preliminary meeting regarding the reinternment of Union remains found at Manassas National Battlefield.
8. The Department is planning an early morning wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of major general John A. Logan in Washington, DC on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018. Details forthcoming.

Finally, on Remembrance Day weekend, our departed and very dear Brother Ken Hershberger, PDC was honored with a ceremony at his favorite spot on the Gettysburg battlefield – the Woolson monument. Camps within the Department have taken steps to honor Brother Ken's service to the Order with special commemorative programs.

Should other Departments wish additional information on the practices and approaches being used by the Department of the Chesapeake to recruit and retain members, please feel free to contact us.

### **6.3 Department of Colorado & Wyoming, Garry Brewer, PDC**

Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 Secretary PDC Richhart Reports;

1. Currently I am working with 3 Brother in Idaho to help with recruitment and camp formulation and with one Brother in Wyoming to hopefully establish a camp in Wyoming. Currently all Brothers working on Camp organizing have submitted the required form 51 and checks submitted to the Department Treasurer to be forwarded on to the National Secretary for processing.
2. Camp Secretary PDC Richhart has sent dues notices out to all Camp Members which include members in Wyoming and Idaho. Many have now remitted their annual dues. As more in Idaho pay their dues the organizing brother can continue to work with them to establish the 4 Camps.
3. PDC Richhart working as Camp Secretary has and continues to contact as many cemeteries in Utah as possible to locate all Civil War dead buried here. He is working with other members and the word is being sent out to locate the last Veteran and date of death in each county.
4. During the Camp meeting held on 7 February 2018 it was discussed using the Camps new Facebook page to further grave registration and for recruitment.
5. It can be noted that after almost 9 years of effort there appears that Camp Secretary, PDC Richhart, is getting some action on the GAR Highway situation. He had been notified by Representative Watkins on 8 February 2018, by email that the Bill has been introduced and was worked on by the legislative committee. On 24 February 2018 PDC Richhart met with Representative Watkin at the House Transportation Committee. He presented a letter from CinC Day to that body. Representative Watkins gave a presentation to that body and comments from the people present was accepted. PDC Richhart addressed the Body and read the entire 1949 Law and gave an affirmation to the Bill. It was stated that the SUV CW would request the name change back to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway and the change done more than 10 years ago for a Utah State Senator be listed as a byway under his name. What had been proposed is that the leg of US 6 that in 2008 was renamed after a Utah retiring legislature be renamed back to the GAR highway and signs be set in place. As a compromise it was also suggested that the leg of US 6 could also be designated as a byway for this person. On 28 February 2018 after an expedited vote that took place on Monday 26 February 2018 PDC Richhart again met with Representative Watkins, this time in the Senate Transportation Committee. Again, it was submitted that the name change be done. However, the Bill was changed. It was brought to our attention that there could be no Byway. So, the effect would be the GAR Highway change would happen and hold premier names as it was named first. Since we were 3<sup>rd</sup> on the list and the other 2 bills came before and they were give consent to expedite were unable to have that happen. At present we have till 9 March 2018 to get it passed. Representative Watkins and her Aide are contacting all 29 State Senators to help and push this along. Updates will follow.

Legion of the West Camp Number 7 Commander Haake Reports.

1. OCT 2017, October is Family History Month Program: Mesa County Public Library, Grand Junction, Colorado. Brother Garry Brewer, DC, Brother Bill Buvinger, PCC, Brother Gary Parrot, PCC, and Brother David Haake, CC participated in the event at the Mesa County Public Library. There was a history and heritage display and each were in historic period uniforms. We represented the U.S. Civil War and the War of 1812 in period dress.
2. NOV 2017, Veterans Day: Various members of the Camp participated in the Veterans Day parade in Grand Junction, Colorado. Garry Brewer, DC, PCC portrayed George Washington in the Parade. Brother Gary Parrot, PCC marched with the Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard. Brother Bill Buvinger, PCC road the float for the Fleet Reserve Association. Brother David Haake, CC drove a Veterans Health

Administration Veterans Transportation Service Vehicle, with a wheelchair bound Veteran, Walter Price, as his ride along guest.

3. There were 9 military funeral honors in the month of November 2017. There have been 237 for the year-to-date. Since the inception of the Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard, there have been 2,697 military funeral honors provided by PDC Gary Parrot. Members of the Camp led by Commander David Haake visited bed ridden Veterans at the Grand Junction VA Hospital on the morning of 11 November, prior to the Veterans Day Parade.

4. On 16 DEC 2017: Members of the Camp joined in with Wreaths Across America. Members of various Veterans Organizations, including the Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard, led by PDC Gary Parrot laid wreaths on the graves and columbarium of U.S. Veterans in the Colorado State Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

5. Legion of the West Camp 7 Members participates in multiple heritage organizations.

Centennial Camp 100 PDC Barker Reports;

New Officer elected in January 2018

Fundraiser held at Barnes & Noble in December 2017

Dedication ceremony for Riverside monument set for Armed Forces Day 2018

New project approved for headstone dedication for a Union CW & Crimean War Veteran in Fairmount Cemetery for late summer 2018.

6. Department Treasurer Report;

All bills have been paid

Reports submitted and all funds accounted for and reviewed by Department Council

7. Camp Compliment- Chapman # 2 Reports;

1. Feldon O'Mary tombstone project. Feldon was a CW veteran buried in a Billings cemetery. He served in the Tennessee cavalry and also in an Illinois unit. Researching his history was quite a challenge even for our experienced researchers. His name had several spellings and his history, especially after the war is very sketchy. His current grave marker is made of sandstone and hand chiseled (and very worn down) with many misspellings (Civil War is spelled Sivle War). After completely researching him we set up an ancestry file for him on Ancestry.com. With that we were contacted by distant family members who are very supportive of our efforts and what we are doing. We have just completed a requisition form for a VA marker and will be getting the appropriate signatures and mailing it in soon. Once the marker is received we will have a formal ceremony to dedicate it.
2. We also have a member (Brother Held) who is researching the early Indian Campaign in SE Montana that took place right after the CW (Powder River Expedition of 1865) with the goal of eventually having a memorial set up in SE Montana. The Army participants were former CW veterans. All of the casualties of the campaign were buried in unmarked graves and camouflaged so they would not be dug up. So far Brother Held has secured one VA tombstone for one of the casualties – William P. Long. We are currently looking into developing the project to a much larger scale. In addition to memorializing the 1865 expedition and its members, we are looking into the possibility of creating a Veterans Park in SE Montana with this expedition being one of its major components. We will be reaching out to local veterans in that area to see what kind of support is out there. We also will likely need to secure some grant funding for the project. We are in the very early stages of this endeavor and there's lots of work to be done, but our Camp is 100% behind the project.
3. Brother Emmett has been working on documenting for National the CW graves in the National Cemetery at Custer Battlefield. The project is almost complete.
4. Brother Page will be attending a three-day seminar in Helena in June put on by the Montana Historical Foundation. The seminar is on graves and cemeteries. There will be numerous topics covered from traditional research to current state of the art locating techniques.

5. Brother Held will be part of a small group putting on a two to three-day CW encampment/demonstration event locally here in May.

8. The Department Sr Vice Commander William E. Buvinger, PCC Reports;

I have arranged to have the 2018 Encampment of the Department of CO/WY to be held on 16 June 2018, at the Grand Junction Masonic Center, 2400 Consistory Court, Grand Junction, Colorado. We will have the use of Lodge Room #1 from 9am to 1pm,

9. The Department GAR Highway Officer Gary E. Parrott, PDC Reports;

Since the last report submitted, has performed the following activities:

- A. Conducted personal inspections of several portions of the G.A.R. Highway (US-6) in Colorado and Utah;
- B. Continued research and gathering of information on the development and history of the G.A.R. Highway within the territory of the Department.
- C. Continued interaction and exchange of information with other G.A.R. Highway Officers and the D.O.T.
- D. Future projects include continued research, presentations and dissemination of information regarding the G.A.R. Highway within the jurisdiction of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

10. Brother Falkin who is the Organizing Commander for the proposed Camp in Wyoming Reports:

- A. Activities to promote public awareness of the SUVCW in Wyoming
  - i. Brochures provided by the Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, were used for recruiting at the Wyoming State Muzzle loading Association annual conference on 01.13.18. Set up recruiting table for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at conference. Distributed about 50 brochures, about five prospects left their contact information, but someone took the list from the table before the conference concluded. Had notice about SUVCW added to forthcoming WSMA newsletter.
  - ii. Engaged in recruiting at Wagon Box Fight reenactment at Ft. Phil Kearny.
  - iii. Engaged in recruiting at filming of Johnson County War at TA Ranch in Buffalo, Wyoming.
  - iv. Engaged in recruiting at Ft. Caspar Collins Days, Casper, Wyoming, 2017
  - v. Engaged in recruiting a Ft. Bridger Rendezvous, Ft. Bridger, Wyoming, 2017.
  - vi. Engaged in recruiting at Candlelight Christmas at Ft. Caspar, Wyoming. Left brochures in rack at museum there.
  - vii. Posted recruiting flyers at Riverton Branch Library.
  - viii. Brochures sent to local high school history and military science teachers in Fremont County school districts.
  - ix. Mailings to current and prospective SUVCW members. Mailing sent approximately once per month.
  - x. Notice about recruiting activities for society put in the upcoming Wind River Muzzle loading Association (Fremont County) newsletter.
  - xi. Brochure given to LTC Thomas Haas, head of the University of Wyoming ROTC program. Coordinating this program with Department to arrange award of ROTC medal to cadet at next annual awards ceremony. Compiled list of JROTC units in

- state. In process of contacting their commanding officers about ROTC award for their cadets.
- xii. Started list of graves of Civil War veterans in Wyoming, primarily in Fremont County. Metetse and Casper.
- 3. Future planned activities:
  - a. Compile list of history departments at high schools and colleges and send brochures.
  - b. Compile list of genealogy departments at public libraries and send brochures
  - c. Compile list of historical societies and send brochures
  - d. Compile list of reenacting organizations and send brochures
  - e. Compile list of muzzle loading organizations and send brochures
  - f. Recruiting at the following events:
    - i. Spring Wagon Escort of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ohio Cavalry 05.17.18-05.20.18
    - ii. Riverton 1838 Rendezvous 21-22.07.18 Fetterman Massacre reenactment. TBD
    - iii. Wagon Box Fight Reenactment at Ft. Phil Kearny 8/2018
    - iv. Ft. Bridger Rendezvous 08.31.18-09.02.18
    - v. Candlelight Christmas at Ft. Caspar 12/2018

Prepare better quality recruiting materials including pamphlets, posters, flyers, audio Public Service Announcements and videos.

Build Social media sites for disseminating information about Camp activities in Wyoming. Begin fund raising for color guard uniforms and equipment. Petition SUVCW to consider awards for other cadet programs.

#### **6.4 Department of the Columbia, Mark M. Stevens, DC**

No report received.

#### **6.5 Department of Connecticut, Matt Reardon, DC**

No report received.

#### **6.6 Department of Florida, David R. Palmer, DC**

The Department of Florida submits the following Report as its March 1,2018 Report:

- 1) The Department of Florida Annual Encampment will be held March 10,2018 in St. Cloud, Florida. St. Cloud, Florida is one of three GAR Communities in the State of Florida. The National Officer attending the Encampment will be Senior Vice Commander in Chief Donald Shaw. Election and installation of Department Officers for the year 2018-2019 will take place. All Camps will report on implementation of their Plans so far and on those yet to happen.
- 2) We have five active Department of Florida Camps and each is implementing its 2017-2018 Plans consisting of participation in local/Regional Civil War Activities. They are to report in depth their activities at the Annual Encampment.
- 3) Florida Department Camp #4 on 2/13/18 returned to the Vineland Cemetery near Disney which now has only 2 graves and both are Civil War Veterans Graves. Six years ago, Marshall Polston as his Eagle Scout Project led a group to restore and preserve the Site. Twice since then it has been necessary to return and restore the Cemetery site--most recently, 2/13/18. Camp #4 continues to do an excellent job in preserving the Site.
- 4) Camp #1 Department of Florida has won the 2017-2018 Recruitment Challenge Award Contest announced at the 2017 Encampment. PCC Dave Chestnut accepted the challenge and Camp #1 far

surpassed all other Florida Camps in winning the Challenge. PCC Chestnut led Camp #1 to not only victory but has developed Camp #1 into becoming the largest Camp within the Department of Florida. His willingness to "Think outside the box" and try new ideas has led to his success.

5) Camp #1 had assisted in the establishment of the Tampa Civil War Round Table. It is sponsored by the Tampa Bay Historical Museum. A Special Civil War Presentation has been planned for March 31, 2018 by Dr. Richard Banz, Executive Director of the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History and the Kennesaw Museum Foundation. The subject matter is Stealing a General in Georgia and Dealing with Old Dixie. It is free and open to the public (a 3hour Program).

6) The Department of Florida welcomes any Brother "Snowbirds" who Winter in Florida to join us while in Florida. There is no charge and Brothers who wish to participate can do so by contacting the Department of Florida or any Camp within Florida.

## **6.7 Department of Georgia and South Carolina, David W. Beam, DC**

Since the last report to the National Council of Administration, the Department has much news to present:

- Conducted and participated in a cemetery tour of Marietta National Cemetery on Veterans Day led by Brother Brad Quinlan.
- Conducted a Pearl Harbor Day memorial ceremony at Marietta National Cemetery led by Camp Commander Michael Reither.
- Participated in Wreaths Across America at multiple cemeteries within the Department on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Held multiple cleanup days at Maloney Springs Cemetery in Marietta, GA – burial site of a Union soldier.
- Processed seven SUVCW Eagle Scout awards.
- Participated in the "Christmas on the Homefront" event at McDaniel Farm Park led by Commander Ray Wozniak.
- Provided care packages to Brother Branton Fletcher of Elias Moon Camp #2 who is currently a cadet at West Point.
- Had the unfortunate task of reporting the death of Brother John T. Miller of Edward Wallace Camp #21.
- Had the unfortunate task of reporting the disbandment of Kenner Garrard Camp #4 to the National Commander-in-Chief who approved it through a General Order.

The Brothers of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina look forward to continuing our efforts in the future.

## **6.8 Department of Illinois, John M. Bigwood, DC**

No report received.

## **6.9 Department of Indiana, Dennis H. Rigsby, DC**

It is a privilege to report the following activities on behalf of the department on Indiana during this reporting period.

- 1) October 18, 2017- requested and received permission from the commander-in-chief and the national council of administration for the department of Indiana to pursue legal action if necessary to gain access to the Evansville, in. "coliseum" for the purpose of inventory of any "g.a.r." or "s.u.v.c.w." records, pictures and memorabilia found at that site. (negotiations are still ongoing with the manager Of the site).

- 2) October 21, 2017- I traveled to Valparaiso Indiana and presented a s.u.v.c.w. 40-year award to brother Ron Gill, a member of the David d. porter camp #116.
- 3) November 11, 2017- participated in the veteran's day ceremonies at the veteran's park in Richmond, in.
- 4) November 18, 2017- attended the Gettysburg, pa. Remembrance Day parade and ceremonies
- 5) December 11, 2017- participated with members of the William p. Benton camp #28 in re-setting of the "camp Wayne" monument at 8<sup>th</sup> and south "e" streets in Richmond, in.
- 6) January 09, 2018- installed the officers of the William p. Benton camp #28 in Centerville, in.
- 7) January 28, 2018- attended and chaired the mis-winter encampment of the department of Indiana at greenfield, in.

## **6.10 Department of Iowa, Jeffrey P. Rassmussen, DC**

Over the course of the year, the Department of Iowa has maintained and completed a number of projects to honor our nation's veterans, perpetuate the legacy of the Grand Army of the Republic, and increase our Order's visibility to the public. Some noteworthy examples have been compiled here, dating back to April of 2017.

On Saturday, April 8, 2017, the Allied Orders of the Department of Iowa met for their 134th Annual Encampment at the American Legion Memorial Hall in Atlantic, Iowa. The Department By-Laws were amended to reflect the National Articles and Regulations and respective General Orders.

On Saturday, June 24, 2017, the Kinsman Camp #23 Guard performed a Rededication at the Hancock Post Section at the Floyd Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa. Kinsman Camp also conducted four Civil War Living History programs for middle school students at Atlantic, Oakland, and Council Bluffs in May 2017.

Camp Commander Don McGuire of Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 presented the SUVCW ROTC Award to Marcus Hill of the Iowa State University Air Force ROTC. According to a report from Department ROTC/JROTC Coordinator Mike Rowley, the Department of Iowa is on track to have 100% of the 14 programs participating for at least the 2nd straight year.

Under the coordinating efforts of Brother Tom Gaard and other members of the Department of Iowa, the Last Soldier Project has continued in full force. With the addition of six soldiers on 10/20/17, the graves of 35 of Iowa's 100 last soldiers have been marked.

Brother Dan Rittel has continued in his ambitious project to install, replace, and maintain signage along the historic GAR Highway. The number of signs has been considerably more than doubled in the last year, from 22 to at least 63. In September, Iowa Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the naming of the GAR Highway across Iowa and declaring September 28 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway Day.

The Department of Iowa was honored with the 2017 SUVCW Horace Greeley Award for best website, thanks to the efforts of Brother Danny Krock in his capacity as Signals Officer.

The 135th Department Encampment will meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April at Waterloo, Iowa. The event will be held at the Veterans Memorial Hall, the home of former G.A.R. Robert Anderson Post #68.

These events are chronicled on the Department of Iowa website.

## **6.11 Department of Kansas, Mark A. Britton, DC**

No report received.

## **6.12 Department of Kentucky, Bruce E. Fortin, DC**

**Robert Jones CC Fort Duffield Camp #1**

Camp1, Fort Duffield continues his work in the application to put the Maysville G.A.R. monument in the Maysville-Mason County Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places for Kentucky. Another ongoing project is to follow up on replacement of the Pergola Roof on the Rostrum built in 1895 at the Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, KY. Another project is the placement of a Historical marker for Otto Voit, a Civil War Medal of Honor (MOH) awardee for his bravery at Little Big Horn. Brother Steven Edwards has done an immense amount of research and the marker has been approved by the State. Chapter 146 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart has picked up the tab. Dedication set for 26 June 2018. On 11 Nov Color guard for Louisville Veterans Day parade. (Annual event)

### **Commander Alan Biven of Camp Calhoun Camp#2**

Bruce Fortin swore in 8 new members into this camp and transferring 4 from Camp1 Fort Duffield totaling 12 members. We have received the Charter for Camp Calhoun Camp 2 with a date of 26 January 2018. This is the FIRST Charter for 2108 and very proud of it. The new Camp has since filed for and received their EIN, submitted their Form 27 and other required documents. Amelia Wilson, a Representative of U. S. Congressman James Comer's Office, presented a U. S. Flag, flown over the Nation's Capital Washington D. C. to the Camp Calhoun Camp 2 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

### **Bernie O'Bryan of Camp 3 Nelson-Garfield:**

No report.

### **Commander David Jones, Sgt Elijah P Marrs Camp 5:**

Camp 5 participated in a stone dedication for Sgt. Samuel P. Rothwell in the Lancaster Cemetery.

### **Major James H. Bridgewater Camp #7:**

Over the past six months, the members of the Major James H. Bridgewater Camp #7, of the Department of Kentucky have been busy representing our order, promoting American patriotism, and preserving the memories of our Union ancestors. One of the primary ways in which we have been doing this is through the utilization of the national Adopt-A-School program. This program enables us to reach future generations of potential members while have a direct impact on the future leaders of our communities. It represents the very aspects upon which our order was founded and reflects directly upon the very principles for which our ancestors fought. The preservation of our nation, the promotion of patriotism, and the preservation of the memory of those who came before us to make this American way of life possible are all at the heart of this program.

Beginning in August of 2017 with the start of a new school year, we began a new collaboration in this program with Waco Elementary in Waco, Kentucky. Through the support and partnership of the Sons of Union Veterans, an active history organization was formed within the school. This is the first organization of its kind in the history of the 106-year-old school, and the first of its kind within the school district as a whole. Through this organization, students are able to go far beyond the traditional limitations of the classroom to explore the subjects of history. Through community service and research projects, students have been able to more closely examine the people and events that helped us to become the nation that we are today. Included in this are in depth research projects being completed by students on Civil War topics such as, The Battle of Richmond Kentucky, the fistfight at Saunders Field during the Battle of The Wilderness, and Private Edmund Jamison whose photograph has come to most popularly represent the image of a boy soldier during the war. These three topics are ones that are never discussed within a traditional classroom setting. Without the support and partnership of the Sons of Union Veterans, the students would never have experienced or even discussed these events.

Members of Camp 7 were privileged to be able to collaborate with these students and aide in their research. In addition to this, Brothers from not only Camp 7, but from across the entire Department

of Kentucky contributed to these students being able to travel to The Kentucky History Center in Frankfort, Kentucky, to explore the Civil War in the Commonwealth and to see and touch not only Civil War artifacts, but artifacts from the Grand Army of The Republic in Kentucky which are not normally on display. GAR flags and ribbons from posts all across the state which are too large or too delicate to normally be placed on display in the museum were examined by these students while the story of the GAR was shared with them. Again, this would not have been possible without the assistance of the Brothers of The Department of Kentucky. Once more, the GAR is something that is not taught within our schools. Because of the program, students will also be able to bring history to life with a living history museum, held in the very house that Union soldiers were paroled in after the Battle of Richmond Kentucky.

History however is simply one aspect of the Adopt-A-School Program. During this school year with this program, members of Camp 7 have been able to help promote patriotism by training various students throughout the year in the care and proper display of the flag of the United States. In addition to conducting training sessions first hand, members have helped to represent our Department by providing printed material from our national website to these students on the care and display of our nation's flag. The training and discussion of the Pledge of Allegiance to that flag has also been conducted by members of the Camp as well.

Outside of the Adopt-A-School Program, the Brothers of Camp 7 have represented our Department at various reenactments and living history events. These events included the reenactments at Camp Wildcat, The Battle of Richmond, The Battle of Middle Creek, Living History at Camp Nelson, and The Battle of Leatherwood. Camp members also participated in the Junction City Christmas parade. We consider any opportunity to represent our Camp, The Department of Kentucky, or The Sons of Union Veterans National Organization as a whole to be an honor and a privilege. We humbly submit this report for your consideration and hope that it demonstrates our representing these entities in an honorable and noble way.

Finally, our application to place the Maysville GAR monument on the National Register has been accepted (February 28) by the National Park Service! We can celebrate and start planning a ceremony!

### **6.13 Department of Maine, David W. Sosnowski, DC**

No report received.

### **6.14 Department of Massachusetts, Daniel Murray, DC**

Nothing to report.

### **6.15 Department of Michigan, David S. Smith, DC**

#### Current Membership and Camps Status

As of 09 February 2018, the Department of Michigan has a total of 478 Brothers, and 22 Camps (inclusive of the Camp-at-Large). This is a net increase of 5 Brothers as last reported from the 2017 Annual Report. Camps continue their planning for upcoming events and ordering of VA gravestones in an on-going basis. At this time, one Camp is reporting that they will be holding a ceremony to dedicate 10 new gravestones at one cemetery in May.

#### Camp Officers Installed

The Officers of the various Camps within the Department of Michigan have been duly installed. Much appreciation is extended to all Department representatives that performed installations – sometimes facing winter storms and poor road conditions. Additionally, many thanks must be given to the

Camps of the Department of Michigan. Their overwhelming hospitality and kindness shown to the various Department representatives was highly appreciate.

### Department Encampment

The Department of Michigan Encampment is on Saturday, 05 May 2018 in Lansing. The Encampment will be held on the grounds of the Great Lakes Christian College. Commander-in-Chief Day is scheduled to be in attendance.

The Department Nominating Committee has been appointed and is currently receiving letters of intention and qualifications along with recommendations.

### Gen. Logan's General Order No. 11 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In observance of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of General John Logan's General Order No. 11, the Department of Michigan will be providing commemorative ribbons to all members of the Department to be distributed at the Department Encampment. Additionally, CinC Logan's General Order No. 11 will be read during the Encampment.

### 5-Year Strategic Direction

The Department of Michigan is currently generating a new 5-Year Strategic Direction plan that will be distributed to the Camps within the coming months. The plan addresses several new initiatives moving forward, as well as identifying current and future challenges.

### Remembrance Day

The Department of Michigan was well represented at the 2017 Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg, PA. The Department participated in placing the flags at the National Cemetery, played a part at the Woolson Monument Ceremony, marched in the very rainy and well-guarded parade, and honored the brave soldiers of the 16th Michigan Infantry at their monument on the southwest slope of Little Round Top. Many thanks go out to Captain L. Dean Lamphere, Jr. and the Irish Rifles of Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, SVR for their professionalism and attention to detail that represent the Department so well.

Special recognition is extended to Department Color Bearer and 14th Michigan Color Sergeant Ed Dowd for his efforts during Remembrance Day. Brother Dowd carried and presented the National Colors at the Woolson Monument Ceremony, carried the National Colors at the front of the parade, and carried and presented the Stars and Stripes at the 16th Michigan Infantry monument. Color Sergeant Dowd's commitment and dedication as a Color Bearer for the Department and SVR is exemplary, and we are honored to have his service to the Order.

## **6.16 Department of Missouri, Randal A. Burd, Jr., DC**

The Department of Missouri continues to have several projects in the works as Spring approaches. The regular activities of our camps are reported in our department newsletter, *The Missouri Unionist*, which you can find at <http://www.suvcwmo.org/the-unionist.html>. The most recent issue of the Unionist was 31 December 2017 with the next issue to be published on 31 March 2018.

The special committees of the Department of Missouri and their chairs are listed below. Their descriptions were included in the report of 31 October 2017.

Vicksburg Monument Restoration Committee  
Donald Palmer, PCinC – Chair

Essay Competition Committee  
Jim Stebbings – Chair

Honoring Living Veterans Committee

Nat. Encampment in Missouri Host Committee

Gary Scheel, PCC – Chair

Bob Petrovic, PDC – Chair

### **Department Orders / Communiqués**

I have issued the following Department Orders / Communiqués since the 31 Oct 2017 report:

- No. 8 Passing of Brother John M Tillotson (11/16)
- No. 9 Appropriate Display of SUVCW Insignia (12/29)
- No. 10 Required Changes to Bylaws (2/8)
- No. 11 Passing of Brother James H. Chilcutt (2/28)

Department Communiqué No. 4 – Lillie Name, Vet Day, CinC to be at Encampment, Google Calendar (11/11)

Department Communiqué No. 5 – Dates Forms Due (1/16)

Department Communiqué No. 6 – Dates, General Housekeeping (2/12)

These can be read in their entirety at <http://www.suvcwmo.org/department-orders.html>

I anticipate the forming of one camp and the dissolution of another to be completed before our next annual Department Encampment at Bennett Springs State Park, Lebanon, Missouri, on 2 Jun 2018.

#### **6.17 Department of Nebraska, Mark E. Nichols, DC**

No report received.

#### **6.18 Department of New Hampshire, T.J. Cullinane, DC**

No report received.

#### **6.19 Department of New Jersey, Frederick A. Mossbrucker, DC**

It is an honor to report to you that the Department of NJ is sound and active! Our northern camps have been very busy this quarter distributing SUVCW Eagle Scout Awards. The last count I was given two months ago was around 250 with more yet to be awarded. They are also planning to restore a CW monument. Camp Purcell has been active in restoring a GAR monument in their district. Lincoln Camp continues to hold dinner meetings that inform and educate visitors as well as brothers. Camp Francine has seen an increase in enthusiasm and membership due to new efforts in recruiting. Our newest camp, Camp Stratton, continues to perform CW music in many places and are always looking for new members. We are already planning to prep our brothers for attendance at the National Encampment and look forward to our own Department Encampment as it promises great changes and more activities in the offing.

As you can see, we have experienced a surge of activity across all fronts and camps! Enthusiasm runs high and more and more, camps are making their presence known in their communities. In addition, the department officers have called on all camps to hold Memorial Day services on 30 May this year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Gen. Orders #11 and the first Decoration Day.

#### **6.20 Department of New York, Daryl V. VerStreate Jr., DC**

No report received.

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

The Department of North Carolina sends greetings to Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, PDC, and the National Council of Administration members meeting in Franklin, Tennessee.

**Department Officers:** I am serving my fourth term as Commander of the Department of North Carolina having been elected at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on May 7, 2017 in Salisbury, North Carolina. I previously served as NC Department Commander 2013-2016. The Department of North Carolina Elected Officers are as follows: SVC William Fred Fulcher, PCC, JVC Rolf Cole Maris, PCC, Secretary A. Bryan Salter, PCC, Treasurer K. Travis Masters, PCC, Council Members Douglas P. Elwell, PDC, A. Bryan Salter, PCC, and Craig Hipkins, PCC. The Department of North Carolina Appointed Officers are as follows: Chaplain Rolf Maris, PCC, Color Bearer Max Speers, PCC, Signals Officer Jim Johnson, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Travis Masters, PCC, GAR Records Officer Robert Crum, Patriotic Instructor Edward Gibson, PCC, Civil War Memorials Officer Skip Riddle and Graves Registration Officer Henry Duquette.

**Membership:** The Department of North Carolina membership stands at **107** Brothers in good standing as of February 28, 2018 as compared to **86** as of March 31, 2017. There are currently **6** Camps in good standing in our Department, including a Member At large Camp. **NEW Camp:** The Major General George Stoneman Camp #6, based in Lexington, NC, was presented its Charter on December 16, 2017 with a date of rank of November 6, 2017. CinC Mark Day attended the Charter presentation, and also installed Camp #6's newly elected and appointed officers. Camp Organizer and Stoneman Camp first Commander is Brother Robert Crum.

**Final Muster:** Brother Jay Hipkins, 49, passed away on February 21, 2018. Brother Jay was a long-time member of the MG John Gibbon-First Sgt. Daniel W. Burke Camp #2, Charlotte, NC.

**JROTC & Eagle Scout Certificate Awards:** The Department supports these awards and encourages all Camps to participate in these programs. Plans are in the works for 2018 JROTC presentations statewide.

**Civil War Memorials:** Over the past several years the location and recording of all known North Carolina memorials dedicated to Union soldiers & sailors has taken place and has been forwarded to the National Civil War Memorials Committee. Additional memorials will be submitted when/if found.

**Recruiting-Educational-Community Efforts:** Camps throughout the Department have and will continue to participate in recruiting and educational activities at historic commemorations and on patriotic holidays, especially Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Camp recruiting and SUVCW educational activities and patriotic events in North Carolina in 2018 have included efforts at Fort Fisher, with events being planned for Bentonville Battlefield, and Bennett Place State Historic Sites. Wreaths Across America events were held at Christmas time 2017. The MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 collected donations and presented 27 wreaths at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake, North Carolina. The MG Stoneman Camp #6 has been invited by the Town of Boone, NC to conduct a new headstone dedication ceremony in a local cemetery for three Union soldiers who served with 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Mounted Infantry. The ceremony will be held on April 8, 2018, with town officials, members of the historic preservation commission and members of Camp #6 and myself in attendance.

**Real Daughter Irene Triplett:** We have a Real Daughter living within the Department of North Carolina. Real Daughter Irene Triplett lives in a nursing home in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Union Private Moses "Mose" Triplett of the 3rd North Carolina Mounted Infantry (nicknamed "Kirk's Raiders"). In 1938, Mose Triplett attended the reunion for veterans of both sides of the Battle of Gettysburg, which was held on the battlefield. Mose Triplett died at age 92 on July 18, 1938, shortly after returning home from the joint Gettysburg reunion. Irene Triplett was born in 1930 when her father was age 83 and her mother 34. At age 88, Irene is the last living recipient of VA benefits connected to the Civil War. Moses Triplett is buried in the Triplett Family Cemetery in Ferguson, NC. I have visited his grave on two occasions and placed a US flag next to his headstone which is inscribed "He was a Civil War soldier". **UPDATE:** My most recent visit with Irene Triplett was on December 7, 2017, and my wife and I brought her a bouquet of flowers and a Christmas card with a monetary gift inside. We also sent Irene a birthday card in January for her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. We plan to visit Irene again in April of 2018. It has been both an honor and a pleasure

to meet and get to know Real Daughter Irene Triplett. I am currently serving as a member of the National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters. Brother Jerry Orton, PDC of New York, is the Chairman of the committee, and he has visited with Irene Triplett here in North Carolina in years prior. **Special Note:** Real Daughter Maggie Devane, St. Pauls, North Carolina, passed away on September 12, 2017 at the age of 111. Ms. Devane was the daughter of Henry Johnson, a former slave and Civil War Union Army (USCT) veteran. Unfortunately, the Department of NC had no previous knowledge of Ms. Devane and her status as a Real Daughter. Maggie Devane's passing was recognized in CinC Mark Day's General Order #13.

#### **Highlights of Activity as Department Commander 1 November 2017 to 28 February 2018:**

- 7 Nov 17-Issued D.O. #8 Veterans Day message to all Camps/members of the Department.
- 13 Nov 17- Mailed Dept. of NC \$250 donation to the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Plaza project, Department of Illinois. The memorial brick will honor the GAR in North Carolina.
- Attended NC Union Volunteers Camp #5 meeting in Morehead City, NC. Installed the elected Camp officers, and reviewed plans of our Dept. Encampment in Morehead City in May 2018.
- 30 Nov 27-Worked with new Camp #6 on Camp By-laws and Camp operating area map.
- 2 Dec 17-Attended MG Ruger Camp #1 meeting in Fayetteville, NC & installed new officers.
- 7 Dec 17-Visited Real Daughter Irene Triplett for Christmas in Wilkesboro, NC.
- 16 Dec 17-Presented Camp Charter to new MG George Stoneman Camp #6, in Lexington, NC. CinC Mark Day was present for the ceremony and he also installed the Camp's new officers.
- 17 Dec 17-issued D.O. #9 announcing the official status of the new MG George Stoneman Camp #6 based in Lexington, NC. Brother Robert Crum is the Camp's first Commander.
- 3 Jan 18-Approved the By-Laws for the new MG George Stoneman Camp #6.
- 9 Jan 18-Approved the new Dept. of NC Camp Operational Map and sent to JVC Rolf Maris.
- 13 Jan 18-attended annual meeting, as a board member, of the Friends of Fort Fisher. Also attended the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary commemoration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Fort Fisher—MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1, Fayetteville, NC, had a recruiting and educational display for the event.
- 30 Jan 18-My transfer to the Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124, Dept. of NY, as a dual member was accepted by the Camp membership. I previously was a dual member of the Admiral Worden Camp #150 which surrendered its Charter. My grandsons (Patrick & Dale McRitchie) and their father (Michael McRitchie) were also voted into the Ellis Camp by transfer.
- 10 Feb 18-Attended MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 meeting in Fayetteville.
- 17 Feb 18-attended board meeting as a member of the board of directors of the Friends of Fort Fisher. Fort Fisher Civil War State Historic Site is planning a new museum and visitor center.
- 19 Feb 18-Sent preliminary information & schedule for 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dept. of NC Encampment in Morehead City, NC on May 4-5 to all Camps and members of the Department.
- 26 Feb 18-Worked on a list of nominees for the SUVCW Flag Certificate Award.

Update: In July 2017 I met with the superintendent of the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery, in Poughkeepsie, NY, (my home town) to discuss the original super-sized GAR grave marker that had been placed at the GAR Hamilton Post #20 Civil War cannon memorial and grave plot in 1923. Restoration and theft prevention of the marker was the concern. 27 Feb 18-The cemetery reports that the GAR grave marker has been mounted in a granite base, and a cement foundation will be poured after April 1<sup>st</sup> for the marker's installation next to the GAR cannon memorial. A photo will be provided to me and I will share it with the Department of NY.

## **6.22 Department of Ohio, James T. Crane, DC**

The Department of Ohio Camps have been very busy doing their Installations and filing their Form 22's.

The Department newsletter, the Buckeye Bugle, has been reinstated and the first issue came out in September of 2017. It has been well received and a lot of articles have been printed and communication continues.

An initial meeting of the Department Heads of the National Encampment 2019 was held, and five Brothers were appointed, and one Auxiliary sister was appointed to be the liaison with the Ladies organizations. The next meeting will take place in June at the Department Encampment.

I have been very busy as the Department Commander; I have also been assisting CinC Mark Day, serving on his National Ladies Committee, to form an Agreement for the auxiliary organizations to sign.

Also, I have attended many functions since the last report in Gettysburg:

- October 27-29, 2017 – I attended the MOLLUS National Congress in Gettysburg, Pa.
- November 4, 2017 – Installation of Officers, William T Sherman Camp # 93
- November 11, 2017 – Installation of Officers, Gen. William Lytle Camp # 10.
- November 17-19, 2017 – Attended National Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, Pa.
- November 21, 2017 – Installation of Officers, William McKinley Camp # 21
- November 25, 2017 – Attended Boy Scouts of America Court of Honor, Ohio
- December 9, 2017 – Installation of Officers, James A. Garfield Camp # 142
- December 18, 2017 – Installation of Officers, Jacob Parrott Camp # 33
- December 20, 2017 – Installation of Officers, McLaughlin Camp # 12

### **6.23 Department of Oklahoma, Rex Griffin, DC**

No report received.

### **6.24 Department of Pennsylvania, Alfred C. Carty, DC**

In the last report I noted that we had to suspend five Camps that had their EINs revoked. These Camps are still under suspension and so far, only one has gotten their paperwork and \$400 fine together and sent in to the IRS. It is now just a matter of time for that Camp to have their EIN reinstated. Hopefully the IRS won't dawdle too long. On a more positive note all Camps turned in their Form 22s and our Form 11 has been sent in.

We had a successful Lincoln Luncheon this month with 44 attendees representing six Camps, two Auxiliaries and one Tent and one Circle. Also, in attendance was honored guest and former State Representative Joseph Zeller. A lecture was given by Sister Anne McMillin PDP on the friendship of Lincoln and Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth whom she is writing a book on.

Silas Gore Camp #141 has restored a tablet in Towanda that was dedicated by Watkin's Post #68, GAR on Memorial Day 150 years ago. A parade and rededication ceremony has been planned by the Camp for May 26th.

### **6.25 Department of Rhode Island, James P. McGuire, DC**

No report received.

### **6.26 Department of the Southwest, David A. Swanson, DC**

No report received.

### **6.27 Department of Tennessee, David H. McReynolds, DC**

(As of 25 February 2018)

Since the last CoA meeting in November, much planning for the Department's Annual Encampment by the host camp has taken place. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee is being hosted by the Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39. It will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Alcoa, TN on April 7, 2018. We are excited that members of the Lucinda Heatherly Detached Tent No. 3 of the DUVCW tent as well as members of the Polly Toole Auxiliary No. 17 will participate in our opening ceremonies and attend our banquet Saturday night. The Vice Mayor of Alcoa will be there to present a Proclamation making it the "Sons of Union Veterans Day" in Alcoa. The business meeting of the department is planned for Saturday morning ending early Saturday afternoon with a lunch at the hotel. Afterwards, there will be a bus tour of local Union Civil War sites. The 32-seat tour bus has sold out. That night, we will have a banquet catered by the hotel that includes entertainment by violinist Conny Ottway, who performs both period music and Gaelic tunes. The food will consist of a Thanksgiving style buffet with turkey and dressing, ham, fish, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, many other tasty veggies, plus a tossed salad with two dressings, and rolls. For dessert, there will be both apple and pumpkin pie. Should be a great feast to end a full day of fraternity among the members of the Department.

The Sultana Camp No. 1 based in Memphis, TN has had a busy year participating in seven major events over the course of the year. Six new members were added to its roster. The camp also sponsored the formation of the Samuel P. Carter Company, Sons of Veterans Reserve. The company is now officially recognized and uniformed. The camp had its annual meeting on December 16, 2017 at which officers were elected and installed. The new Camp Commander is Shawn Hinman with Joseph Burns as Senior Vice Commander, Benjamin Crain as Junior Vice Commander, Ben Jones as Secretary and Clyde Getman as Treasurer. Council members are Richard Rexroade, William Moore and Darwin Concon.

The Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1 based in Montgomery, AL has seen a rebirth under its new Camp Commander, Dr. Jack Dwyer, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.). Most camp meetings are held at the Bass Pro Shop in Prattville, AL. The last meeting was held on December 16, 2017 with six members attending. The Camp Commander gave a presentation about Nathan Bedford Forrest and his meeting with General James Wilson after the Battle of Selma. The next camp meeting will be held on March 17, 2017 at the Confederate Memorial Park and Museum in Marbury, AL. On April 21, 2017, the camp meeting returns to the Bass Pro Shop in Prattville. We expect to see at least two members of this camp attend the Department Encampment in April.

The Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 based in Maryville, TN (a Knoxville suburban community) has continued to be an active and growing unit under the leadership of Camp Commander Max Renfro. Over the course of 2017, the camp participated in over 20 events. It is currently actively planning the Department Encampment in April. Since the November CoA meeting, the camp participated in the Wreaths Across America event at the Knoxville National Cemetery raising over \$600 to purchase about 60 wreaths and sending at least four brothers to participate in the laying of wreaths on December 16, 2017. This was the third year in a row for the camp to participate. Camp Mess meetings have been held each month – December, January and February – at which much planning has taken place for upcoming 2018 events. The camp's quarterly educational meeting will be Saturday, March 18, 2018, 2 p.m., at the Blount County Public Library in Maryville, TN. The program will be presented by Nancy McEntee, PhD who has written a book about Major Webster Colburn, stationed in Knoxville in 1865 and throughout Tennessee with the Army of the Cumberland. As a quartermaster, he supplied Generals Wilson, Buell, Thomas, and Rosecrans armies, handled thousands of dead and dying mules and horses, dug up the dead at Fort Pillow, and took over the confederate canons on Missionary Ridge after the Battle of Chattanooga. April 21<sup>st</sup> brings a local event – a living history day at the Thompson Brown House. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the camp plans a major event built around a headstone dedication ceremony for Navy Surgeon Celso Pierucci, who had been buried in an unmarked grave at the Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the camp has been invited to honor Sultana victim James Estes at a headstone dedication at Coalfield, TN. And, the camp is heavily involved in planning its Memorial Day activities in this the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of General Logan's order.

The Private Richard Taylor Camp No. 53 based in Huntsville, AL is struggling to maintain its existence. The most active camp members have either moved away or are in poor health. The Department Commander is trying to work with the few camp members remaining on the proper course of action for the camp.

The Fort Donelson Camp No. 62 based in Nashville, TN continues to be an active, thriving camp with strong leadership and a devotion to the ideals of the SUVCW. During the period of July 2017 to January 2018, camp members became closely involved in community efforts to stop the commercial development of Fort Negley Park. The camp invited the Cloud Hill Development Group to its July 2017 meeting to provide an information session on their plans to commercially develop the old minor league baseball stadium that sits inside the boundaries of Fort Negley Park. Other community groups who were opposed to the development also attended as guests of the camp. After a polite and respectful listening by meeting attendees to the group's plans, those opposed to the development plans were given an opportunity to express their opposition. The camp was a leader in expressing fears that there remained burials on the site and that an archeological study of the location had never been done, even before the city built the Greer baseball stadium in 1978. The land upon which the stadium was built was part of the property sold by the Overton family in 1928 – the camp joined other community organizations in expressing the fact that the property should be returned to the park to restore all the property to the original intentions of the sellers. Because of these efforts, a study requested by the city resulted in the high probability of human remains at this location and undisturbed earth beneath this location. The conclusion was that not only was there a high probability of human remains, but also of other remnants of Union and contraband camps that were located at the Fort Negley site. Other findings of the study included pottery and horseshoes. Brothers of the Fort Donelson camp attended meetings on the fate of the property, dressed in uniforms and always taking the microphone to express opposition to the plan. The Department Commander sent a letter to the Nashville mayor laying out the historical significance of the site. Camp Commander Roger Tenney contacted the Civil War Trust who wrote a letter which was forwarded to the Mayor and all Metro Council members. Because of the camp's and community's efforts, the developer abandoned the project. This victory represents only one small step in a larger campaign to honorably develop the baseball stadium site back into the park and preserve the history of the site for future generations.

The Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63 based in Chattanooga, TN has continued its revitalization under the leadership of Camp Commander John Sims. Brother Sims is also the National President of the Sons of the Spanish American War. The camp meets quarterly on the first Saturday of the month starting in February at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge with lunch at 12 Noon and the business meeting following at 1 p.m. The last camp meeting was February 3, 2018. Alma Webb hosted a Christmas dinner for the camp on December 6, 2017 at her St. Elmo home.

The Army of the Tennessee Camp No. 64 based in Murfreesboro, TN has been one of the most active camps in the department this past year. The camp held its Annual Meeting at the Shoney's Restaurant in Lebanon, TN on December 2, 2017 where it elected new officers for 2018. Camp Commander is Bill Heard who lives in Cookeville, TN, Senior Vice Commander is Jim Loftis, Junior Vice Commander is James McCormick, and Secretary-Treasurer is Daniel Girton. Camp Council members are Past Camp Commander Dave DuBruqc, John Halsell, and Jack Looper. In December, the camp participated in Wreaths Across America buying 5 wreaths for the Stones River National Battlefield Cemetery and sending members to help at the Knoxville National Cemetery in Knoxville. A camp meeting was held January 25, 2018 at the Collegese Church of Christ in Cookeville, TN starting at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Kent Dollar gave a presentation about Religion in the Civil War. The February meeting was at the Heritage Center in Murfreesboro, TN where new member Jim Holton was initiated. Also, during February, members of the camp participated in the 156<sup>th</sup> anniversary events at the Fort Donelson battlefield.

Paperwork is almost complete for a new camp, the President Andrew Johnson Camp No. 70 to be based in Greeneville, TN. This work should be complete no later than Friday, March 2, 2018.

## **6.28 Department of Texas, Beau Bruce Moore, DC**

No report received.

## **6.29 Department of Vermont, James H. Proctor, DC**

No report received.

## **6.30 Department of Wisconsin, Alan O. Petit, DC**

I don't have a lot to say. Numbers wise, we are close to the same as we were, last time, about 227 brothers. At department level everything is going smooth. Two of our camps, Heg Camp #15 and Colvill Camp #56 have recorded gains and the other six are about holding even. The camps have been attending ceremonies, parades, dedications, open houses, CW and living history events, and school presentations all to bolster our presence with the public, show the flag, and maybe recruit a few new brothers. Several camps attended Veterans Day events. Three camps participated in Wreaths Across America in December and placed a good-sized number of wreaths. Seven of our eight Wisconsin camps are now EIN-990 compliant. Armstrong Camp #49 is still struggling. We held our department Mid-winter meeting on Feb. 3, 2018. C-in-C Mark Day was there and gave us a good presentation.

Heg Camp #15 is in production of the Last Soldier bronze plaque. Plaque looks like GAR star flag holder and is about the same size. Several are already in place. Wisconsin will do all 72 counties. The preferred method is mounting the star on a paving block and setting it flush in the ground in front of the gravestone. This method is more secure, less chance of theft, and will not interfere with the GAR markers. Plaques can be obtained from Heg Camp #15, Dept. of Wisc. See the Wisconsin department website for email addresses.

Bob Koenecke, my Iron Brigade Highway Coordinator, has taken possession of the Wisc. Iron Brigade Highway marker several weeks ago. It will be placed in the spring at a roadside veteran's memorial park on U.S. Hwy. 12 (the Iron Brigade Hwy) near Sauk City, Wisc. The plaque is about two and ½ feet square and is made of bronze. It will stand about five feet high. The bulk of the money came from the SUVCW National Monuments grant fund. Our thanks to national.

## **7.0 Appendix**

### **7.1 Council of Administration – 2018; Brian C. Pierson, PDC; Rituals and Ceremonies proposed change:**

#### **Protocol, Customs, and Courtesies (*place in INTRODUCTION SECTION OF R&C*)**

Protocol is a code of traditional precedence, courtesy and etiquette in matters of official and celebratory ceremonies. Protocol encompasses the knowledge, accumulation and application of established customs. By taking pride in our customs, courtesies, ceremonies and rituals and by observing the norms of protocol, members of the SUVCW show our respect for our fellow Brothers and officers, and the officers and members of the Allied Orders, and foster more respect throughout organization at the national, department and camp levels.

**Precedence.** Precedence is the right to higher honor or priority of importance at a ceremony or formal occasion. Mistakes in the order of precedence may create a negative outcome, so precedence must be validated before execution of any ceremony, honors or event. Determining order of precedence is the starting point of all aspects of an official function, from organizing the order of the arrival and departure, seating and introductions of distinguished guests.

Precedence is established by the date of the founding of the Order:

- SUVCW – founded 1881
- ASUVCW – founded 1883
- DUVCW – founded 1885
- LGAR – founded 1885
- WRC – founded 1892

Precedence of other Orders:

- MOLLUS – founded 1865
- SCV (Commander-in-Chief or delegate)
- Other orders in order of precedence

Sitting Commanders-in-Chief and National Presidents have higher precedence than lower ranking officers, delegates, or PCinCs/PNPs, of another Order in official functions even if the other Order has higher precedence.

Unofficial clubs or associations within the Allied Orders (such as PCinC and PNP organizations) are not recognized as official bodies and therefore are not afforded any right of precedence or other special courtesies.

**Forms of Address.** Good manners, common courtesy, and the reinforcement of fraternal bonds dictate the use of correct forms of address and titles in both conversation and correspondence.

**During meetings,** when speaking from the floor, Brothers of the Order only address the Chair. Address the Commander-in-Chief by his title, render a salute, state one's name and Department. Do not continue speaking until recognized by the Commander-in-Chief by name and a returned salute.

If the Brother speaking from the floor has a question for anyone besides the CinC, he asks the CinC or Chair to ask the question of the Brother, e.g., "Would the Chair inquire of Brother Jones as to what the remaining budget is for this item". The chair asks the brother to whom the question was to be directed, and that brother addresses the Chair with the answer. No direct discussion between the floor and anyone other than the chair is to be conducted, unless the CinC allows it.

**In conversation,** especially at meetings and Encampments, address members of the SUVCW as "Brother" or "Brother name." Address female members of the Allied orders as "Sister" or "Sister name." Address the Commander-in-Chief and National Presidents by their titles, never by name alone, e.g., "Good afternoon Commander (President)," or "Good evening Commander (President) Jones," not "Good evening, Brother Jones".

Spouses do not share their spouse's official titles; therefore, address them as Mr. or Mrs. along with their surname, i.e., "It is a pleasure to have you join us tonight Mrs. Jones."

Always address chaplains as "Chaplain", (Brother Chaplain, Chaplain name).

Address Past Commanders-in-Chief and National Presidents as "Brother" or "Sister."

**Making a Proper Introduction.** When introducing two individuals, mention the honored or senior person first, e.g. Commander-in-Chief (or National President) Smith, I would like to introduce to you, Department Commander (or President) Jones of \_\_\_\_\_; Commander (President) Jones, Commander-in-Chief (or National President) Smith. Please note, proper etiquette suggests using, "introduce to you," and not "introduce you to." It is always appropriate to explain to the senior person where the junior person is assigned.

**In correspondence,** the rules are similar as those for conversation, with a minor difference when addressing married spouses. When the woman is a member of an Allied Orders and the man is not, her name comes before his, e.g., "Sister Jane Smith and Mr. John Smith" or "Sister Jane and John Smith".

When they are both members, the ranking person's name comes first, unless the invitation is especially for the lower-ranking member (an awards ceremony honoring them, for instance) and their spouse as their guest. When both spouses are of equal rank, the man's name comes first, unless the invitation is particularly for the woman, with her husband as her guest/escort.

When addressing chaplains in writing, it should read, "Chaplain name."

When addressing PCinCs/PNPs in writing, it should read "PCinC name" or "PNP name."

### **Receiving Delegates of the Allied Orders at National Encampments. (*place in CEREMONIES FOR NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS OF R&C*)**

Special customs and courtesies at National Encampments are intended to extend a mark of respect and recognition to a distinguished person and to promote goodwill between the Allied Orders. These honors are usually demonstrated by an escort of honor or honor guard.

The protocol for receiving delegates of the Allied Orders at National Encampments is intended to convey our honor and fraternal respect for these dignitaries. Diligent observance of the rubrics and crisp execution of the procedures visibly demonstrates our respect.

**Preparation.** Prior to receiving delegates:

Commander-in-Chief will appoint a senior SVR officer (henceforth SVR Aide) as an aide for the purposes of assisting the National Guide to coordinate and execute the escort duties. The National Guide (henceforth Guide) and SVR Aide identify Escort Team by name. The Escort Team shall be comprised of uniformed SVR members who present a sharp and polished dress appearance (i.e., they are not unkempt). The number of Escort Team members should be appropriate to the expected number of delegates.

**Rehearsal.** Prior to the opening of the National Encampment, the Guide, SVR Aide and Escort Team should rehearse the reception and plan for the route from the entrance to the stage.

**Advance Notice.** The Guide will coordinate with Allied Orders to determine when (day/time) they desire to bring greetings and will make a list of the expected members of the delegation. He will instruct the Escort Team to assemble outside the main entrance 10 minutes prior to each delegation's expected arrival.

**Escort In.** Upon the arrival of delegates at the entrance, Guard will greet them courteously and will assemble delegates in a line according to precedence and rank:

- NP
- VP
- Representatives

The Guide, SVR Aide and Guard will verify the list of names and ranks of each delegate in order of their place in the line. The SVR Aide will take all steps necessary to make sure he projects, enunciates and pronounces each and every member of the visiting delegation's names properly. Respect and courtesy is shown by taking the time to pronounce a person's name correctly.

The Guard will assign an Escort to each delegate.

Each escort will stand to the left of his assigned delegate and will offer her his right arm.

When all are ready and positioned just outside the door, Guard will approach the door and knock loudly three times.

**Guide:** "Who goes there?"

**Guard:** "I have the honor to present a delegation from \_\_\_\_\_ who request entry in order to bring greetings to the Encampment."

Guide opens door slightly. Guard hands list of names to Provost.

**Guide:** "Please wait here."

Guide proceeds to floor microphone, salutes Commander, and announces: "Commander, a delegation from \_\_\_\_\_ requests entrance to bring greetings to the National Encampment."

Upon CinC assent, Guide returns to the door and opens it fully (aides may assist)

**Guide:** "Permission to enter has been granted. Please come forward as you are announced."

SVR Aide proceeds to the floor microphone.

**SVR Aide:** "Commander, the delegation is ready."

**Commander-in-Chief:** "Guide, retire and escort the Delegation to the altar."

*When the Guide is announced, the Commander shall give **three raps** \* \* \**

Guide approaches the door and leads the delegation and escorts forward.

SVR Aide announces each guest/delegate, as follows: NAME, RANK, ORGANIZATION (full name).

("e.g., Mary Smith, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865").

As each name is announced, the respective Escort will lead delegate to the altar, walking at a measured pace behind the Guide. At the altar, the first Escort and delegate in line shall take place to the extreme left and following fill in to the right.

After they have taken a few steps, the SVR Aide will call the next name.

Upon the announcement of the first name, CinC will start and lead the clap-in in which all Encampment members will join. The clap-in will continue until all delegates have processed in and are before the altar.

*When the delegation is in position at the altar, the Commander will say:]*

**Commander:** Members of the delegation from \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend you a hearty welcome to our meeting.

**Encampment** (*in unison*): Welcome!

*[Commander will direct Guide to escort the Officers to the Commander's station on the stage to bring greetings.]*

**Greetings.** The Guide leads the escorts and delegation to the stage steps. The escorts will remain at the base of the stage.

When all delegates have assembled on the stage, CinC *shall give **one rap** \**

(With the Encampment standing from the previous Guide announcement, the CinC should seat the Encampment, therefore, one rap \*.

CinC will thank the delegates for bring greetings to the Encampment and will make some suitable, fraternal remarks. He will then invite the chief of the delegation to present greetings and remarks.

Upon the conclusion of the remarks, the CinC will invite the Brother selected to read the National Encampment's formal response to the delegation's greetings.

**Reader:** reads response. See Appendix for specific responses to the Allied Orders.

### **Escort Out**

**CinC:** "Guide, Please escort the delegation from the stage." **three raps** \* \* \*

The Guide leads the delegation from the stage. Each escort will take the arm of a delegate as they reach the floor. The Guide will lead escorts and delegates to the main entrance.

As they process out, the CinC will start and lead the clap-out in which all Encampment members will join.

The clap-out will continue until all delegates and escorts have processed out of the main door.

The Guide will close the door. CinC should then seat the Encampment with **one rap** \*.

Outside the door, the Guard will offer any assistance the delegates need until they depart. Escorts will stand by to render assistance. Upon the departure of the delegation, the Guard will relieve the escorts of their duty, at which time they will return to their seats, and the Guard, Guide, and PM will reassume their duties.

### **Receiving Delegates of the Allied Orders at Department Encampments. (place in CEREMONIES FOR DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS OF R&C)**

*[When any delegate of one of the Allied Orders shall apply for admission to any Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, they shall be received as follows:]*  
*[Escorts shall be provided.]*

**Commander:** Guide, retire and escort the Delegation to the Altar.

*[When the Guide is announced, the Commander shall give **three raps** \* \* \* and when Delegates are in position at the Altar, the Commander will say:]*

**Commander:** Delegates of \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the Department of \_\_\_\_\_, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend you a hearty welcome to our meeting.

**Encampment** *(in unison)*: Welcome!

*[Commander will direct Guide to escort the Officers to the Commander's station on the stage to bring greetings.]*

*[One rap \*]*

**Greetings.** The Guide leads the escorts and delegation to the Commander's station. The escorts will remain at the side of the head table.

When all delegates have assembled at the Commander's station, CinC *shall give **one rap** \**

(With the Encampment standing from the previous Guide announcement, the CinC should seat the Encampment, therefore, one rap \*.

CinC will thank the delegates for bring greetings to the Encampment and will make some suitable, fraternal remarks. He will then invite the chief of the delegation to present greetings and remarks.

Upon the conclusion of the remarks, the CinC will invite the Brother selected to read the Encampment's formal response to the delegation's greetings.

**Reader:** reads response. The Department may use the specific responses for the Allied Orders in the Appendix or locally written responses suitable to the Department's specific circumstances.

**CinC:** "Guide, please escort the delegation from the Commander's station." ***three raps** \* \* \**

The Guide leads the delegation from the station. Each escort will take the arm of a delegate as they reach the side of the head table. The Guide will lead escorts and delegates to the main entrance, or to their seats if they are to remain at the Encampment.

## Appendix

### Response to the ASUVCW:

The poet tells us that summer brings the fairest flowers to the midlands. Your presence demonstrates the truth of the poet's praises. Thank you, loyal sisters of the Auxiliary for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us today.

For more than a century, we have walked as brothers and sisters, descendants of the "boys in blue" who saved our union from the forces of rebellion and disunity.

How blessed we are to walk with like-minded sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long and the march continues. Our task becomes even more important in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as fewer Americans know that essential bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors whose memory we honor.

Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new century and beyond. The spirit of the boys in blue marches with us.

Thank you for joining us today. We wish you a productive and harmonious meeting and great successes to those leaders you choose for the coming year.

### Response to the DUVCW:

Thank you loyal Daughters of Union Veterans for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us at our annual encampment. For a century and a quarter, our organizations have marched in unity to honor the "boys in blue" who saved our precious Union from the evil forces of rebellion and disunity.

How good it is to walk with like-minded sisters in unity and in harmony. Our journey has been long and fruitful, and may it continue forever.

Let us resolve here today to perpetuate our warm and cordial association in this 21st century and beyond. The spirit of the boys in blue marches with us.

Thank you for joining us today. We wish great successes in the coming year.

**Response to the LGAR:**

Thank you Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us at our annual encampment. For more than a century, the LGAR and the Sons have marched hand in hand to honor the "boys in blue" who saved our precious Union from the evil forces of rebellion and disunity.

How good it is to walk with like-minded sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long and fruitful, but the march continues. Our tasks become even more challenging in the 21st century as fewer Americans feel that essential bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors whose memory we honor.

Let us resolve here today to perpetuate our warm and cordial association in the years ahead. The spirit of the boys in blue marches with us.

Thank you for joining us today. We wish great successes in the coming year.