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Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Richard David Orr of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was elected Commander-in-Chief by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the 116th National Encampment in Utica, New York on August 9, 1997. He was born October 13, 1948 in Pittsburgh, the eldest child of Bernadette Elizabeth Wetter Orr and the late David Bernard Orr, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania.

As a youth, Brother Orr was very active in Scouting where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was awarded the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow. Richard received a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University in June 1970 and completed the Master of Science in Biology at Idaho State University in May 1972. While attending college he maintained his affiliation with the Boy Scouts and his community service through his membership in Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity where he held several leadership positions.

For his many years of service to youth as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, Brother Orr was awarded the District Award of Merit in May 1974. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting recognized his contributions to youth when he was presented the St. George Award in October 1977. When he received this award it became the first time in the history of Scouting that a father and son had received this award. His father had received the honor ten years earlier. The National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America recognized Brother Orr's contributions to Scouting when it presented him with the Silver Beaver Award in May 1983. This is the highest award a local council can recommend that the National Court of Honor bestow upon a volunteer. Scouting history was once again made with this presentation. This was only the second time that a father and

son had both been so honored. To the best of anyone's knowledge Richard and his father remain the only father and son who were both honored with the St. George Award, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America.

Richard joined Davis * Camp in Pittsburgh on April 11, 1981 and he is a life member. He bases his eligibility for membership on the service of his great-great-grandfather Pvt. Peter Paul Gallisath, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, his great-great-grandfather Sgt. Martin Schaefer, Pennsylvania Militia of 1863 (Federalized to defend the arsenal at Pittsburgh during the Gettysburg Campaign), great-great-grandfather Sgt. David Orr, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, great-great-great uncle Capt. Bardele Gallisath, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry and 135 other cousins and uncles including Col. Robert L. Orr, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry who was awarded the Medal of Honor. He has served Davis * Camp in numerous capacities including Camp Commander for two years and 12 years as Treasurer. He attended his first Department Encampment in June 1982 and immediately took an active role at the Department level. He has served the Pennsylvania Department as Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Counselor, Department Council member and Department Commander. The same year he attended his first National Encampment at Portland, Maine. He has served the National Organization as a member or chairman of numerous committees. He served as Trial Commissioner, six years as National Treasurer and National Counselor to eight Commanders-in-Chief. Most recently he has served as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

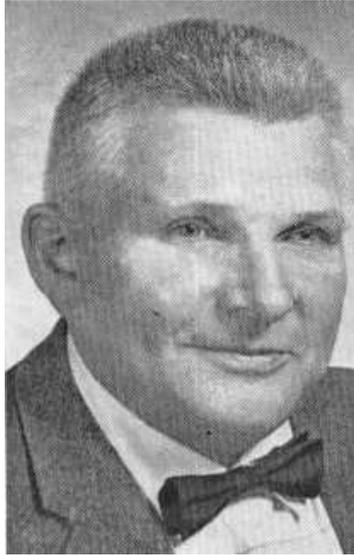
In addition to his activities in the SUVCW and Scouts, Brother Orr is an active member of the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Historical Society, where he has served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and is a Charter member of the Congress of Patriotic Organizations. He is also a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, life member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and life member of the National Rifle Association.

Richard is employed as an Environmental Health Administrator by the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), Pittsburgh. He has worked for ACHD for 19 years in a variety of programs including Public Drinking Water, Waste Management, Food Protection, Housing, Community Environment, Emergency Response and the Deputy Directors staff. Currently, he is the Department Training Coordinator and is responsible for the evaluation of the training needs, the acquisition of training and coordination of internal and external training for all ACHD employees. During his tenure with ACHD he has been issued two community service citations by the Allegheny County Board of Commissioners and recognized by his subordinates for his uncompromising dedication to sound principles of environmental health and environmental protection. He has also been recognized by the United States Army Corps of Engineers for his role in the development of an intra-governmental plan for the provision of an uninterrupted supply of drinking water during environmental emergencies with the Corps' Planning Excellence Award.

He has two brothers - Donald and Robert, one sister – Geraldine; two nephews - Nathan and Jonathan, and two nieces -- Emily and Karen. Don, Bob and Nathan are members of Davis * Camp. Gerrie is the accountant for the SUVCW.

August 1997

IN MEMORIAM



Norman R. Furman
Commander-in-Chief, 1971 –1972

Norman R. Furman was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 90th National Encampment held in Boston, Massachusetts, August 15, 1971.

Brother Furman was a Past Department Commander of New York, Past President of the Erie County Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Association, Past President of the Western New York Past Camp Commanders Association, and Past President of the Civil War Round Table of Buffalo, New York. He served our National Organization in many capacities including, National Graves Registration Officer, National Council of Administration member, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1929 and served as Detachment Clerk in Hawaii. He reenlisted and later served as Drum Major of the 28th Infantry Band. Still later, he served as a Platoon Leader in Company H., 60th Infantry and as Company Commander of Company E., 60th Infantry, 9th Division. Wounded in action three times, he retired for disability in October 1946.

He was a life member of the Retired Officers Association and a Past President of the Niagara Frontier Chapter. He also is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and National Association of Uniformed services.

His grandfather, Ryan Furman, served in Battery M., First New York Light Artillery during the Civil War.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Officers for 1997 – 1998**

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| Commander-in-Chief | Richard D. Orr, PDC |
| Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief | Col. Andrew M. Johnson, PDC (USA Ret) |
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| National Counselor..... | James Pahl, Esq. |
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| Chief of Staff..... | Steven Leicht, DC |
| National Chaplain..... | Chaplain (Capt.) George W. Pucciarelli, USN |
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| National Guard | Mike Horgan, PDC |
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| National Historian | Greg Hayes |
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| Assistant National Webmaster | Nathan L. Orr |
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| G.A.R. Highway Officer | Robert W. Davis |
| Graves Registration Officer..... | Leo Kennedy |
| Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator | Robert M. Petrovic |
| Aide de Camp..... | William J. McMaster Sr., PDC |
| Natl Aide Liaison to Military Order of the Loyal Legion..... | Robert J. Bateman, PDC |
| National Aide Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines | Clark W. Mellor, PCinC |
| National Recruiting Officer | Donald G. Dennison |
| National Camp and Department Organizer | Kenneth D. Hershberger, PDC |
| Assistant National Camp and Department Organizer | Bradley S. McGowan |
| Special National Aide to Daisy Anderson | David R. Medert, PCinC |

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The 117th Annual National Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr in ritualistic fashion.

The National Secretary called the roll of the officers of the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr
Senior Vice Commander, Andy Johnson
Junior Vice Commander, Danny Wheeler
Council of Administration member, Al Loomis, PCinC
Council of Administration member David Medert, PCinC
Council of Administration member J. Douglas Park
Council of Administration member George L. Powell
National Secretary Dave Hahn
National Treasurer, Jim Pahl
National Quartermaster, Bud Atkinson, PCinC
National Patriotic Instructor, Glen Zook--Absent

Preliminary report of Credentials Committee

126 Brothers pre-registered, with 29 on-site registrations, for a total registration of 155. 123 Brothers are present.

The Commander-in-Chief handed the gavel to SVCinC Andy Johnson.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

“STATE OF THE ORDER”

Brothers, it has been a distinct honor and privilege to have served our Order as Commander-in-Chief this past year. Today, I come before you to report on the state of our Order. I can without hesitation say that the state of the Order is great. As we progress through this Encampment, you will hear of the many accomplishments, advances, and improvements which you have brought about this past year.

Financially, we are sound. However, we need to remain diligent in shepherding our finances to maintain a solid foundation. As you will hear, we have inducted nearly 1,000 new members. Today our membership stands at 5,600 -- a 12% increase over last year. But the inability to retain members continues to plague us.

The result has been very little gain in total membership. We must find a solution to this problem. However, the solution lies with the local Camps. Neither the National Organization nor the Departments can sustain membership if the Camps do not welcome new members and have activities to keep them interested.

With the chartering of the Department of Kentucky, we now have 26 Departments. This is more than at any time since 1922. Only the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina are not served by a Department. Brothers are working hard to form Departments in some of these states. I wholly expect the Department of Washington to be reactivated during the ensuing year and with the chartering of the third Camp in Virginia, we may soon see the Department of Virginia formed out of the Department of Maryland.

At the beginning of the year, I laid out a plan to initiate three major projects. I can report to you that two of those projects have progressed far beyond what I thought we could accomplish this year.

Under the leadership of Brother Kent Armstrong, the Civil War Monuments and Memorials Project has developed and implemented a database for the collection of information on all Civil War Memorials and Monuments. Now it is time for the Departments and Camps to begin the systematic survey of all Civil War Memorials and Monuments. While at the National level, we need to solicit the assistance of other organizations in gathering the information needed and then begin taking the steps necessary to protect and preserve these monuments. We also should seriously consider sharing the database developed by the committee for other organizations to use as a framework for similar projects related to other eras in our nation's history.

The Graves Registration Project under the leadership of Brother Leo Kennedy has mirrored the success of the Memorials and Monuments Project. They have re-designed, developed and implemented a database for gathering burial information on all Union veterans. As with the monuments, the Departments and Camps must now step forward and collect the necessary information. We need to seek the aid of other organizations in gathering this information.

Once sufficient information has been gathered for both of these projects, we need to move forward with making these into searchable databases on our website. We also need to make the basic database skeleton and reports available to each Department and Camp as a compiled executable file. This will permit each Camp and Department to run the program without purchasing the software package.

The G.A.R. Records Project has not progressed as much. There have been a variety of reasons most notably family difficulties encountered by the chairman. But I take the responsibility for the lack of progress. I choose not to ask the chairman for his resignation when it became apparent that health problems of a family member were going to inhibit his ability to lead the committee.

Considering all else that was happening in his life, I did not think it was the fraternal thing to do.

Many of the Committees have been hard at work. The Americanization and Education Committee, lead by Brother Greg Meirka, has developed a plan for actively working with schools throughout the country to educate children about the Civil War. This plan will be presented to you for your consideration. The Special 1999 G.A.R. Committee, chaired by Brother Gary Gibson working with the 1999 National Encampment host committee, lead by Brother Ed Kreiser, have developed a number of activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Military Affairs, Constitution and Regulations, Program and Policy, Membership, Per Capita Tax Methodology, Membership Process Committees, Communications and Technology, National Headquarters Staffing all will be presenting major items for your consideration.

Much time and energy has been expended this past year in an attempt to resolve the issues surrounding the G.A.R. Hall in Gettysburg. In the fall of 1988, Gettysburg Camp 112 with the concurrence of the Pennsylvania Department transferred ownership of the G.A.R. Hall to Historic Gettysburg Adams County, Inc. HGAC is allegedly a historical preservation organization. The deed transferring the property contained several restrictions. Through apathy, inattentiveness and purposeful actions of a few Camp officers, HGAC was able to ignore the restrictions and change the hall from a G.A.R. Hall into nothing more than a community meeting room. When it became apparent that there was a concerted effort to destroy the Camp, the Pennsylvania Department intervened. New officers were elected and installed and new members recruited. The Camp is now one of the most active in the Order. The new members realized the disservice and dishonor to our ancestors, which had been done by HGAC. They proceeded to demand adherence to the restrictions in the deed. Over a period of two years the Camp and the Pennsylvania Department attempted to reach an amicable settlement with HGAC. Last summer a tentative agreement was reached. However, HGAC's board of directors unilaterally changed the agreement, approved the changed agreement and sent it to the Camp. The Brothers of the Camp rejected the modified agreement as it was not what had been agreed to by those representing the Camp in the discussions. HGAC told the Camp members to take it or leave it. At this point, the Camp and Pennsylvania Department requested the assistance of the National Organization. A series of letters was exchanged between myself and the president of HGAC. They consistently refused to meet with us and discuss our differences. In late April, I received a letter demanding that we agree to binding arbitration.

The Council of Administration unanimously rejected this proposal. A response was sent which included a draft consent decree containing our proposal to settle all issues. A response was requested by June 30, 1998. As of today no response has been received. We now must make a decision. Do we drop the matter or do we proceed with legal action. If we simply drop it, we are sending a very loud and clear message that our bark has no bite behind it. We have consulted with a

number of attorneys including our own legal staff and a law professor. All are in agreement that our case is very strong and in all probability we would prevail at trial.

This Encampment is the ultimate authority of the Order. Decisions made here will impact upon us for years to come. You set the foundation upon which the National Officers, Departments and Camps must build. There is no appeal from your actions and only another National Encampment can change those actions. This is your opportunity to determine the direction we will follow. Will we move forward or backward. Those are the choices. Will we continue to attempt to use only volunteers on a part-time hit or miss basis to conduct our business or will we take on a more professional look with part-time or full time paid staff?

Will we continue the confusing process of changing the point of contact -- address -- for the Order each year or will we exhibit stability with a consistent point of contact or a National Headquarters?

Will we continue to have a decentralized unmanageable membership information system or a centralized system?

Will we continue to have a bottom up or a top down system of direction for the Order?

Will Departments continue to function for the purpose of assisting Camps or become an overlord to Camps; dictating to the Camps who their officers may be?

These are but a few of the decisions you will be required to make at this Encampment. While I have stated these questions in simple terms, there are no simple answers. Several of the questions are interrelated and require complex answers.

The improvements made to the management of the SUVCW over the past 10 years have resurrected the Order. We are having an impact in the communities that we serve. Our voice is being heard and heeded. When we object to the sale or removal of G.A.R. memorials, people are taking note and listening. And we are winning.

The Department of New Jersey in cooperation with the New Jersey State Archives and the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association is working to preserve and display the 141 Civil War flags in the state collection. They have also recovered a treasure of G.A.R. memorabilia from a fire hall in Trenton. The artifacts will be displayed in a museum being built in an armory.

Oliver Tilden Camp, in addition to their sponsorship of the Grant Tomb Ceremonies each year, is deeply involved in the development of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. The Greenpoint Monitor Museum is dedicated to preserving the site where the USS Monitor was constructed, commissioned and launched. The Col. George Willard Camp #154, Albany New York successfully recovered not one but two eagles stolen from the grave sites of Col. Elmer Ellsworth, the

first Union officer killed in the war and Brig, Gen. Adolph von Steinwehr. Col Ellsworth's eagle was located in a Sagamore, Mass. antique shop and Gen. Von Steinwher's eagle was found at the Atlantic Auction Gallery. Both have been returned to their rightful place at on the monuments of these officers.

Bro. Charles Davis, Graves Registration Officer, Department of California and Pacific discovered an ignored and unenforced California law, which requires the Board of Supervisors of each county in California to provide for the maintenance of all veterans' graves. He has brought this matter to the attention of the Legislative Counsel on Veterans Affairs and the California Senate.

The Department of Pennsylvania has worked closely with state Representative Harry Reedshaw on the drafting of legislation and the formation of a commission on the Pennsylvania Monuments at Gettysburg. Because of the efforts of the Department and the support given to Representative Reedshaw's bill, the Department now has a permanent seat on the commission.

Twice during this past year, the sale of surplus state property was stopped when an objection was filed with the Pennsylvania Department of General Services over the inclusion of a cemetery plot containing 332 Union veterans graves in the proposed sale. The sales agreement did not require maintenance of the cemetery as a cemetery nor public access. Objection of the terms of the agreement was based on existing state law, which designates this cemetery as a historical cemetery, and since the state owns it, it cannot be sold for development.

It was reported in a number of Pittsburgh area newspapers that during the course of an investigation of an alleged theft of materials from a local organization records from four G.A.R. posts were included with recovered items. I sent a letter to the District Attorney with a copy of the Deed of Conveyance from the G.A.R. stating that without making any accusations as to how the organization came to possess these items, they were our property. I further stated that Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall Library was designated as the repository for all G.A.R. records from Allegheny County and requested that when released from evidence the records be forwarded there. Last week I received a telephone call from the District Attorney for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania during which he assured me that after reviewing the documents submitted he determined they are our property and will have all the G.A.R. material taken to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall when it is released from evidence after the trial.

Earlier this year the Director of Public Works for Hutchinson, Kansas telephoned me. There is a G.A.R. monument in the center of the town with two captured Confederate cannon tubes. They are the only known surviving pieces from a foundry in Louisiana. A collector had offered the city a rather large sum of money for the tubes with the promise to replace them with replicas. A search of ownership by the solicitor revealed that the monument is jointly owned by the city and the G.A.R. post. He also advised them that we were the rightful owners of the G.A.R.'s interest in the monument. I refused to give permission to sell the tubes, which they expected. An agreement was reached that the tubes would be moved and displayed in a more secure setting with replicas being placed on the

monument. At that point I referred the matter to the Department of Kansas to negotiate the details.

The point of all this is that our voice is not only being heard but sought out. We are being recognized as the legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic. We are now being asked for our assistance in getting legislation passed. Our positions on issues are being sought by politicians at the local, state, and national level. This reawakening has made one thing very clear, the need to move the management of the SUVCW from the 19th century to the 21st century. We cannot continue to manage our day-to-day affairs in the same manner as we did in the 1880's. We must have the ability to foster these political connections while remaining non-partisan. We must adapt modern management techniques and methodologies. We must do this while maintaining our allegiance to the principles upon which we were founded and the principles of our forefathers. In one respect, we are fortunate because those principles transcend the centuries and are as valid today as they were 117 years ago. This makes change less cumbersome. Change we must or we will be left to the ages ourselves as the G.A.R. has been.

We can no longer rely solely on volunteers to meet our needs. The time has come for us to seek the assistance of professional consultants. No member has the time necessary to cultivate the political relationship required to take full advantage of this renewed recognition. We stand at the threshold of a new opportunity to influence subjects of great interest to us. We cannot and must not let this opportunity slip away.

As I have traveled across the country this year I have been greatly encouraged by the tremendous amount of work being done by Camps and Departments. I commend all those who are actively meeting our obligation to keep alive the memory of the G.A.R. -- grave restoration, grave remarking, rededication ceremonies, cleaning, restoring, preserving monuments, saving G.A.R. records and memorabilia, Memorial Day activities, participation in Remembrance Day, Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, Grants Tomb Ceremony, Lincoln Memorial Ceremony and so many more activities. We are doing an enormous number of things. Those Camps, which are not participating, need to become involved. You need to make your presence known in your community. Meet your obligation to be the voice of the Union veterans. If we do not speak for them who will? They are our ancestors and we are the only representative they empowered to speak on their behalf. We cannot fail them. We must strive to increase our visible image in each community.

I have also seen something which I find most troubling. So wearisome that I began doing something I never thought I would -- counting the days until I was no longer the one who had to address this issue. An issue which has taken far too much time. Time that could have been expended on meaningful issues. A dramatic decrease in the practice of one of the principles of our Order -- fraternity, fraternalism. Rather than attempt to resolve differences, rather than accept differing opinions, far too many Brothers are resorting to our internal form of litigation -- filing charges against another brother. Most of these cases are over petty issues and are for the most part personality differences. The inability of

Brothers to settle these matters in a fraternal manner is offensive and disgusting. Some are the result of SUVCW politics within the Camp or Department. It was because of this type of behavior I was forced to take disciplinary action against a sitting Department Commander. We must find the resolve to settle these differences in a fraternal amicable manner. We are all volunteers. Good leaders earn the respect of those they lead and obtain compliance with their directions through that respect not by demands and threats of punitive action. No one wins when it becomes necessary for disciplinary action to be taken. We need to learn to accept the fact that no one wins all the debates and any differences in opinion should be left in the meeting rooms not carried beyond. When the debate is over, the vote taken, regardless of the outcome, accept the decision of the body and leave the meeting supporting that decision.

As I prepare to leave office, I want to express my appreciation for all the hard work of the National Officers, Committee chairmen and committee members. Any success we have had is because of your dedication to this Order and your work. Without you, nothing could have been accomplished.

I have a number of recommendations. Some of which I know are controversial and are designed to solicit debate and determination of the directions we will travel.

Recommendations:

1. The position of Life Membership Coordinator be abolished and all necessary changes to the C&R be made to reflect this. The Life Membership applications have been less than two dozen a year. Currently, they are processed by the Assistant National Treasurer and the Membership List Coordinator. There is no need for an additional position.
2. The Distinguished Service Certificate be adopted for presentation by the Commander-in-Chief to appointed National Officers and Committee Chairmen for distinguished service to the Order. Recommendations may be made by the Chief of Staff or any elected National Officer. The Committee on Constitution & Regulations draft the necessary amendments to the C&R to implement this program.
3. In order to discourage frivolous litigation and Trials a trial fee of \$25 payable to the Camp for a trial held at the Camp level, a trial fee of \$50 payable to the Department for a trial held at the Department level, and a trial fee of \$100 for a trial held at the National level be imposed. The fee to be paid by the person, Camp or Department bring charges. If the charges prove true, the fee is to be returned. The fee will not apply to appeals nor to trials necessitated by summary disciplinary action by the Commander-in-Chief. The Committee on Constitution & Regulations be instructed to make necessary amendments to the C&R for consideration by the Encampment.
4. The C&R be amended to require that all appeals of action by the Commander-in-Chief be submitted in writing to the National Secretary at least 30 days prior to the opening of the National Encampment. Such

requirement not to apply to actions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief, which are made during the Encampment.

5. The plaques, cups and other permanent awards cease being circulated, beginning in 1999, to the individual and/or Department who is the recipient and that a certificate indicating the presentation of the award be issued. The plaques *et cetera* will be retained by the National Secretary and displayed at each National Encampment until such time as we may have a National Headquarters where they can be displayed. We have spent far too much time and effort retrieving these awards each year and in one case I had to solicit the assistance of a United States Marine Corps Military Police Detachment for help in securing one award.
6. The Constitution & Regulations be amended to delete Provisional Camps and lower the number of hereditary Brothers necessary to charter a Camp to five. Since this regulation was adopted we have never had a provisional Camp fail during the three year provisional period. The effect of the current regulations is to require the Camp to pay for a charter twice and the National Secretary to prepare a charter twice with the same basic information. Modifying the regulations will have no negative effect and will be a benefit to the new Camps and the National Secretary.
7. After three years, the Life Membership Investment Committee for a variety of reasons has not developed an investment plan for the Life Membership Fund. It is my recommendation that this committee be abolished and the Council of Administration be instructed to engage the services of a professional financial planner for assistance with this fund and the investment of other funds.
8. The Council of Administration has been unable to agree upon a course of action regarding contracting for the services of an Executive Director. It is my recommendation that this Encampment instruct the Council of Administration to develop a job description for an Executive Secretary, who shall report to the Commander-in-Chief regarding the daily operations of the office and the Council of Administration regarding policies and financial matters, no later than the Council of Administration meeting at Gettysburg in November, 1998. Following the development of the job description, the Council begin a search for a suitable contractee.
9. If the IRS fails to act favorably on our application to become a 501(c)(1) organization by January 1, 1999, the National Treasurer be empowered to file an application to change our status to a 501(c)(3) organization.
10. That the National President of the Descendants of African-American Union Veterans and Their White Officers, be invited to participate in the 1999 National Encampment and all subsequent Encampments.
11. That the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States be invited to attend and participate in all future National Encampments of the SUVCW.
12. That all members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States and

Descendants of African-American Union Veterans and Their White Officers be extended invitations to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the last Encampment of the G.A.R. activities.

13. Through the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations an invitation be extended to all the member organizations to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the last Encampment of the G.A.R. activities.
14. That since Mrs. Bertha Janeway has at last been located, honorary membership be bestowed upon Mrs. Bertha Janeway a.k.a. Bertha January. She and Mrs. Daisy Anderson are the only surviving Union widows. We have previously given this honor to Mrs. Anderson.
15. Because of changes in federal law, which was passed by Congress and signed by the President this past year, we must have all past proceedings submitted by March 31, 1999. Therefore, it is imperative that the proceedings be transcribed and printed immediately. I am recommending that we contract with one or more services for the transcription of the existing material and a group of brothers be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to edit the material as quickly as possible.
16. The National Counselor draft a letter to the Attorney General of the Republic of California requesting that all the resources of his/her office be used to assure compliance with the Veterans Cemetery Law by all counties within California.
17. The incoming Commander-in-Chief send letters to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars national offices alerting them to the failure of California counties to adhere to the Veterans Cemetery Law and asking them to join us in assuring the law is obeyed.
18. The position of National Civil War Monuments and Memorial Officer be approved and said officer be designated as the chairman of the Civil War Monuments and Memorials Committee. This gives the same level of recognition to this office as to the Graves Registration and Historian positions both of whom chair the two other major projects we have undertaken. The C&R committee to draft the necessary amendments to create the office and the Program and Policy Committee to draft the job description.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Commander-in-Chief's Report and forward it and all other officer's reports to the Committee on Officer's Reports. Commander-in-Chief Orr returned to the chair.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

I am honored to have served as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the year 1997-98. It is an honor to serve the brothers of the Order and it is an honor to serve the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It has been a distinct pleasure serving with CinC Richard Orr, a man who knows more about our Order than any other man serving. And under his leadership, it has been a good year as he has just reported.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief has five basic responsibilities and such others as the CinC delegates to him. They are:

- a. The national advertising program
- b. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund solicitation
- c. Representing the Commander in Chief as required
- d. Chairing the Program and Policy Committee
- e. BANNER Publisher
- f. Other committees

This report addresses each area in some detail. Where there are recommendations, I will summarize them for you and submit the details to the Committee on Officer Reports for review and reporting back to the Encampment.

THE NATIONAL ADVERTISING PROGRAM

Following the example of recent years, I placed ads in the four major civil war magazines. A total of 222 prospects were identified (as of 13 July 98) to print advertising as follows:

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| AMERICAN HISTORY | 22 |
| MILITARY HISTORY MAGAZINE | 23 |
| CIVIL WAR TIMES ILLUSTRATED | 72 |
| AMERICAS CIVIL WAR | 95 |
| TOTAL | 222 |

According to the JVCinC, this constitutes roughly 7% of our total prospects reached. While the vast majority of our membership prospects come to us electronically, print advertising reaches a large number of Civil War enthusiasts, many of whom do not have Internet access. Print is also relatively permanent and available to readers years after the ad was run.

I see a need for significant change in the program. I recommend continuing the advertising budget at the 1997-98 level for the coming year. I also recommend that the SVCinC for 1998-99 reorient the print advertising program to:

- a. Delete low producing publications
- b. Revise ads for improved eye appeal
- c. Adjust ad frequency in remaining publications
- d. Develop a broader program of print advertising. Examples are:
 1. Mailings to county historical societies in coordination with the Graves Registration and the CW Monuments Committees to boost awareness and to ferret out records and memorabilia.
 2. Distributions to CW Roundtables in selected states.
 3. Mailings to libraries to make them aware of who we are and how we can be contacted.

The Senior Vice CinC should, of course, be given the broadest latitude to shape the program in the most productive way.

REPRESENTING THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

I was asked on three occasions to represent the Commander-in-Chief of our Order. It was a delight to perform those duties at:

- a. Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery, 30 May 98
- b. Dedication of the USCT Memorial, Washington, DC, 16 and 18 July 98
- c. Michigan Department Encampment, 6 JUN 98

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FUND SOLICITATION

This is a customary role with donations principally derived from Department Encampments and a solicitation form posted in THE BANNER. I have acknowledged donations sent to me and forwarded them to the National Treasurer.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAM AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The Program and Policy Committee is charged with reviewing the Order's forms, job descriptions and rituals. My thanks to a dedicated committee consisting of Bob Grim, J Doug Park, Keith Ashley and Dan Bunnell. Thanks also to Al Kern and many others who sent comments on forms and job descriptions. The report of the P&P Committee contains a full description of the recommendations of the committee.

- a. Reviewed existing Job descriptions and recommended additions, corrections, and deletions. The committee wrote the job description for Real Sons and Daughters Committee and recommends its approval.
- b. Asked experienced brothers to undertake an "Encampment Planning Procedure Kit." J. Doug Park and Jim Lyons are continuing work on this project.
- c. Reviewed a proposed addition to ritual for dedication of a grave stone of a fallen comrade. The proposed text is being modified to allow it to be used for rededication of an existing G.A.R. stone or of a replacement stone. We are indebted to National Chaplain Pucciarelli for initiating this effort.
- d. Changes to Form 22 , The Report of Camp Installing Officer and Form 49, The Report of Department Installing Officer have been reviewed. The committee recommend approval of the newly proposed forms and of a new form for Department Delegate and Alternate list. Changes to existing forms were needed because of authorization of new positions and the need for better address detail. The committee thanks the National Secretary for his initiation of these changes.
- e. Final review and approval of the SUVCW Civil War Memorial Assessment Form (Form CWM#61). This form was approved by the CofA and has been distributed for use. The committee thanks Brother Armstrong and his committee for developing the basic form.

- f. Application to join the SUVCW, 1861-65, Form 3-Web version. The committee applauds the efforts of the National Webmaster who has installed this downloadable membership application on our SUVCW web site. Its presence on the web site provides any visitor with the means to apply for membership without delay. The committee recommends approval of the web version of our Form 3 and extends its thanks to PCinC Harrison for making it possible.
- g. A streamlining of the Quarterly Camp Report Form 27-28 is under review but needs staffing at Department level. The committee recommends that action to next year's committee and thanks Brother Al Kern for his efforts on this project.

THE BANNER PUBLISHER

It has been a delight to work with the editor of THE BANNER. I believe that the Order again has a first class newsletter going four times a year to each member. It has not always been so. Editor Glenn Knight has accomplished his duties with professional excellence and within budget. Like all great professionals, he is not yet satisfied with THE BANNER and works daily to further improve its quality. The position of Publisher allows the Editor to hand off minor controversies to remain impartial and non-controversial. Most of the efforts of the Publisher have been exerted in the statement for THE BANNER. It has been a good year for THE BANNER and I look forward to 1998-1999 with confidence in the editor and the distribution system.

One of the duties of THE BANNER Publisher is to propose, in conjunction with the Editor, a budget for the following year. A more complete explanation of the proposed budget has been submitted to the Treasurer. In brief, that budget is:

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| Design and Layout | 700.00 |
| Printing and Mailing | 700.00 |
| Postage | 850.00 |
| Address Service | 500.00 |
| <u>Admin Expenses</u> | <u>250.00</u> |
| Total per issue | 3,000.00 |
| <u>x4 issues</u> | <u>12,000.00</u> |
| Plus 2 color | 1,000.00 |
| <u>Plus Spec Edition</u> | <u>2,000.00</u> |

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

THE BANNER Policy Committee-- THE BANNER Policy Committee was asked to write a policy statement to guide the staff of THE BANNER and contributors to it. The statement was drafted in October 1997 and staffed with the CofA and others. The statement was presented to the CofA in March 1998 and approved. The policy statement defines the role of the publisher, editor and circulation manager. It provides writing guidelines, editorial rules and standards for contribution. The committee recommends approval of the "Policy Statement for THE BANNER" and the periodic publications of all or part of it in THE BANNER. Thanks to committee members Keith Harrison, Dick Williams, Glenn Knight, Dan Bunnell and many other contributors. (A copy of THE BANNER Policy Statement is attached to the committee report.)

Per Capita Tax Methodology Committee-- The CinC appointed this special committee to review the need for quarterly per capital dues payments by Camps through Departments to the National Treasurer. The committee polled Department Secretaries on the issue and furnished consolidated comments to the Membership Process Committee in February, 1998. We concluded, with the majority of Department Secretaries responding, that there are more advantages to the quarterly system than disadvantages. In brief, quarterly reporting keeps dollars at the Camp level for the longest time and assures interaction between Camps and Department. Since the recommendations have been forwarded to another committee, no recommendation to the Encampment is made.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Andrew M Johnson
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This report will be referred to the Committee on Officer's Reports per the previous motion.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this Order, and my forefather, Jerome Kelley, this year as your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

At this time I would like all Junior Vice Commanders to stand. I want to say thank-you to all that are here for a fine job this year.

I traveled this year to New Hampshire and attended the Auxiliary Presidents' dinner. I attended in Pittsburgh, Pa. the dinner for our Commander-in-Chief, Brother Orr. I attended Encampments in Maryland, New York, and Pa. I represented our Commander-in-Chief in Wilson, N.Y. for the funeral of Past Commander-in-Chief Norm Furman. I attended General Grant's 176th birthday service put on by Oliver Tilden Camp 26. I gave a speech and laid wreath for

National Order. I also attended Remembrance Day in Gettysburg Pa. and all Council of Administration meetings.

It has been a busy year, but a very productive year. I have been told we have an increase in our membership. We have a problem with retention in membership of past members. The Internet has played a big part in keeping us even. Without the hard work of each Department, we could have had a real bad year in membership.

We have had 3,034 prospects from the computer. Total from magazines are 233 prospects. On March 25th I transferred the Allied Orders on line with their own emails. Up to then we handled 282 for the Auxiliary 138 for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic 212, for the Daughters of Union Veterans 25 and for the Women's Relief Corps 657 referrals. All told the totals are 3,924.

In March and April we exploded. We had 1,001 referrals in March and 528 in April. I don't believe we have seen the results on these two months for it can take up to 5 or 6 months for a prospect, to find his way through the maze. May 1st we went on line with our online form. We have received 8 of these and all 8 did join our organization. I researched units from N.Y. for prospective members, and received new members from this method.

I believe if we are going to increase our membership next year and the next. We must use the system that we used this year, with the on line form as back up.

Recommendations

1. We need to consider a national dues system that would benefit all Departments and Camps. This method is used by the V.F.W. and American Legion successfully.

Example: We receive a lot of email for the cost of dues. It is easy when they want Membership-at-Large. The cost is \$35. When we can't answer this question it holds up a person joining our organization by 2 or 3 weeks. I have found they lose interest and don't join at all. I suggest \$35 or \$40 dues for all Camps for new members to speed up applications. I realize we would have to consider changing by laws and some Camps and Departments may not like this plan. Yet, if each Camp receives more members we as an organization would benefit from it.

2. Changing Computer System; Receive on line emails for prospective members as we have for 3 years. This is also a good way to advertise our Order, and doesn't cost as much as National Magazines etc. One change that needs to be looked at is that we don't need to send letters out at 45 cents a piece.
 - Send by form letter from computer to prospective member with cc to Jr. Vice Commander of that dept. at same time.
 - We could still reach by internet 4000 prospective members, with out spending \$1800.00 on postage etc. It would only cost us time. This

method with a good an assistant as I had this year would work. He does half and the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief does half.

- On line form and information would be used for back up only after direct contact is made.
- It has been proven when we use direct contact from National Order to dept. level, then Camp level we get new members.

EXAMPLE:

Penn. 264 letters over 50 new members.

Ohio 169 letters over 21 new members

Florida one quarter they received 110 letters had 15 new members. Can we afford to lose these contacts next year?

Even with Ohio's 21 members, the cost for National Order was \$52.39 for stamps \$25.35 for envelopes. At \$5 per new member we received \$105 and per capita tax every year they are a member. I call this good advertising.

3. Pennsylvania has proven to me we need to put prospective members in ASAP. We need a membership-at-large Camp in all Departments then transfer after the prospect has become a member into nearest Camp, within that Department. This will speed up the process yet allow Camps and Departments more time to take care of the members they already have. This will help us to increase members at a faster pace.

Again I thank each and every one of you, for allowing me to be your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and let us strive as we have in 1998 to keep working for the good of the Order, and the Grand Army Of The Republic, and the betterment of the United States of America.

Yours in F.C. and L.
Danny L. Wheeler
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The report was forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Dear Brothers,

In the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, I am honored to make this report. Wow what a year it has been! Hopefully I haven't driven everyone too crazy. Last year we had a little backlog with charters, and without anyone to do the calligraphy I had the risk of falling further behind. Many Departments, Camps, and Brothers offered to find someone to do the calligraphy on their charters, which believe me beats my handwriting. I would like to thank all of the Departments, Camps, and Brothers, that helped me with the backlog of charters. While I'm on the subject of thanking people there are four that deserve a special thanks. Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, for answering the many questions I have had. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve you. To me this job is still a learning process and I'll have it down pat the day after I leave office. THE

BANNER Editor Glenn Knight, National Quartermaster Bud Atkinson, and National Webmaster Keith Harrison, for their kindness, understanding and assistance. And last but not least all of the Department and Camp Officers, and all of our Brothers who have offered help and suggestions. Thank you all!

This past year I introduced new forms that I hope made the job just a little easier. Of course the sticking point this year has been per capita tax. I noticed that on our Department quarterly form we are a little vague on when per capita tax must be in and there were many times when I had to re-supply Departments with quarterly Camp and Department forms. Based on this I would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That we make the Department quarterly form 35-37-38, and the Camp quarterly form 27~28 available with the other documents presently downloadable on our web site. Of course I will still provide these forms annually to all Departments. This will serve as a backup resource for the Department.

2. That we add to the Constitution and Regulations the following:

Chapter 2, Article 6, Section 2.

“Departments shall pay to the National Organization Per capita tax of \$2.50, per member excluding Life, Junior, and Honorary members, payable quarterly to the National Secretary on or before the Thirtieth (30) day of January, April, July, and October. Payments received after this due date will be subject to a ten dollar (\$10) late fee, that may be waived by the Commander-in-Chief due to extenuating circumstances upon the recommendation of the National Secretary.”

In closing it is a pleasure to serve you and I look forward in working with you in the future.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
David K. Hann
National Secretary

The report was forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

NATIONAL TREASURER

During 1997-1998, we have taken in an income of \$87,000 in the General Fund. Outgoing was \$60,000. \$15,000 had been budgeted for printing of the proceedings, which wasn't used. \$2,000 had been budgeted to transcribe the proceedings, which hasn't been used. By April 1, 1999 we have to have our proceedings published. \$53,000 per capita spent is the most significant item of this past year. We spent \$15,000 more than per capita shows. \$13,602 for the G.A.R. Fund has been collected. But we spent \$20,102. We Have to make an adjustment. Permanent fund income was \$3,564. \$804 outgoing. Life membership income was \$5,390. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief income was \$5,130. \$6,800 was the total income . We spent \$6,000 in advertisements and

presentations. National Headquarters fund took in \$5,569. I have no recommendations. We are in good shape. One highlight of this year, in the General Fund, gentlemen, we're going to break a budget of \$100,000. We're in great financial condition.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
James Pahl,
Treasurer

The report was forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

NATIONAL QUARTERMASTER

We still have a limited number of the badges struck for the Last Reunion of the Widows in Gettysburg on July 1, 1997. The medal is made of .999 fine silver, two sided. One side honors Daisy Anderson, widow of Robert Anderson, 125th U. S. Colored Infantry U.S.A., the other side honors Alberta Martin, widow of Jasper Martin of Co. K, 4th Alabama Infantry, CSA. The ribbon is half blue and half gray. The price is \$55.

We are also taking orders for Sons of Veterans swords in 5 styles. Prince ranges from \$310 to \$450 and must be paid when placing the order. The manufacturer requires us to place an order of 10 or more at a time. After the orders are placed it will require 8 to 10 weeks for delivery. For more information contact me.

Our Order has been growing faster than ever before, I am happy to report, but because of the increase in new members and the 1997 Price List of Supplies having been printed in the last issue of THE BANNER, I have been receiving a number of requests for information on the supplies. I will try to answer some of questions here:

- No. 202 - Membership Certificate – Tri-color, \$5 each. This is a 10"x14" certificate with the SUVCW Coat of Arms and space for your name, your camp name, department, your Civil War Ancestor's name, and a space for your Camp Commander, Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief's signatures. The certificate comes with the current Commander-in-Chief's signature already affixed.
- No. 301 – Supplement to Constitution & Regulations 1996. If you have a C&R printed prior to 1996, this supplement will update it.
- No. 361, 362, 363, 364, 365 – War Medal and Service Bars. A completed Application, Form 5, is needed before these items can be issued.
- No. 367, 368 – Replacement Ribbons. All ribbons except the Associate have a red, white and blue border on each side of the 5/8" center. On the National ribbon the center is gold, on Department it is red, and on members it is blue. On an associate badge, the ribbon is all blue.
- No. 369 – Service Numerals. Indicate Number of years have been a member. To be attached to any badge.
- No. 370 – Bronze Recognition Button. Brothers many wear this miniature lower portion of the membership badge as the official recognition button.

- No. 371, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505 – These items are for members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- No. 374 – 1/8” stars (bronze, silver or gold) to be worn on the miniature medals only. Commander in Chief and Past CinC with a yellow center ribbon may wear three gold stars. Presiding and Past Department Commanders on a red center ribbon wear two silver stars. Presiding and Past Camp Commanders on a blue center ribbon wear a bronze star.
- No. 375 – Silver Palm. Worn by members who served in the armed forces in time of war.
- No 376 – Neck Ribbon. A 36” length of ribbon (state color) for the member to suspend a past commander’s badge around the neck for formal occasions.

All orders are assessed a \$3 shipping charge, regardless of size.

An on-line order form is available at <http://suvchw.org/qm.htm>.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
 Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC
 National Quartermaster

The report was forwarded to the Committee on Officers’ Reports per a previous motion.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE

The National Site Committee received requests for consideration for sites in Maine and Rhode Island for the 2000 Encampment, Kansas and Missouri for a joint hosting of the 2001 Encampment and from Illinois for a future Encampment. Packets were sent to all these Departments giving them information on what was expected from them and the hotel in hosting the Encampment.

At this time we do not have signed contracts for any of these Encampments. We are looking at a contract in the very near future for the 2001 Encampment. The primary problem at this time with the 2000 Encampment is that we are attempting to get the room night cost down to a reasonable rate to our members, that being under \$90.00 per night. It should be noted that the 21st Century brings with it increased costs of these facilities that need to be considered.

We should continue to have the information packets available with updated material for each Department that requests Encampment consideration.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
 Edward J. Krieser, Chairman
 National Encampment Site Committee

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Your Committee, appointed to study legislation and public policy of interest and concern to members of our Order, begs leave to submit the following report to the officers and delegates attending the 117th National Encampment.

There are several bills before the 105th Congress that deal with issues of interest to our Order. The Committee has also been apprised of several bills before State Legislatures that are of interest, including one bill that directly affects our Order. The following is a list, in numeric order, of these bills and their status:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

S.116 - Introduced on January 21, 1997 by Senator Inouye, is meant to restore the traditional day of the observance of Memorial Day to May 30th of each year from it's present date of the last Monday in May. This bill was immediately referred to the Committee on Judiciary and is still in committee. It has no co-sponsors. The companion bill in the House is H.R.2679, introduced on October 21, 1997 by Rep. Gibbons and has been referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution since October 27, 1997. It also has no co-sponsors.

S.155 - Known as the Grant's Tomb National Monument Act of 1997, this bill, introduced on January 21, 1997 by Senator Moynihan, is designed to redesignate the General Grant National Memorial as Grant's Tomb National Monument and directs the National Park System to plan for the complete restoration of the Monument among other things. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Parks, Preservation and Recreation on January 22, 1997. On July 16, 1998 the Subcommittee held hearings on the subject. It has 1 co-sponsor. The companion bill in the House is H.R.546, introduced by Rep. Nadler on February 4, 1997 and referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. It has 7 co-sponsors.

H.CON.RES.147 - A House concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a postage stamp should be issued commemorating Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. Introduced on September 5, 1997 by Rep. Allen, it was referred to the Subcommittee on the Postal Service. It has no co-sponsors.

H.J.R.54 - A joint resolution introduced by Rep. Solomon proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. This bill has 284 co-sponsors and passed the House on June 12, 1997. It was referred to the Senate and has been placed on the Senate Calendar.

H.R.157- A bill to authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor, posthumously, to Brevet Brig. Gen. Strong Vincent for his actions in the defense of Little Round Top at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. Introduced on January 7, 1997 by Rep. English it has 5 co-sponsors. This bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel on February 3, 1997. On June 4, 1997 the Subcommittee received an unfavorable Executive Comment from the Department of Defense on this matter. It is still in committee.

H.R.1085 - A bill to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as Title 36, United States Code. Introduced on March 17, 1997 by Rep. Hyde it passed the House by voice vote on February 3, 1998. The bill was referred to the Senate and was placed on the Senate Calendar as No. 477 on July 16, 1998. This bill is designed to make technical, conforming and consolidating changes to existing law. It directly effects the SUVCW and the other Allied Orders.

H.R.1602 - Introduced on May 14, 1997 by Rep. Kanjorski, this bill is to restore the grave marker allowance for veterans. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits and is still in committee.

H.R.1669 - Introduced by Rep. Kasich on May 20, 1997 this bill is to authorize the reburial in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery of two unknown Americans who lost their lives during the Civil War, one while serving the Union Army of the United States and the other while serving in the Army of the Confederate States of America. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits on June 3, 1997 and has no co-sponsors.

H.R.2346 - Introduced on July 31, 1997 by Rep. Lowey, this bill is to amend Title 18 United States Code, to prohibit desecration of Veteran's Memorials. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Crime on August 7, 1997. It has no co-sponsors.

H.R.2453 - Introduced on September 11, 1997 by Rep. Norton this bill is to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the African-American Civil War veterans. This bill was referred to the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services and has 47 co-sponsors. It instructs the Secretary of the Treasury to issue one-dollar coins in commemoration of African-American Civil War veterans. It mandates the coin design and that the Secretary of the Treasury pay all coin surcharges to the African-American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation for the construction and maintenance of an African-American Civil War Memorial and the Garnet-Patterson Family Heritage Center (Visitors' Center).

H.R.2504 - A bill to amend Title 38 United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for the marked graves of certain individuals. Introduced on September 18, 1997 by Rep. Kildee, it was referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits. It has 29 co-sponsors. This bill makes veterans graves that were marked before January 1, 1998 now eligible for the provision of a military stone in addition to the family marker.

STATE LEGISLATION

Pennsylvania

House Bill 1863- H.B. 1863 is designed to create a fund of \$250,000 to inspect and report the condition of all the Pennsylvania State monuments on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

House Bill 1853- Sets up a vehicle license plate, which has the Pennsylvania Monument, pictured on it. A portion of the sale price of these plate's goes to a fund set up to restore the Pennsylvania Monument.

(Note: The Committee does not presently know the status of these bills.)

Kansas

Senate Resolution 1857- Authored by Senator Janis Lee this resolution congratulates and commends the surviving Kansas Real Sons and Daughters of Civil War Union Soldiers. This resolution passed unanimously.

Senate Resolution 1862 - Authored by Senator Anthony Hensley this resolution requests the Statehouse Art and History Committee to consider placing a mural in the Capitol honoring the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment (79th U.S.C.T.) and honoring Senator James Henry Lane, a Kansas military and political leader and a recruiter of troops in that regiment. This resolution passed unanimously.

House Amendment to the Omnibus Appropriations Act
(This amendment directly affects the Allied Orders) It was an amendment to authorize the Department of Administration to begin negotiations for contracts with the National Organizations of the SUVCW, the L.G.A.R. and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW for the provision of office space of approximately 1,000 square feet in the renovated Memorial Building for use as a possible National Headquarters of these Organizations. The amendment, authored by Rep. Laura McClure, would provide office space to these three organizations for only the pro-rated cost of utilities. The amendment was tabled by the House and referred to the Memorial Building Commission, which is to meet sometime this summer. The Chairman of the SUVCW Legislation Committee is to be notified in advance of the meeting of this commission so he can provide testimony and information to the membership. (Note: This amendment will be written as a bill to be presented to both houses of the State Legislature next session.)

It was moved, seconded and passed that the recommendations of this and all subsequent committees be taken up *ad siriatim* and that, without objection, they be approved at the sound of the gavel.

Recommendations

1. That we support passage of S.116 and it's companion bill H.R.2679 restoring Memorial Day to it's traditional day of May 30th of each year.

Approved

2. That we support passage of S.155 and it's companion bill H.R.546, commonly referred to as "Grant's Tomb National Monument Act of 1997".

Approved

3. That we support passage of H.C.R. 147 that would authorize issuance of a postage stamp commemorating Brig. Gen. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain.

Approved

4. That we support passage of H.J.Res.54 proposing an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting desecration of the United States Flag.

Objection

Moved and second to approve the original recommendation.

Passed

5. That we support passage of H.R.157 authorizing the President to award the Medal of Honor, posthumously, to Brevet Brig. Gen. Strong Vincent.

Approved.

6. The Committee has no specific information about any proposed changes to Title 36 U.S. Code, proposed by H.R.1085 so we can make no recommendation.

7. That we support passage of H.R.1602 restoring the grave marker allowance for veterans.

Objection.

It was noted that the C of A in March already approved this

8. That we support passage of H.R.1 669 authorizing the reburial of two unknown Soldiers from the Civil War in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

Objection.

The CofA voted to not support this at the March meeting.

9. That we support passage of H.R.2346 prohibiting the desecration of Veteran's Memorials.

Approved

10. The Committee has no recommendation on H.R.2453 as it is written. The Committee feels that while it is a good idea to commemorate the Civil War Colored Troops with the use of a special commemorative coin, the mandating of coin surcharge payments to a Private Non-Profit Organization to pay for a monument and visitor's center is not the way to pay for said monument and visitors center.

Motion made and seconded to not support H.R.2453

Approved

11. That we support passage of H.R.2504 authorizing the furnishing of military headstones to Soldiers who already have a family stone.

Approved

12. That we support passage of Pennsylvania House Bill 1863 creating a fund to inspect the condition of the Pennsylvania State monuments on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Approved

13. That we support passage of Pennsylvania House Bill 1863 creating a special license plate raising funds for the restoration of the Pennsylvania Monument.

Approved

14. That the Encampment commend Kansas State Senator Janis K. Lee for honoring the Real Sons and Daughters of Civil War Union Soldiers living in Kansas.

Approved

15. That the Encampment commend Kansas State Senator Anthony Hensley for honoring the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment (79th U.S.C.T.) and the late Senator James Henry Lane.

Approved

16. That the Encampment honor Kansas State Representative Laura McClure for her work in authoring legislation to obtain office space for our Organization.

Approved

17. That we support passage of legislation in the Kansas State Legislature offering office space in the Memorial Building for a possible National Headquarters of our Organization.

Objection

Moved and seconded **not to support** this legislation at this time.

Passed

It has been a privilege to have been associated with Brothers Edward Duffel, Charles Kuhn, Ronald Gill and James McCafferty as fellow members of the Committee on Legislation and to have been able to serve the National Organization in this capacity during the 1997-98 year.

In F., C., & L.,
Dean K. Speaks, Chairman

CHIEF OF STAFF

I would like to first thank Commander-in-Chief Orr for having the confidence in my abilities and choosing me as his Chief of Staff. It has been an honor to serve this Organization over the past year on his staff. I would like to thank all the Committee Chairmen who have worked with me throughout the year. I also want to thank those who sent information to me for the use in the Department Information Packets.

Over this past year, I was present at the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony in Springfield Illinois. I represented the Organization at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on Memorial Day. I represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Kansas Department Encampment and at the Sons of Confederate Veterans Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri.

As Chief of Staff I have tried my best to fulfill my duties throughout the year as directed in the National job descriptions. I have also worked on collecting information for the Department Information Packet.

It has been my pleasure serving this Organization as Chief of Staff and hope that I was able to make a difference with helping the Sons of Union Veterans move forward.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Steven Leicht
National Chief of Staff

Report forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

BANNER EDITOR

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ORR, GENTLEMEN: I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Order in such an important and difficult position. The challenge has been refreshing.

I must first report that the first three issues of THE BANNER were published this year on time, with more pages than anticipated (allowing for more news to be included) and distribution appears to have improved significantly. I am hearing many fewer complaints about non-receipt and I am hearing more compliments on the quality and timeliness of the effort. In addition, we have been able to stay under budget all year and will end the year significantly under budget.

The improvement in the distribution can be attributed directly to the efficiency and professionalism of Brother Dick Williams, National Membership List Coordinator. The Order is very lucky to have someone of his skills who is interested in doing this job for all of us. I will recommend that his salary be, at least, doubled for next year (as a volunteer, twice nothing is still nothing—but it is the thought that counts).

I want to thank my boss, Brother Andy Johnson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Publisher for all of the help that he has provided this year and for his stewardship of the THE BANNER Committee. And I also want to thank THE BANNER Committee for a fine job of writing a THE BANNER Policy that will bring standardization and professionalism to *the Journal of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. I strongly recommend approval of THE BANNER Policy.

On a down note, as we gather here, number four of the current series is more than one month late in production. For this delay I must blame my personal health problems and a number of serious family issues. I apologize for the delay and will do my best to rectify it with the guidance of the Council of Administration, the new Commander-in-Chief and the new Publisher.

This problem does point out one serious flaw in our system. It is entirely too dependent on one person. Other options must be considered to ease the burden on whoever serves as editor. Those options could include a commercial enterprise publisher—similar to the system used by the Sons of Confederate Veterans—or some other method to “share the wealth”. That meaning the wealth of work associated with the gathering of news, editing, layout, pre-press, printing and mailing of THE BANNER. In this light I would ask that THE BANNER

Committee be charged to evaluate the available options and report back to the National Encampment in 1999 in Indianapolis.

I remain, Your Obedient Servant, in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Glenn B. Knight, Editor
THE BANNER

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That THE BANNER Policy written by THE BANNER Committee and endorsed by the Council of Administration be adopted.
2. That THE BANNER Committee be charged with the investigation and evaluation of alternate methods of publishing THE BANNER and directed to report back to the National Encampment at Indianapolis in 1999.

Report forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

WASHINGTON, D.C. REPRESENTATIVE

Commander-in-Chief Orr, I was pleased to answer your call to serve as Washington Representative, this being the 17th time, especially after having been emeritized by your predecessor following his installation.

Please allow me to express my sincere appreciation for the many kind offers of sympathy and assistance during the illness and subsequent death last year of my beloved wife of 51 years, PNP Dorris W. Schlenker. The Memorial Service at the funeral home by the National Auxiliary officers, the Honor Guard at the cemetery by SVR members, the many Honor Roll contributions in her name, the Memorial at the Utica Encampment, the honors at Remembrance Day, the gifts to charity, all were fitting tributes to a grand lady. The support offered me since that time has been truly astonishing. Thank you all.

To serve you as Washington Representative is always a distinct honor. While it is a legal requirement of our Congressional Charter to have an agent in the Washington area if it becomes necessary for Congress to contact our organization, we are always pleased to report no such contact has been made.

We were able to assist several members in obtaining documentation from the U. S. District Court in D.C., which declared SUVCW legal heirs to the G.A.R., the Deed of Conveyance in particular. Several of these contests have been reported in THE BANNER.

Washington, DC is a very ceremonial place and your Representative has had many opportunities to be present on your behalf as have other residents of the area such as Brothers Johnson, Bateman, Hershberger, Corfman and also Hammer before he went south. These occasions have been enumerated in an addendum to this report.

As an organization we may not lobby Congress but our actions as recorded in our Annual Encampment Proceedings are filed annually. Individuals may, of course, correspond with their elected Senator and Representatives. The time and energy expended on behalf of our beloved Order are given in gratitude for what our ancestors did to preserve our nation.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
 Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC
 Washington Representative

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| Aug 23 | PA Dept Testimonial |
| Sep 6 | DC Camp Meeting |
| Sep 11 | Memorial for John Davis |
| Sep 17 | MD SAR Charter |
| Oct. 11 | DC 1812 |
| Oct 12 | DC Lincoln Camp |
| Nov 15 | Remembrance Day |
| Nov 29 | DC SAR Ball |
| Dec 5 | MD SAR Ball |
| Dec 6 | DC MOLLUS |
| Dec 13 | DC SAR |

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| Feb 11 | MOLLUS Lincoln Dinner |
| Feb 12 | Lincoln Memorial Ceremony & Luncheon |
| Feb 18 | DC 1812 |
| Feb 12 | DC Lincoln Group Banquet |
| Feb 21 | MD SAR |
| Mar 11 | MD SAR Chapter |
| Mar 14 | DC Camp Meeting |
| Mar 17 | DC Lincoln Group |
| Mar 21 | Gettysburg Tour Guide |
| Apr 4 | Nat. Gon. Pat. Orgs. |
| Apr 21 | DC Lincoln Group |
| APR 25 | MD Dept. 111 th Enc. |
| May 25 | Bethesda Mem. Day |
| May 30 | Arlington G.A.R. Mem. Day reenactment |
| Jun 6 | Arlington Confederate Mem. Day |
| Jul 17 | Congressional Cemetery |

Report received and forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR

On August 9, 1997, at the 116th National Encampment in Utica, New York, I was asked by incoming Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, to serve as the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator for the 1997-98 term. My first indication that maybe something was amiss should have been that no one else would take the position. My second hint should have been when I was approached by several National Officers offering their condolences. I, however, accepted the position

knowing that it would be a challenge. How much of a challenge it would end up being, I could not even imagine.

I became, in a sense, the Camp Secretary for the largest Camp of the SUVCW, containing over 300 members worldwide. A Camp with only one officer to handle everything from membership inquiries, to problem solving, address changes and quarterly reports with their associated bookkeeping. A 300+ member Camp that had virtually no contact with the Organization, save the occasional newsletter, for over a year! The quagmire created by the total lack of effort on the part of one of my predecessors was unbelievable. To put it bluntly, MAL was a mess! But I was determined to get this thing straightened out and put MAL back on course.

Within a couple of weeks a Roadway Express truck showed up with 11 Large Mailing Tubs of file folders and associated paperwork for MAL inside. I immediately set forth sorting the vast amounts of files and paperwork and trying to make some sort of sense out of it. In one of the tubs I discovered a large envelope that had been sent to Brother Ward containing a large amount of applications, documents, and checks that had not been processed. Some of these dated back to 1995. Brothers this is ridiculous and should never be allowed to happen again!

After sorting the files and the previously mentioned packet of applications into several categories I began processing the oldest of the applications. The first one on the pile was one that included a check that was due to expire in 3 days! I included in the packet that I sent to each one of these members a personal letter explaining the reasons for the delay in processing their applications, along with a personal apology from myself and on behalf of the 5,000+ members of this Organization for the delay. I also, with permission of the Council of Administration, extended the time that their dues covered through the end of 1998. I am still receiving letters, phone calls and emails from these Brothers thanking me for helping them.

By the end of the 3rd Quarter in March I had finally been able to catch up the backlog created during the last year from the lack of effort on the part of Brother Ward. On March 30, while I was putting the finishing touches on a letter to the CofA informing them that MAL was caught up, I experienced what may be termed a “malfunction” of my computer system. The computer locked up and I lost everything, including the MAL Database! I had just completed 2 years worth of work in less than 7 months and then had lost it all. To say I was a little “miffed” would be a serious understatement! It took just shy of 2 months for the dealer to replace my computer so I could start over. I received my new machine at the end of May and began replacing all of the records lost for the proceeding 3 quarters. Through a lot of hard work and tons of help from Brother Dick Williams, I have now been able to catch up MAL again by the end June.

As near as can be determined, the total number of MAL's at the end of FY 1997 was 318. The total number of new members during the year was 118. We had 21 Brothers transfer out of MAL to local Camps and a loss due to death of 4. This

makes the total of 411 MAL's at the end of FY 1998 for a net gain of 93 new members or a 29% net increase in membership. As this is being written there are 30 new applications on my desk with some sort of problem that needs corrected before they can be processed. These, had they been correct, would have made the gain 123 new members, or 39% for the year. I seriously doubt that there is another existing Camp or Department of the SUVCW who has this much of an increase in their membership!

Changes made during the 4th Quarter to the way the SUVCW does things have directly affected NMAL. The posting of the membership application on the Internet site has increased the inflow of applications for MAL dramatically over the last 2 months of the quarter. I have received, during the last two months alone, some 80 new applications for membership. This is an increase of close to 300% over the previous average quarter! The previous average was somewhere around 30 new applications.

The breakdown of new members by quarter is as follows:

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| 1 st Quarter | 19 |
| 2 nd Quarter | 21 |
| 3 rd Quarter | 27 |
| 4 th Quarter | 51 |

Total New Members 118

These new members are from all over the United States as well as from Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, England, Scotland, and Sweden. We are truly a Worldwide Organization!

Dues notices were sent out in January to some 271 MAL's who owed 1998 dues. Included in the packet sent to each of these was the Civil War Memorial's Form #CWM6I to enable MAL to participate in our Nationwide effort to catalog Civil War Monuments. To date I have received responses from 168 of these members including several monument assessment forms. Final dues notices are being mailed out today to some 103 whom have not paid their 1998 dues. These remaining brothers were given until August 15, 1998 to pay their dues or be dropped from the rolls of MAL. After the remaining brothers pay their dues MAL will have generated over \$7,000 in dues and fees for the Order this year, including per-capita taxes paid in of nearly \$4,000.

Recommendations for the Council of Administration

I have a couple of recommendations which will increase the efficiency and lessen the paperwork problems associated with Membership-at-Large. They are as follows:

1. The recent advent of placing the membership application on the Internet site, the increase in applications received by the MAL Coordinator approaches 300%. While the use of this technology has decreased the workload in some areas of the Order, it has made a dramatic increase in others. The problem encountered seems

to be that since the application must be generic in nature, the applicant is told only the fee amount. This causes the applicant to send the completed application, along with documentation and a check for only the fee amount to the MAL Coordinator. The MAL Coordinator must then send him a letter or an email requesting a 2nd check for dues, and then wait for it's receipt before he can process the application.

A suggestion would be this:

In the instructions for the application and on the application itself, indicate that if the applicant is wanting to join as a NMAL, the dues are \$15 and to please include them with the application and documentation.

2. When the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's office sends out applications and information sheets to the prospective applicant the present fees are \$20. When the applicant downloads an application from the Internet site the application fees are \$15. This causes a bookkeeping nightmare, for lack of a better description, for the MAL Coordinator and, I'm sure, also for Camp and Department Secretaries.

A suggestion to solve this problem would be:

Make the application fee a set amount (\$15 or \$20) universally. All Camps, Departments and National MAL charge the same amount no matter whether we send the prospect an application or he downloads one off of the Internet site. This way, everybody charges and everybody is charged the same amount. This would probably require a motion by the National Encampment to accomplish, as it would require a change in the C & R.

It has been an honor to serve the Order as your Membership-at-Large Coordinator for this year. It has been a rough road requiring many hundreds of hours of my time but I believe that it was worth it. I'm pleased to report that once again, MAL is a strong, viable part of the National Organization and is back on track and moving forward to serve the Order. MAL is again serving those Brothers in areas not served by local Camps and Departments or in areas outside the boundaries of the United States. We have, through the use of today's technology and the wisdom and foresight of our members, been able to expand our horizons to reach out to Brothers around the world. We must always keep in mind that we all are volunteers, as were many of our forefathers. As our forefathers volunteered their lives to make this a free, undivided country, we volunteer our time to serve the Order, and to make this world a better place to live.

I remain your Obedient Servant in F.C. & L.,

Dean K. Speaks
National MAL Coordinator

Received and forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

SIGNALS OFFICER

Perhaps the most outstanding thing I did this year was to fire myself as Webmaster and encourage the appointment of Past Commander-in-Chief Keith

Harrison to the post. Starting Jan. 1, 1998 he took what was acknowledged to be an outstanding and informative web site and turned it into a showcase for the medium. Through a number of advertising and access methodologies the number of daily hits has increased some 10 fold since the beginning of the year. The Webmaster will be submitting a separate report, which will include the statistics.

Since last August I have been working with a web site development team at Brøderbund Software to create a very complex site for our members, and the members of the other Allied Orders to enter their genealogy back to their Civil War ancestors. The site (<http://suvcw.org/tree.htm>) is free and open to the public and can be searched using Brøderbund's "Family Tree Maker" search engine on the site. This is a cooperative venture in which we get the use of the site, the information (which is not eligible for copyright protection) remains under our control and Brøderbund has access to genealogical records for its visitors to search. Another side effect is that the Brøderbund site is linked to our web site so that a person who has made a genealogical link can go directly to find out what we are and what our membership requirements are. On a personal note, I often hear about our cousins in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and what great things they are doing, suggesting that we should copy them. I am proud to announce that they have recently contacted Brøderbund and now have an identical site for their ancestor data base—once again, we are leading in the effective use of technology.

Brother Bob Shaffer, Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania has been named Aide to the National Signals Officer and Editor of the SUCVW Genealogy Site. It is his responsibility to review all entries to determine if the information is complete and that the person submitting the information is a member of one of the Allied Orders. He began working in June and already has things pretty much under control. He will guarantee a high degree of continuing accuracy in this resource.

Brother Scott Baker II, James B. McPherson Camp 66, Department of Ohio has been named Aide to the National Signals Officer and Data Manager of the SUCVW Genealogy Site. A computer professional, he will work with the Brøderbund development team to devise an external data management program so that we may begin the process of placing the genealogical data from the records of the Order to the on-line database. When the software is prepared he may recruit additional people for data input. We will also be asking Departments and Camps to send him copies of all membership applications for input. We anticipate that this project will take about 10 years to complete.

I have recently become concerned with the abuses of email within the Order and have attached a change to the National Electronic Communication Policy, which addresses the problem. In general, some members were sending email discussing policy and sending courtesy copies to dozens of addressees. This creates a number of problems, not the least of which is that it leaves a lot of members (those without access to the net) out of the discussion entirely. Until the email system becomes as common as the telephone—and it will—we can not let email correspondence replace the other forms of available communication. The other

problem occurs when a well meaning member has a joke to pass on and uses the “mailing list” provided in the message, or someone’s address is entered a number of times resulting in multiple copies of the same message. And last is the problem of bandwidth. The available bandwidth on the internet is finite and every user must do what he can to limit the excessive use of the system or we will run out of space very quickly. Accepted Netiquette specifically bans SPAM (mass mailings) as a significant waste of bandwidth.

Two solutions to the problem of SPAM have been introduced by the National Webmaster to the SUVCW.org site. They are the “Announcement / Inquiry Form” (<http://suvchw.org/inquiry.htm>) and the “National Council of Administration Board Room” (<http://suvchw.org/coaforum/index.html>).

The first is open to everyone and is a great place to ask general questions, post queries, offer suggestions, advertise events and simply communicate internationally. What is needed is for each member to visit the page at least weekly and offer assistance by responding to queries or posing questions. Just remember that we should limit the airing of our linen—dirty or not. It’s like having a SUVCW bulletin board in every member’s home and even visitors can participate.

The second solution is to aid the Council of Administration with its decision making. Two years ago the National Encampment took steps to ensure that all members of the Council of Administration were “on line”. That means that they can carry on a continuing discussion for all of the Council of Administration members to consider at their leisure. The page is password protected and only members of the Council of Administration will be given the password.

There is much more that can be done using the available communication resources but we are somewhat ham-strung by having to include those who have not and often will not obtain access to the electronic media. We need to set a national policy stating that the future of our Order is entwined with the future of electronic communication and that we establish firm dates where each Department, then each Camp, then each member must have access to the burgeoning technologies. Arguing against this proposal is similar to arguing against the telephone, telegraph or universal postal service. We could, of course, exempt anyone who does not have a postal address and zip code.

Progress on the National Data Server is moving slower than expected, mostly because of my available time and my commitment to serve as commander of the Department of Pennsylvania. The National Data Server is intended to be a repository of the various databases that have been created throughout the Order. It ensures that the data, which is owned by the Order, does not get lost on membership changes and death. It will be a valuable back up should a disk crash occur on the system which maintains the database and it allows national officers to guarantee a compatible format for all data. A revision to the National Electronic Communication Policy is attached which addresses this function.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Glenn B. Knight
National Signals Officer
Chairman, Communication / Technology Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Establish a date certain for Department secretaries to be accessible via email so that we can replace the inefficient surface mail system with the faster and more accurate email system. (Recommended—Jan. 1, 2000)

To meet the goal cited in Recommendation 1, consider a grant program of up to \$1,000 to help Departments obtain required hardware and software. Recommend no more than \$5,000 per year be allotted, that applications for the grant be submitted to the National Signals Officer who, after conferring with the Communication / Technology Committee, forwards the suggested awards to the Commander-in-Chief who will disburse the money as he wishes.

Establish a date certain for Camp secretaries to be accessible via email for the reasons cited in Number 1. (Jan.1, 2002)

Establish a date certain for all members to be accessible via email for the reasons cited in Number 1. (Jan. 1, 2005)

Accept the attached changes to the National Electronic Communication Policy, which addresses two of the issues cited in this report.

Encourage members to consider remembering the SUVCW in their will by designating a minimum sum of \$5,000 or a minimum of 5% of the residue of their estate to the Order. Such individuals should be presented with a lapel pin or suitable recognition of their altruism, as approved by the Council of Administration, and should be invited to a special meal at National Encampment or be asked to attend the annual banquet as guests of the Order. A suitable amount of money should be added to the national budget to cover these expenses. Persons in this group will be known as members of the Order's "Heritage Society" or other suitable name.

Proposed Revision to the National Communications Policy:

Add New Section V

A. Databases created for use by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are and will be property of the Order and all data custodians will adhere to these policies. Those databases include, but are not limited to:

- National Membership List
- Graves Registration Database
- Civil War Monuments Database

B. The only technical requirement for SUVCW databases is that the format be compatible with dBase III programs. This means, specifically that the format of the file be comma or semicolon delimited or some other structure that can be read by a computer running a dBase III program. It does not mean that the databases must be alike and use the same software, rather adhering to a standard is recommended. The key word is compatibility.

C. Generally, the databases will be maintained by a member on a personal or business computer. That is the nature of our method of operation and should not be changed.

D. Realizing, however, that the data in those files are property of the SUVCW and that, while on the computer of a member, is subject to loss, corruption, virus or separation of the data manager from the task—as in renewing membership and etc. The Order maintains a single computer with sufficient storage and regular virus scanning and back up into which all databases must be filed.

E. Not less than once each month, database managers will forward a copy of the DATA ONLY (Do not send copies of the program) to the National Server. That data can be attached to email, uploaded via FTP (file transfer protocol) or mailed on 3.25-inch IBM disks.

F. The stored data is subject to potential use as an internet resource on the Order's website, at the discretion of the Webmaster, in consultation with the National Signals Officer. It may also be made available for FTP download (except the National Membership Database which will have a strictly controlled distribution).

G. Database managers will have authority over the dissemination of the data in their specific database. Database managers are encouraged to work with the Webmaster and National Signals Officer to avoid potential confusion involving dissemination.

Proposed Revision to the National Communications Policy:

Add to IIID

SPAM is the uninvited transmission of data via email. While it is often very helpful to be able to send a single email message to scores of individual members at the same time, it is the responsibility of the originator to determine if the subject matter is of interest, value or appropriate to the recipient. Recipients of mail addressed to a wide audience WILLNOT automatically reply to the list unless they are certain that the addressees are all appropriate for the message being sent. Specific special interest groups may request the assistance of the National Webmaster in developing a web-based discussion group for the members of that group rather than relying on email SPAM on a regular basis.

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NATIONAL WEBMASTER

On January 1, 1998, I was appointed as the National Webmaster. Between the period January 1, 1998 and July 31, 1998, innumerable changes and updates were made to the Order's National Web Site. Presented as an Attachment to this report is a listing (in reverse chronological order) of the actions taken (See Appendix 3). In general, over 400 actions have taken place on the site and the site has been kept updated almost on a daily basis since January 1, 1998.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's Web Site currently consists of 256 pages taking up 5.1 megabytes of space. Based on available statistics for the first year of existence of the Web Site, site activity has fluctuated on a month by month basis and appears to be related to particular seasons. For example, during the first six months of activity (July — December, 1997), the average number of hits per day equaled 2,044. During the following months of January, February,

March and April, the average number of hits per day increased to 3,895; 5,694; 4,833 and 10,031, respectively. Activity then began to decrease during the subsequent months to a low of 4,820 during the month of July. This could be related to season and more outside activities; however, we will not know for certain until next year.

In terms of other statistics, over 70 countries including the US have accessed the site. During the year, the files most consistently accessed by the public included the home page and Web Site Index page followed by the membership, G.A.R., Genealogy, G.A.R. Research, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), Family Treemaker, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War History, and the Announcement/Inquiry Forum pages. The directories accessed the most included the root directory followed by the Michigan, Indiana, MOLLUS, Ohio, Pennsylvania, General Orders, Iowa, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), File Transfer (FTP) and Tennessee directories.

Some of the more significant changes to the Web Site during this period included the creation of a Department of Kentucky page, password protected Council of Administration Board Room page, Members and Public Message Center page, Photos From The Past page (for G.A.R. and Civil War ancestors), Glossary of Terms page, National Graves Registration page, G.A.R. and Civil War Memorials page, On-line Printable Application, SVR Announcement and Orders pages, Deed of Conveyance page, FTP page with downloadable zip files, and password protected file for placement of National Membership database. In addition, the National officer page was changed to include all officers and committee member's names and addresses and a clickable Index was added to the Cyberpickets page.

Finally, a program was established to check on a monthly basis the function of all links and email addresses that exist on the site and a program to automatically establish and update on a periodic basis the site's existence on over 500 Web engines.

Recommendations:

In addition to THE BANNER Editor, National Secretary and/or SVR Adjutant General, the National Webmaster be sent all changes and updates regarding SUVCW or SVR General or Special Orders, Department or SVR officers' addresses, emails, etc., the creation of new Camps, Camps-at-Large, Departments, SVR Units, etc. or the announcement of upcoming SUVCW (National or Department) and SVR activities.

Based on discussions with the JVCinC and upon review of the relatively poor access statistics for the downloadable application, that the Order's website return to the direct email link to the JVCinC as the primary mechanism for referral of interested individuals to Departments, MAL and CAL contacts and that the current on-line application be modified and made available to these contacts for their use with electronic referrals.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
National Webmaster

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G.A.R. HIGHWAY OFFICER

Each quarter I notified all Departments that their quarterly reports were due. Most Departments responded and in some cases a lot had been accomplished.

I tried to line up a company to manufacture G.A.R. highway signs. The only thing I could line up is someone who would print but not cut these signs.

The following brothers responded with their Department reports;

Rhode Island- Alan Peterson related that the *Providence Journal* (3-30-95) showed plans for relocating new Route 6 in the eastern part of the state. Alternate 133-A would create an 11.6 mile expressway connecting Bolton Notch and Columbia and skirt the road north of the current Rt. 6, mainly through Coventry. (No mention was made of U.S. 6 being the G.A.R. Memorial Highway.

Massachusetts- Alan Peterson in his report stated that this state has all signs in place throughout.

New York- Clifford Henke has fulfilled his job by education and informing the public of what the G.A.R. was and who and where the SUVCW are. Created a poster of a young girl in an antique car, next to a G.A.R. sign. Published G.A.R. Hwy. Pamphlet (7,000 copies) for distribution throughout New York state. The pamphlet is entitled "I LOVE NEW YORK". Division of tourism distributes it. The Automobile Club of America has agreed to distribute copies in its Queens County offices. Many Inn's, museums, tourist organizations have distributed these pamphlets. Signs and highway conditions are in good order.

Ohio- Ralph Scott, III G.A.R. Hwy. Officer reports signs and highway in good repair. A need is still on the priority list to cause a sign to be erected at the Ohio/Pennsylvania border. Scott has been in communication with the Ohio lawmakers and has caused the Ohio state map to show U.S. 6 to read," Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Highway."

Illinois- Dennis G. Kelly G.A.R. Hwy. officer reports signs and highway in good condition. He is working of additional signs. He furnished my office with the name of a possible manufacturer of G.A.R. Hwy signs;

Dan Maczik,
Kizcam Inc.
P.O.Box 507,
Hartland, I. 48353
Phone; 810-632-7808

My contact with Mr. Maczik was good but he can not cut the signs, only do the printing. Our correspondence is on file at his office.

Iowa-Donald Canfield G.A.R. Hwy. Officer reports some signs have deteriorated or stolen, others were replaced. Past alignments in U.S. 6 have changed at several locations. Part of U.S. 6 is now part of 1-80. State of Iowa continues to maintain the G.A.R. Hwy signs. Brother Canfield mailed 10 photos and locations of same. These photos have been placed in Iowa's history book. (It's great to see there is a state transportation dept. taking it upon themselves in paying and erecting these signs).

California/Pacific- Gene C. Armistead, commander reports no further since last report of 7/7/97. The new city of Santa Clarita has not erected a sign marking the G.A.R. Hwy. California will not pay the cost of placing these signs.

Recommendations;

1. State Departments need to contact state and local politicians about placing additional G.A.R. Hwy. signs on U.S. 6.
2. Consider signs larger than our standard signs for our higher speed highways, especially freeways.
3. Highway officers need to check the state laws and acts concerning this highway. Some Acts date back to 1935.
4. Highway officers need to make themselves known to local politicians.
5. Furnish news releases regarding the highway.
6. Print G.A.R. Hwy. Pamphlets to be distributed for conventions and tourism.
7. We must still find a manufacturer of these signs and have them available to those states who will not provide signs. These signs should be made available through the National Quartermasters office. Departments could obtain donations for purchase of these signs.

Resolution;

I forwarded through the Department of Ohio to the National Order a resolution that the G.A.R. Hwy. officers of each state be place on forms listing this officer. Too much time is spent obtaining the Hwy. Officer or person to contact for correspondence by the National officer. This listing should be mailed by the National Secretary to all National Officers within thirty days after the National Encampment.

I will not be seeking a third term for office of National G.A.R. Hwy officer. I've found it to be an honor to serve but I feel its time to step aside and allow someone else to do this important job. I've recommended brother Henke of the Department of New York for this position. I hope he will receive this office because I believe he will accomplish in other states what he has done in his home state.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
Robert W. Davis

National G.A.R. Highway Officer

Report forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

The National Graves Registration Project has been increasing, expanding to just over 27,000 records to date. In the last quarter, I had to make a change to the database. With the records coming in from many different Camps and Departments, not all using the Grave Data Entry Version of the National database, many are setup with the grave lot, section or number in different fields. We had been setup to import that information into a catch all field of "Location," it was difficult to import two or three fields into the one. So, to ease the problem and to locate the graves easier, I added the fields of Lot, Section and Grave Number into the National database, and changed the Form to include them.

We now have a Graves Registration Page on the website. Brother Harrison has set up the page, listing some information about the project and we added a downloadable Grave Registration Form and instruction sheet to the page. Some records have started to come in, approximately 400, the page only being set up for three weeks to date.

In the middle of June, I mailed a letter to all Department Graves Registration Officers. Where one was not listed, I mailed it to the Department Secretary, asking it to be forwarded. The letter gave an overview of the National Graves Registration Project. offering copies of the Data Entry Version of the database, and talked of the Grave Registration forms. I also asked all Departments to reply with a short report, telling of their project and the method of storing the data. I also asked them to list the amount of Camps and Members involved. As of the thy of typing this report, I have only heard from a few Departments. I have heard from or are aware of the project in the Departments of MO, NJ, OH, V'T, CT, CA/Pacific, MI and RI. In some cases, there is a push to record the names of all men that fought from a state. but the burial information is being added later. We should do it once and not have to start over, adding the grave information.

We need to standardize the way the information is being kept and recorded at the Camp and Department levels or we will be running into problems with importing future records into the Main Graves Registration Database. One way is to make all members aware of the current status of the project, and offer them the forms and the database. Increased education of the Membership should be the next step in the project. If the records are being placed into a word processor, and not a database, importing a large amount of records takes a great deal of time, and increases the chance of errors. In some cases, it is nearly impossible.

The Main Graves Registration Database is now large enough that it no longer fits on to a disc, even in zipped form. A Zip Drive has been purchased to back up the program.

Recommendations

- Purchase of Microsoft Access 97 (or most current version) so all Departments can have one copy and can run one Data Entry Version of the Grave Registration database. This would make uniformed standards for the Organization. Also, so all Members of the Grave Registration Committee will have access to the program.
- Make the Members at all levels more aware of the Project and how they can help. This can be done through mailing or some other means of communication with the Organization as a whole.
- Quarterly listings in THE BANNER of the progress of the project as a whole and of each Department's progress.
- Set goals for each Department to record a number of graves within a years time. These would not be mandatory, but simply suggestions how to setup the programs in the Department

In closing. I would like to say that I have been pleased to have been offered this chance to work on such a worthwhile project.

I submit this report in Fraternity, Charity and loyalty,
 Leo Kennedy
 National Grave Registration Officer

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NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR

The National Eagle Scout Certificate program has been increasing every year. This year we gave out 1,100 Eagle Scout Certificates. This is an increase of about 450 certificates from the previous year. The cost of the program was \$384.72 plus the cost of the certificates. I had some donations of paper and envelopes, which helped keep the cost down. If every Department gets behind this program we should be able to hand out about 2,000 certificates next year.

I would like to thank all of the brothers and Departments who have participated in making this program a success. I would especially like to thank Brother Al Peterson for his putting forth the original idea for an Eagle Scout Certificate and also for all of the help he has given me as Eagle Scout Coordinator for the New England Region. He has given out approximately 250 Eagle Scout certificates. If every Department does half of what Brother Peterson did we will exceed my estimate.

Recommendations:

1. Write a job description for the National, Department and Camp Eagle Scout Coordinators.

2. Make the National Eagle Scout Coordinator a 3-year position.
3. Take the Eagle Scout Certificate off the Quartermaster's supply list. If we are going to give the Eagle Scouts the certificates we should not charge our brothers for them.

Robert M. Petrovic PDC
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

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AIDE DE CAMP

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve as National Aide de Camp. My involvement has been very limited, due to the deaths of both my parents, my daughters wedding and my work schedule.

I was able to meet with the Commander-in-Chief, and aided him when possible at the Pennsylvania Department Encampment in Sharon, and I hope in some small way to assist him at National.

I could have chosen no finer brother to serve than Brother Orr, since it was he, and his late father who originally got me into the organization, and kept my spirits up when I needed it the most. I only hope that in serving, I have in some way helped pay back the many kindnesses that they both have paid to me.

Yours in F. C. & L.
William J. McMaster, Sr.

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NATIONAL AIDE LIAISON TO MOLLUS

I do not have anything to report for the last two quarters. I would, however, wish to state the relationship between the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States is stronger than ever. The immediate past Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS, Dr. Gerry Carroon, is an active member of the Sons; I, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS, am likewise an active member of the Sons and the SVR; likewise, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS, brother Rick Bury, a past C-in-C of the Sons continues to be an active member of the Sons. Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, brother Richard Orr is a long time member of the Pennsylvania Commandery of MOLLUS; while Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, brother COL Andy Johnson is an active member of the District of Columbia Commandery, MOLLUS.

I believe that the active cross membership of our related Organizations bodes well for the continued strong ties between the Sons and MOLLUS.

It is my honor and pleasure to bring greetings to the National Encampment of the Sons from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

In closing, I would like to commend Commander-In-Chief Richard Orr, on behalf of MOLLUS, for establishing an appointive National Officer Position, that of National Aid Liaison to MOLLUS, to his team of National Officers. The Commandery-in-Chief and Companions of our Military Order thank Brother Orr for his many kindnesses and wish him well in all future endeavors.

Loyally and in F.C.&L
Robert J. Bateman
Senior Vice Commander-in Chief, MOLLUS

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NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Dear Brothers:

This year has seen a number of items and concerns that caused our Commander-in-Chief to seek guidance and counsel, not only from his Counselor, but his other National Officers. In addition, part of my duties included a continuation of the review of proposed changes in Department bylaws, to insure compliance with our National Constitution and Regulations. A number of informal opinions were given to the Commander-in-Chief, Department Commanders and others.

In addition, congress has seen fit to introduce legislation to re-codify our National Charter. This has passed the House of Representatives and is currently pending in the Senate. HR1085 is not supposed to make any substantial changes; however, will require our proceedings to be published by a date certain each year.

Official opinions were rendered in the following matters:

1. It was my opinion that the provisions of General Order #4, authorizing blanket authorization in initial start-up of a provisional Camp, in lieu of requiring a signature on form 23 from the Commander-in-Chief, did not violate the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.
2. It was my opinion that for the Sons of Veterans Reserve to issue a badge to be worn by SVR members, an amendment must be made to the National Regulations.
3. It was my opinion that when a member is removed from the Order due to disciplinary action, the disciplinary action cannot include a provision that would prohibit descendants of that removed member from applying for membership.

4. It was my opinion that Article III of the National Constitution limits membership to those who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime. Embezzlement is an infamous crime. Therefore, any person so convicted is not eligible for membership.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
James Pahl,
National Counselor

Forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

The SVR began its year under the current administration with the SVR Breakfast at the 1997 National Encampment in Utica, New York. The positions of the General Staff were announced along with procedures and proposals for the upcoming year. Approximately 35 members attended.

In October 1997, the Chief Of Staff SVR, Colonel David R. Medert, was asked to attend the Midwinter Meeting in Wisconsin on behalf of the Commander. The purpose of his visit was to listen to concerns of the 4th Military District and to pass information on to its members regarding the direction of the SVR. His attendance was well received and the concerns he brought back have been acted on.

In November 1997, at the annual Remembrance Day ceremony, a General Staff meeting was held to discuss new ideas and to hear concerns from the field. As a result of the meeting, a proposal to introduce an SVR Badge/Medal and an SVR Unit Citation Ribbon was voted on unanimously and forwarded to the NMAC for action. We also temporarily combined the 7th Military District with the 3rd Military District until such time as the required number of units to form a military district have been formed in the 7th.

At the SVR Breakfast in Gettysburg, the SVR conducted a retirement ceremony for BG Richard Schlenker, Lt. Colonel Richard Greenwalt, and 1st Lt. Forrest Altland. Additionally, Change of Commander ceremony was conducted with Colonel Robert Bateman being relieved of duties as Commander of the 2nd Military District and Major James Girismer assuming command of the District.

The annual Remembrance Day Parade was a success with Captain Waskie acting as Provost Marshall for the event. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony at Woolson's Memorial, the SVR and other Union uniformed troops, marched to the "Wall" with the Confederate forces and participated in their ceremony. After their ceremony, a "Hands- Across The Wall" was conducted which we hope to make part of the program each year.

In February 1998, the Chief of Staff Colonel David R. Medert, 3rd Military District Commander, Major Robert Grim, and I attended the Department of Michigan's mid-winter meeting to discuss the SVR and it's future plans. We were all well received and left the meeting very pleased.

In March 1998, a proposal was forwarded to the NMAC to temporarily combine the 6th Military District into the 5th in order to bring the 5th Military District to proper unit strength to merit a District Commander. This action was approved. The 5th Military District currently has two units with a new unit in the process of submitting it's-paperwork for recognition. The 6th Military District does not currently have a unit.

At the request of the Commander-In-Chief, SUVCW, the SVR has commissioned an officer to serve as Provost Marshall and an SVR unit to serve as Provost-Unit for the 1998 National Encampment. This is due to the C&R not having a provision for a Sergeant at Arms.

At the 1997 National Encampment, we reported a total membership of 607 members on duty with the SVR. As of June 30, 1998, the SVR is listing 550 members. Some units-have dropped membership completely and an effort is ongoing to encourage those units to rejoin. Some units are reporting an increase in membership while others are reporting a loss. We still have two units that have not reported.

Additionally, we have one new unit that has joined the SVR, two that have submitted paperwork to join, and another that has expressed an interest but has yet to submit their paperwork.

There were 11 General Orders written in 1997 and six (6) in 1998; two (2) Special Orders have been written in 1998.

This has been a challenging year for the SVR. Although we have lost some members, there is a growing interest in the SVR and we feel membership will once again be over 600. Some changes in procedures have been made and there are additional proposed changes to be examined.

Attached are copies of the SVR manpower report, financial statement, commission report, General Orders for 1997 and 1998, and Special Orders for 1998.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
David V. Medert, Brigadier General, SVR
Commander

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Looking Back — This past year, our committee was able to proudly provide each Department with a start-up supply of the Memorial Assessment Form CWM #61, approved & adopted at the Council of Administration's meeting, last November.

A four-page “master set,” for making more copies from, was also sent to each Department Commander with an overview of the Assessment Project and an introduction of our committee members, detailing the affiliated Departments that each would serve as a “regional liaison” for.

Other mass-mailings provided our Departments with: reference copies of the DUVCW’s 1978 listing of *Civil War Union Monuments*; Mr. Wayne Stark’s 1998 listing of *Known Surviving Civil War Cannon*; an FYI reference to the State of Maryland’s *Governor’s Commission on Military Monuments*; and potential monetary donor sources, compiled by the folks at Save Outdoor Sculpture! (SOS!).

Our thanks go to Bro. Glenn Knight for finding space in THE BANNER, for follow-up references about the Assessment Project, for the benefit of each member, and notice of the \$1,000 SOS! Assessment Grant Program for 1998.

The Committee has forwarded to the C-in-C, several accounts of various restoration efforts across the country, for recognition by his office. These include efforts made by the following:

- The George L. Willard Camp 154, Dept. of New York, for securing the return of the stolen Eagle ornament atop the memorial for Col. Ellsworth.
- The McLaughlin Camp 12, Dept. of Ohio, for fundraising & re-casting of the soldier-sculpture atop the Civil War Monument at Mansfield, Ohio.
- PCinC David R. Medert’s fundraising & coordination of work to restore the Soldiers’ Monument at Chillicothe, Ohio.
- Dept. Commander Brad McGowan’s work to carefully clean & maintain various memorials that include cannon, in Iowa.

Media coverage of these accomplishments serves us in several ways. Beyond a well-deserved pat-on-the-back to those who’ve given their time and talent, it conveys to an unknowing public — who we are and what we’re all about. This can be a positive example that draws new members and associates to us. It also serves to eliminate the notion of abandonment of these memorials.

At Present — We have a computer database established for the electronic storage and retrieval of physical condition information on G.A.R. Monuments and other Civil War related Memorials. Our sincerest thanks go out to Brother Dick Williams, whose creative talents have been given most generously to this effort. He has created a tool that can be immediately shared with any Department level Civil War Memorials team that has Microsoft Office-97’s version of MS-ACCESS. Brother Williams has kindly brought along the program and will gladly provide a first-hand look to those interested.

RECOMMENDATION— That funding be approved and set aside for the purchase of computer software, capable of converting the database program into a format that would allow its use on ANY computer —with or without the presence of “MS-ACCESS.” This provision will assure that each and every Department will be able to use and benefit from this program — upon evaluation by the

Communication Technology Committee. The approximate cost of such software is \$450.

Approved.

Looking Ahead — it is truly sad that a “monument, marker or plaque,” dedicated to the memory of those who have served our country in time of war, becomes neglected or forgotten by a community where it was dedicated. The SUVCW info-handout, titled *About Our Organization*, states in part that our Order “observes the care and upkeep of Civil War Memorials and brings any failure to do so, to the attention of the proper authorities.” We respectfully submit that we should go beyond contacting only those that are responsible for memorials in need of restoration. The fact is, any memorial that is exposed to the weather is in need of periodic care. Those responsible for the property where any memorial is located, should be contacted after a physical assessment of the memorial has taken place. They should be informed of the memorial’s condition, our interest in it, and respectfully asked what provision their community or institution has made for maintenance.

That leads us into the legal arena where such terms as ownership and abandonment have been argued—specifically in cases where Civil War era cannon have been taken from memorials. Care must be taken, as claiming ownership may result in financial responsibility for maintenance costs of a memorial. We concede that in situations where a cannon has already been taken from a memorial, actions are best handled by our legal council, on a case-by-case basis. However, we feel that a “standardized” legal message could and should be sent to those responsible for memorials that still have cannon in place.

RECOMMENDATION — That, in the interests of professional consistency, the SUVCW National Legal Staff be instructed to create a *standardized legal message* for issue to property owners where memorials are located.

Approved.

Returning to the topic of cannon that were dedicated as memorials, we have been faced with having to argue who “owned” a cannon after it was donated from the Federal Government to a particular city or veterans’ Post. We have found Congressional Records that itemize such donations by the Secretary of War and there are also such references in the Annual Ordnance Reports made by the Army and Navy to the War Department in the late 1800s & early 1900s. We have learned from the National Archives in Washington, DC that the records they had from the individual Federal Forts, Arsenals and Ordnance Depots, were judged to have been of no value and were discarded in the 1950s. It’s possible though, that copies may survive in the *Regional Archives System*. If so, this data may include specific serial numbers of cannon, sent to specific locations, therefore substantiating a particular cannon being dedicated as a memorial. We have written to each of the Regional Archives and received the patent-reply that the information *may* be there but that we would have to look for it ourselves. Therefore, we will be respectfully calling for research volunteers who live near the Regional Archives at: Chicago, IL; Waltham, MA; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Kansas City, MO.

As we wait for better legislation to protect Veterans' Memorials, an effort should be made to see what is already on-the-books. Some states have Public Acts that provide for protection — and sometimes maintenance of Veterans' Memorials and their resting places. The dust needs to be blown off of these laws and put to use. The State of Ohio's provision for memorial maintenance, at public expense, is an example.

RECOMMENDATION — That the SUVCW National Legal Staff be instructed to find and promote the use of this legislation from the Public Acts of States that have memorials dedicated to those who *Saved the Union*.

Approved.

For future fundraising, we support the idea of the entire organization being recognized by the IRS, as "501-C3." Potential donors have shown a tendency to grant funds toward specific projects — rather than contribute to a general fund. The "501-C3" designation would help all our Departments and Camps attract financial help for projects in their areas.

For memorials that include sculpture, please be advised that Save Outdoor Sculpture! will launch a special grant program this October, that will stretch to the 4th of July in the year 2000. This is a \$1.4 million program that will have a portion of the total awarded to one project in each state, to "conserve artistically and historically significant public sculpture." This is part of the White House Millennium Program that you may have already heard about.

There is much work that lies ahead of us but with our continued effort, we will secure a future, in the next century, for these tributes to those who honorably served the Union from 1861 - 1865.

Respectfully submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Kent L. Armstrong, Chairman
National Civil War Memorials Committee

AMERICANIZATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PROPOSED NEW MISSION (First Stage)

- To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and all Union Civil War veterans;
- To re-evaluate and modernize the goals and purpose of the Americanization and Education Committee;
- To change the name of the committee to be "The National SUVCW Education Committee";
- To avoid as a mission the duplication of the job description of the National Patriotic Instructor as set by the National SUVCW;

- To make recommendations to the 117th National Encampment as to how best to transform the purpose of the committee to focus on promoting the Order through education;
- To set an agenda whereby future National SUVCW Education Committees can work to develop a system to carry out a National Civil War Education Program, as well as to continually recommend an updated *Living History* program model and a school curriculum on the *Civil War* usable in the field through on-site school visitations by volunteer members of SUVCW Departments, Camps and SVR units;
- To create, evaluate and suggest appropriate educational criteria then make expandable proposals for the National SUVCW to standardize a policy, establish fundraising techniques and generate a marketable school curriculum on the study of Civil War period history; To promote a higher interest and commitment to the meaning and importance of Civil War history in our American school systems on every level;
- To offer a Civil War Educational Program created and sponsored by the National SUVCW to the public for students, teachers and school administrators which is largely based on Federal standards and policies on education.

ACTIVITES

This year I had the pleasure of representing the SUVCW visiting 7 public schools, 3 Masonic lodges, 2 libraries, 1 college, 3 historical societies, 4 neighborhood and community organizations and 1 Civil War Roundtable. In the process of conducting Civil War topical lectures I used each occasion as an opportunity to test the concepts, which are following in this report. I also represented the Order by participating in a Federally funded project to identify Rhode Island Civil War and Revolutionary War Historic Sites throughout the Pawtuxent River Valley of Rhode Island and participated in 2 panel discussion forums and 1 workshop seminar concerning this matter. In collaboration with RI public school teacher and fellow SUVCW member, Charles Blanchette, I worked to accumulate a portfolio of RI Public Education and Federal Educational Standards on teaching history and social studies with an objective to adapt this material to a *workable* and *marketable* program for the SUVCW. As part of this material I received a draft copy of the latest study conducted by the *Rhode Island Skills Commission* on social studies, which outlines state standards for the student Certificate of Mastery initiative. As further research, I spent hours on the Internet consulting resources on education, then consulted the Harvard Graduate School of Education (the Administration, Planning and Social Policy Dept. and the Teaching and Learning Curriculums Dept.) and gathered research material from issues of the *Harvard Business Review* to glean references on Organizational Development, studies on Education (K-12) and Life Long Learning, all of which might be usable as support material for a National SUVCW agenda and policy on education. The last portion of work was to develop a suggested National SUVCW Agenda on Education using the RI Department SUVCW Education, *Visitors of the Past* Program as a model that the National Organization can use and expand.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PROBLEMS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: I devised 3 questionnaires which future Education Committees can evaluate and use to gather information from within the Order and the committee itself, so the 1999 Education Committee can get a running start to develop the *beginning* of a National Education Program and rapidly begin to recommend a series of policies on the subject for the SUVCW. I received materials and inquiries from various Camps, Departments and school systems throughout the year, offering input and asking guidance. I consulted with history teachers on how best to develop audio/video program aides and supplements; and also sought advice on how to use this medium as a method to document school activities such as a video taping of the *Gone With the Wind Night*, which was a successful parent/teacher/student event at a RI middle school involving the visitation of the RI Dept. SUVCW, and Battery A, 1st Regiment, RI Light Artillery-SVR, which is the Education Program and Committee of the RI Dept. SUVCW.

PROBLEMS: The initial work to develop a new direction for the committee had to be performed by a limited on-line circle of educators. I needed to do most of the leg work to create an agenda and direction for the committee to work on in the coming year. Work on this stage took up most of the first half of the year and other RI Dept. and National SUVCW issues occupied most of the rest of my time. My goal was to create a new concept for the committee to work on. I wanted to devise a *starting* point before sending it out to the rest of the committee for greater input. However, it took most of the year to develop an appropriate agenda that was separate from the duties of the National Patriotic Instructor. Basically, I needed to create a reformed mission for the committee (based on the instructions of the Commander-in-Chief) before inviting substantive shares of committee member input. I determined that the committee should have a clear educational direction to digest and respond, i.e. what are we and what do we do? I think the committee is at a good starting point now. A fair amount of resources are collected and we have a good starting definition of what the purpose of the committee can be, for the good of the Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Understanding the education initiative for the Order is very important. Creating a model education program concerning the Civil War is an area well worth the best efforts of the SUVCW. I think the committee work completed thus far has the potential to become a substantial income producer, gain measurable recognition for the Order, set an example for the country and provide the SUVCW a greater nationwide impact. It could ultimately become an asset to the organization that assists our recruitment efforts for the National Organization, Departments, and Camps. This is stated in *stage one* of the new mission of the committee.

The Order should have a clear focus on education and it should aggressively promote Civil War History. To do it well we should organize our efforts and membership combined with a professional agenda and adopt a National Policy and Program that is designed to encourage our membership to get involved. Therefore in the future, the committee should help the Order to institute a greater frequency of *Living History* school visitations by our membership in period dress

by monitoring the process with a professional approach to education. As incentive to get involved, the committee should be allowed to search for outside funding to create and offer marketable tools and resources for our volunteers in the field to take with them into the schools. The program should ultimately become a method for the National Organization, Departments and Camps to profit and fund raise.

These efforts should get the committee away from duplicating the work of the National Patriotic Instructor and give the committee a real mission that could pay dividends for the Order. The SUVCW is perfectly positioned to control a marketable segment of Civil War education in America, but we must do it in an intelligent and comprehensive way. Sooner or later our Southern Brothers who have greater resources than we will pick up this idea and if they beat us to the punch, we will have to compete with them for a smaller share of the market. We are currently seeing signs that they are beginning to realize the opportunities of a commitment to education already, as evidenced by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Education Page recently added to their home page on the Internet.

The following recommendations should be considered:

1. To change the Committee name to be the: National SUVCW Education Committee.

Objection.

Moved and seconded to concur.

Not concurred.

2. To get the National SUVCW Education Committee on track and moving forward in 1999, it will need to be able to communicate as a computerized network of committee members more efficiently. So it will need some changes to further develop the National SUVCW Education Program with full committee input. We are getting to the point in the developmental stages of a National SUVCW Education Agenda whereby communication will be essential and the lack of it a problem. I would recommend changing that for the coming year by appointing direct committee members who are men on line. I would recommend that the next Commander-in-Chief appoint members of the Order as "direct members" of the committee who are teachers, men interested in education, businessmen, community professionals and members of the Order who are on line with an email address.

Objection.

Committee assignments are the prerogative of the Commander-in-Chief.

Referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

3. The committee will need to organize and create a data based network and system for acquiring grants and outside funding. Someone on the committee will be needed to fulfill that role. The system should be designed so that all levels of the Order (the National Organization, Departments and Camps) should benefit by the fundraising potential of the program.

Objection.

Committee assignments are the prerogative of the Commander-in-Chief.

Referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

4. The size of the committee will need to be increased to compile the necessary regional and national data of possible funding and educational resources. Members should be assigned specific roles and functions based on their interests and professional abilities.

Objection.

Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

5. The committee will need to recommend a standard contract process for school systems that adheres to the rules and regulations of the Order and allows the program to be conducted on the local level in ways profitable to all 3 levels of the SUVCW.

This is a prerogative of the committee which should work with the National Legal Staff for resolution.

6. I would suggest that the SVR assist the Order in conducting the SUVCW Education Program by providing members in uniform in ways that will help the National Organization, Departments and Camps fund raise, generate income and acquire Operational Grants. I would therefore suggest that the Commanding General of the SVR be a permanent member of the National SUVCW Education Committee.

Objection.

Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

7. I would suggest that the National Education Committee be budgeted and approved to design and print a brochure and a contract form outlining the National SUVCW Education Program and make them available to Departments and Camps through the National Quartermaster.

This is a prerogative of the committee and requires no action.

8. I would recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief publish a General Order in the next issue of THE BANNER asking all Dept. Commanders and Commanders of SUVCW Camps-at-Large to appoint a State Education Officer to coordinate an Education Initiative in each state.

Objection.

Noted and **forwarded** to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

9. I would recommend a second General Order asking each state to research Legislated Records on the work of their State Civil War Centennial Commission and forward information concerned or related to education to the next National SUVCW Education Committee Chairman.

Objection.

Noted and **forwarded** to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

10. I would also recommend that our next Commander-in-Chief appoint a sub-committee of Committee Advisors to the National Education Committee to add assistance to the direct committee to help it accomplish its goals.

Objection.

Noted and **forwarded** to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

11. I would recommend that the next Commander-in-Chief publish a third General Order in THE BANNER that would encourage all members of the SUVCW to send their ideas and recommendations on the subject to the next National Education Committee Chairman.

Objection.

Noted and **forwarded** to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

12. I would also propose that the National SUVCW develop an Education Page on the National SUVCW Home Page similar to the Education Page on the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Home Page, then expand the concept as soon as possible.

Objection.

Noted and **forwarded** to the Webmaster.

13. For the immediate future I would suggest that the members of the National SUVCW Education Committee be appointed and/or reappointed in the following capacities. Plus I ask the Commander-in-Chief and the 117th National Encampment to consider expanding the educational initiative to include the others I list in the following manner. I would suggest additional personnel are important to the project because I believe they will each bring a special skill to the Education Committee, which is needed, in the continuation of the formative stages of a National SUVCW Education Initiative. I therefore suggest the following men to be Direct Committee members and Aides to the Committee:

- “Direct” 1999 Education Committee Members--Roles and Functions

Alan Loomis, IN Dept. (teacher/curriculum planner),

Steve Leicht, MO Dept. (grant researcher),

Keith Harrison, MI Dept. (Web advisor),

Jerry Carroon,, CT Dept. (teaching curriculum planner),

David V. Medert, OH Dept. (SVR advisor),

Glenn Knight, PA Dept. (THE BANNER advisor and researcher)

Jerry Orton, NY Dept. (historian/curriculum planner),

Richard Orr, PA Dept. (consultant to the CofA and financial advisor),

Rick Bury, OH Dept. (grant researcher/business consultant),

Fred Cauldwell, MA Dept. (historian/curriculum planner),

Jim Pahi, MI Dept. (legal advisor and contracts consultant)

David Hann, NJ Dept. (committee communications and historian)

Doug Park, MI Dept. (historian/curriculum planner),

Floyd Blodgett, VT Dept. (grant researcher/veterans consultant),

Andy Waskie, PA Dept. (program development and psychology advisor),

Bob Bateman, MD Dept. (curriculum planner/business consultant).

- “Aides” (advisors/consultants) to the Committee (to add the necessary advice to the efforts of the National SUVCW Education Committee):

Charles Blanchette (RI teacher), (to assist as Committee Corresponding

Secretary) Lowell Hammer, MD Dept. (NCPO and WASHINGTON LIAISON),

Alan Moore, IN Dept. (Researcher/teacher), Dick Schlencker, MD Dept.

(researcher/Washington DC Rep), Robert Hunt Rhodes, RI Dept. (author), Mark

Dunkelman, RI Dept. (author), Donald Greely, CA & PAC Dept. (consultant),

Steve Jackson, IN Dept. (consultant), Steve Mithaels, WI Dept. (consultant), Don

Darby, OH Dept. (consultant), and Gary Gibson, MI Dept. (historian/consultant).

Objection.

Noted and **forwarded** to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Note: At some point I would suggest that the Committee have the flexibility to consult with outside experts such as Ken Burns, other film makers, authors,

journalists, educators, performers and musicians, etc. Once the Order reaches the point that it has a marketable Education Package on the drawing board, prior to seeking funding and putting the plan into production the SUCVW, through the Education Committee, should have its plan critiqued by a panel of education and school experts for endorsement

ISSUES:

In 1999 the Committee should complete an outline of the “beginning” of a total Civil War curriculum plan and package as well as school visitation program guidelines that the SUCVW can market to the schools through its Camps. The program must be in part based on the U.S. National scholastic standards set by the Federal Government on education. Packages should be made available to Departments, Camps and SVR units as soon as possible. This should include a National SUCVW recommended curriculum, testing procedures and teacher’s syllabus on the Civil War for 3 school levels, with additional support material and other educational media (predicated on funding) to be phased in later. Teachers will also need to know how to measure the learning process of their students.

In the future we should consider creating a series of Civil War audio and visual aide packages, and offering a series of traveling slide programs to supplement our published curriculum packages. The program should to apply to a variety of classroom settings. In doing so, the National Organization might become eligible for maximum levels of Federal funding, because we can demonstrate that children learn from the information the SUCVW provides.

Through the Committee, the National SUCVW should be able to provide a “how to scenario” for Camps and SVR units to follow when negotiating with school administrators for fees to charge when performing education visitations in the name of the SUCVW as well as guidelines to be aware when conducting school activities (such as zero tolerance school rules on firearms and issues involving insurance).

In 1999 the Committee will need to make recommendations on the following questions:

1. To what extent should the National Organization coordinate and control the implementation process and the business aspects of Department and Camp education programs, because the name and reputation of the SUCVW is at stake?

2. Should National recommend Department or Camp guidelines for all contractual matters with schools, because every time our people go into the schools to conduct a Civil War program, it is done in the name of the SUCVW?

Perhaps the best approach is to propose a sound business plan that National can market to the country through the Departments, who can likewise market and coordinate the process through their Camps and local SVR units. In the field, Camps should then be able to make final business decisions and market a salable Civil War education product (provided by National) locally to the schools in their area. can provide to the Departments and Camps (possibly through the National Quartermaster).

National should make the SUCVW Education Program a volunteer effort within the Order and not force it upon our membership as a mandatory program. We need to introduce the idea to the Order in such a way that our membership will want to participate because of the beneficial effects for their Departments and

Camps. We already have the personnel available in the field in all our Camps now, but we should phase the program in place, step by step, over a period of time. As the program grows, the committee should try for Federal Grants to expand the concepts and potential products we make available to our public schools.

A system should be adopted whereby Departments can become eligible for state funding and Camps for local funding. National, Departments and Camps should benefit down the line so that everyone will end up generating greater income, interest and recognition nation wide for all aspects of the Order. On the National level our goal should be to create a marketable package that the National SUVCW will eventually want to copyright and control, because the materials provided to the Camps through the Departments will be distributed and performed in public in the name of the SUVCW. One of the primary goals of the National Education Committee should be to annually generate revenue, get State and National recognition for the SUVCW and not impact the general funds of the Order. How we expand the National program should primarily be based on sales of the material and Grants. As we institute each phase of program expansion, we should try to acquire the means to plan it right.

CONCLUSION:

As a National Civil War Organization we need to illustrate that as a nonprofit corporation we have a meaningful product to offer to the public. Nonprofits can do business too. We are not a club. We are a national nonprofit corporation and the law allows that we can do business with the public. We have the capacity to implement a qualified volunteer force utilizing our Camp membership resources, aided through the Departments by National. The buyers or clientele are out there. I am convinced they will pay for what we can offer them; and government and other funding agencies will support us too. I have polled teachers in my area and 100% have said they would like to see the SUVCW guide them in the education of their students on the Civil War.

I think the primary SUVCW issues and programs in the future that will draw new members to the Order and keep them--and hold our current members are: Education, Graves Research, G.A.R. Records Research, Monuments Restoration and Battlefield Preservation. As time goes on I think these issues will become the theme of the Order, because I think this is what the G.A.R. most wanted us to do.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Gregg Mierka, Chairman
National SUVCW Education Committee
Dept. Commander, RI Dept. SUVCW, Inc.

MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman, Elmer F. Atkinson PCinC, Frank Foight PDC, William McMaster PDC, David R. Medert PCinC, George Powell PDC.

The first meeting was held August 10, 1997 at Utica, NY and the second one was held November 14, 1997 at Gettysburg, Pa. The Commanding General with some of his staff of the SVR was present.

The Committee has worked very closely with the Commanding General and his staff in the reorganization of the SVR and the SOP, hoping to solve problems before they became problems.

The following is in addition to the SVR SOP which was approved by the majority of the NMAC Committee and is submitted to the Encampment for approval.

Proposed Changes to SVR SOP:

1. Article II, Section 5- add the following Officer to the General Staff under: "Judge Advocate General, SVR Captain Major" add "Provost Marshall, SVR Captain Major"

2. Article II, Section 10-change last sentence. Existing text- "Transfers to Cadre made be made at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, SVR. Proposed text- Transfer to the Cadre may be at current or previous higher rank at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, SVR.

3. Article III, "District Headquarters" add the following paragraph: Par 5, "In event a Military District Headquarters ceases to exist, all properties and monies shall be turned over to the Commanding Officer, SVR. or his duty authorized representative. Said properties and monies then becomes the property of the National Headquarters". Justification: There is no current provision for the disposal of SVR property.

4. Article V, "Company Headquarters", Add the following paragraph: Par 6, "in the event a Unit ceases to exist, all properties and monies shall be turned over to the Military District Commander, or his duly authorized representative, to which the unit is attached. Said property and monies then become the property of the Military District". Justification: There is no current provision for the disposal of SVR property.

5. Article VIII, "Artillery Regulations": Paragraph 3, change to read, "If an Artillery Unit has more than five (5) pieces and a minimum manpower of 18, it may have a Captain as a Battery Commander, and a 1st lieutenant and a 2nd Lieutenant, and Sergeant as Sections Leaders". Justification: This prevents individuals from holding a higher rank.

6. Article X which will authorize a Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership Medal along with Awards and Decorations.

Recommendations: approval of the above SVR SOP changes.

Approved.

The 1997-1998 Committee: David Medert, Frank Foight, William McMaster, and George Powell.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Elmer F. Atkinson PCinC

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Keith Ashley was asked to assume the chairmanship of this committee upon the resignation of the chairman due to family health problems. The news is good for this year. The Ohio Department worked this year to expand its relationships with other orders. Not only were all the Department Presidents of the Allied Orders present at the Department Encampment but all five of the National Presidents of the Allied Orders were there as well as the state leaders of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Dames of the Loyal Legion, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The cooperation of the Daughters of Union Veterans on both the state and national levels has been extraordinary in trying to save Ohio's only Civil War battlefield. The national D.U.V. honored the current chairman of this committee with a national honorary membership and with extending the opportunity to be banquet speaker at their national convention next week.

This committee extended an invitation to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to come to this National Encampment, but that organization is meeting simultaneously for its national convention making this impossible.

It is important that Camps and Departments as well as the national organization of the SUVCW extend invitations to fellow organizations to be involved in activities of mutual interest. There may be isolated cases of reluctance of other groups but it is important that we practice charity toward them.

In some Departments there may be cases where not all five of the Allied Orders are enjoying prosperity. It is important that we continue to reach out to these groups and lend our assistance when possible.

It goes without saying that our sister organization, the Auxiliary SUVCW has been spectacular in its support of us and we offer our thanks to them.

Let us make plans for the future at all levels of our organization to work with other Civil War groups. Through unity we can accomplish much.

In F. C. & L,
Keith D. Ashley, Chairman

Recommendation:

That the National Organization extend an invitation to the National Society of Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc., to attend our national Encampment annually to bring greetings.

Approved.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Your committee appointed to evaluate scholarship applications and submit recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief for the awarding of two one thousand dollar scholarships, begs leave to submit the following report.

Students seeking a scholarship from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were referred to the Commander-in-Chief for an application form. The completed application forms were returned by the applicants to the Commander-in-Chief. These applications were then presented to the Scholarship Committee by the Commander-in-Chief for evaluation and a recommendation for awarding of the scholarships.

A total of ten (10) completed application forms were presented to the committee for consideration. After careful examination of the scholarship applications submitted to the committee we made our recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief and he awarded scholarships to: Rachel A. Ashley, 34465 Crew Road, Pomeroy, OH 45769-9715 and Nicole L. Dixon, 5053 EM-21 Corunna, MI 48817.

Rachel Ashley graduated from Megis Local High School and will be attending Hocking Technical College in Ohio. She is the daughter of Keith D. Ashley, a Past Commander of the Ohio Department.

Nicole L. Dixon is a graduate of Corunna High School and is attending Ferris State University. Her father is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Both students have received checks payable to them and the school they will be attending.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Grim, Chairman
Allan W. Moore, PCinC
Arthur Richardson

NATIONAL AID LIAISON TO CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

Officers and brothers assembled, I am most humbled and again honored to have had the opportunity to represent this great organization at yet another very important ceremony.

On May 30, 1998 I had the opportunity to represent the National organization SUVCW and the Commander-in-Chief, at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH. I have attended the ceremony at the Cathedral Of The Pines for some 40 years, and always look forward in attending and being with friends that I have met over the years, especially those of our Allied Orders and all the veterans groups who attend.

Because of my health, I was accompanied by my good friend and Personal Aide, Alan B. Peterson, PDC, who made the presentation of a check and brought the greetings of the National Organization and the Commander-in-Chief for me.

Should the incoming Commander-in-Chief see fit to reappoint me to this position, I would again be honored to serve in this capacity with Gods help.

Clark W. Mellor, PCinC

Forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY COMMITTEE

Greetings. Your committee, appointed to conduct the annual Deathday Ceremony held this year on April 15, 1998, begs leave to submit the following report.

1. The 42nd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., recorded the attendance of more than 50 organizations that presented commemorative wreaths and nearly 100 persons who attended the luncheon at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel following the rites.

2. At the ceremony brief addresses were given by Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr of the Sons of Union Veterans, and by Gordon R. Bury II, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Presiding over the ceremony was Thomas L.W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairman.

3. David Preston of Gen. John A. McClernand Camp No. 4 served as chaplain for both the ceremony and the luncheon. The 114th Illinois Vol. Inf. Regt., under the coordination of Colonel Robert M. Graham, provided a color guard. An early morning threat of inclement weather caused the Springfield Municipal Band to cancel its scheduled appearance. Taps was sounded by Fred Greenwalt, a member of the band.

4. At the luncheon, Steven K. Rogstad, secretary and editor of the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin, spoke on Mrs. Lincoln's visit to Racine, WI, and the concern she had for the schooling of her son, Tad, following the death of her husband and the conclusion of the War. Rogstad was introduced by Dr. Wayne C. Temple, chief deputy archivist for the State of Illinois.

5. Among those present were Jacquelyn W. Johston, National President of our Auxiliary; Linda S. Bennett, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Beverly C. Goodenough, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Barbara W. Tyler, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Each led their respective organizations in the presentations of wreaths. Also present were Past Commander-in-Chief Kenneth W. Wheeler and Past National President Emma Wheeler of New Hampshire

6. Departments that participated were Illinois, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Camps represented were Gen. Phil Sheridan Camp 2 and Gen. John A. McClernand Camp 4 from Illinois; Richard J. Oglesby Camp 61 from Missouri; C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Cushing's Battery and Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 4, and William Colville Camp 56 from Wisconsin. Also represented were the 4th Military District, SVR and the Wisconsin Department Auxiliary and Auxiliary No. 4 to C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1.

7. The ceremony received good media coverage again this year in the Springfield area.

8. For a brief account of the 1998 ceremony, your attention is invited to the Summer '98 issue of THE BANNER.

9. Your committee takes pride in serving the National Organization in this manner and is very appreciative of the financial support and continuing commitment provided by our Order. Without those resources and the financial backing of the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., the ceremony would not be what it has become. We wish to acknowledge the work of Ron Clark, David Preston, and Kevin Berg as well as the contributions of PNP Ellinore K. Johnson. Working in concert, we believe we have a quality ceremony befitting the significance of the occasion and at a modest cost.

10. In planning for the 1999 ceremony, your committee pledges to do all that it can to continue to contain its expenses, bearing in mind the core expenditures required for a ceremony of this kind. In anticipation of the invaluable assistance of the Lincoln Deathday Association, the following recommendation is made and submitted.

11. That the appropriation in the amount of \$400 be continued for the support of the 1999 ceremony so as to allow for the development of a projected budget for the conduct of the observance.

Objection.

Moved and seconded to increase the appropriation to \$450.

Passed.

A complete accounting of the expenses incurred for the 1998 ceremony has been filed with the National Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Graham, Co-Chair

Thomas L.W. Johnson, Co-Chair

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

This past year has seen a number of matters that have consumed my time in my roles as National Treasurer and National Counselor. Therefore, the Committee has no recommendations for change in the National Regulations at this time.

This is unfortunate, as I had hoped to propose changes in the Article concerning Discipline, so as to further define how to file changes when brothers in more than one Department are involved. I had also hoped to re-define the appeal process, so that Encampments will not be bogged down with our internal strife, but instead, we can concentrate our efforts on the work of the Order. Our squabbles do nothing to help preserve the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yet it is this friction that has hindered the work of the chairman and thereby, this committee and our Order.

I desire next year's report will show a number of proposals to improve and streamline our operating procedures, so that the true work of the Order may move forward.

In F. C. & L
James B. Pahl, Chairman

PROGRAM AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The Program and Policy Committee is charged with reviewing the Order's forms, job descriptions and rituals. My thanks to a dedicated committee consisting of Bob Grim, J Doug Park, Keith Ashley and Dan Bunnell. Thanks also to Al Kern and many others who sent comments on forms and job descriptions. The following actions and recommendations are submitted for the consideration of the Encampment:

1. Reviewed existing Job descriptions and recommended additions, corrections and deletions (attached). The committee wrote the job description for Real Sons and Daughters Committee and recommends its approval. (attached)
2. Asked experienced brothers to undertake an "Encampment Planning Procedure" Kit. J. Doug Park and Jim Lyons are continuing work on this project.
3. Reviewed a proposed addition to ritual for dedication of a grave stone of a fallen comrade. The proposed text is being modified to allow it to be used for rededication of an existing G.A.R. stone or of a replacement stone. We are indebted to National Chaplain Pucciarelli for initiating this effort.
4. Changes to Form 22 , The Report of Camp Installing Officer and Form 49, The Report of Department Installing Officer have been reviewed. The committee recommends approval of the newly proposed forms and of a new form for Department Delegate and Alternate list. Changes to existing forms were needed because of authorization of new positions and the need for better address detail. The committee thanks the National Secretary for his initiation of these changes.
5. Final review and CofA approval of the SUVCW Civil War Memorial Assessment Form (Form CWM#61). This form was approved by the CofA and has been distributed for use. The committee thanks Brother Armstrong and his

committee for developing the basic form. This form would not scan and is included with paper copies only

6. Application to Join the SUVCW, 1861-65, Form 3-Web version. The committee applauds the efforts of the National Webmaster who has installed this downloadable membership application on our SUVCW web site. Its presence on the web site provides any visitor with the means to apply for membership without delay. The committee recommends approval of the web version of our Form 3 and extends its thanks to PCinC Harrison for making it possible.

7. A streamlining of the Quarterly Camp Report Form 27-28 is under review but needs staffing at Department level. The committee recommends that action to next year's committee and thanks Brother Al Kern for his efforts on this project.

Andrew Johnson, Chairman

Moved and seconded that the new forms be approved.

Motion Passed.

Moved and seconded to approve the changes and corrections to national job descriptions.

Motion Passed.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AND NATIONAL PARK LIAISON

Fraternal Greetings:

I was appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as Chairman of the National Remembrance Day Committee and named Liaison to the National Park Service to work with Chief Ranger Brian Fitzgerald of the Gettysburg National Military Park.

I established contact with Chief Ranger Fitzgerald who stated that he preferred to minimize confusion and suggested that he and I be the main contacts again this year and that all his staff would work through him and all the SUVCW folks work through me. I agreed to this. He also stated that the Superintendent felt that our services in the Cyclorama could be discontinued due to the poor attendance. Dr. Latschar was very disappointed the year when he was the guest speaker that so few persons were in the audience. He would have preferred to make the speech in front of the troops. I agreed and after talking it over with our National Officers, it was decided to discontinue the service at the Cyclorama, and have our guest speaker address the troops. The troops will then move in a body to the High Water Mark for the Confederate Services, after which the troops will be dismissed. All times were moved up 1 hour, the parade started at 1 PM and Ceremonies at Woolson Monument 1:45 PM, at which time a check for \$13,000 was given to the Gettysburg Parks for Monument preservation.

At 9 PM the National Civil War Ball was held at the Eisenhower Conference Center Ballroom. The price this year was \$10.

I phoned Bill Little (PDC of the Sons who works for the Parking authority in Gettysburg and has been getting our permits for years) and checked to make sure that he had taken care of the permits. He informed me that the Borough of Gettysburg had set a fee on all events held in the Borough, but he did not know the price at this time. On the 1st of November I received word that the fee was \$544.12 (this is to pay for the Police Officers and Highway Department Personnel with a truck and Civilian Personnel) and our parade route was changed. It was at this time I received a phone call from a friend in Gettysburg asking me about the changes in the parade. I told him and a few days later he called again and said that the merchants were very unhappy with the parade route and the Parade Fee. At this time I received an email from Chief Ranger FitzGerald stating there was some confusion about the logistics of our event and suggested that we call a meeting of all parties concerned, ie, the Sons of Union Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Borough and the National Parks. I, along with General Ripley CSA, Ranger FrizGerald and Chief of Police of Gettysburg attended this meeting. At this time I paid the parade fee, under protest, and was given a map of the parade route and was told that we could do nothing to change the parade route.

On November 14 I received a phone call from Jeanne Vice of the Quality Inn, asking about us being charged a fee for the parade this year. I gave her the information and she felt it was very unfair that we had to pay this fee, and she was going to get the merchants together and pay for the permit next year. She called me back in about an hour, stated she had talked it over with her boss and was going to deliver a check for the full amount to me at the Eisenhower Inn that night. The next morning I received a phone from J. Mark Cropp of the Pathway Management Inc., a group of eight merchants, asking if he could speak to us at the Commanders Meeting. On his arrival he informed me that he had a check from his group to reimburse us for the parade fee. Upon being told that we had been reimbursed by the Quality Inn, he said he would then donate the money to our funds.

At the Ceremony the Sons presented a Check for \$13,000, the accumulated profits from the Civil War Ball, to the National Parks for monument rehabilitation. They informed us that the money will be used to complete the repair/rehab job on the historic fence surrounding the Copse of trees at the high Water Mark.

I have read estimates from 2,000 to 3,000 troops in the parade this year, and 750 people attended the Ball.

Everything went well with the parade and the ball, but the program was a little too long. This year we will shorten it by doing away with the speaker.

The people, the merchants and the Gettysburg Park have shown their support for us and deserve our thanks. This year the Merchants at my request have filed for the Parade Permit with a better route for the parade. As merchants and voters they

had a better chance of getting a better parade route. It cost the merchants \$680 for the Parade Permit this year.

This year the parade will form on Lefever St. between Baltimore St. and E. Confederate Ave. The parade will move out going up Lefever to E. Confederate Ave. and north on E. Middle St. They will go left (West) on E. Middle to Baltimore St. and left (South) on Baltimore to Steinwehr and left into the Cyclorama Entrance.

Copies of the accounting for the National Civil War Ball are attached. We showed a profit of \$5,442.90 which includes the \$544.12 donated by Pathway Management Inc. This amount should be given to the Gettysburg Park for Monument Preservation.

The other Committee Members are: William Little, PDC, Gettysburg; Ivan E. Frantz, PDC, York; Robert J. Bateman, PDC, Paoli; Ron Palese, Gettysburg.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Elmer F. Atkinson PCinC, Chair

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL RECRUITING OFFICER

Dear Brothers,

It has been a pleasure to assist Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, and an honor to serve the organization as National Recruiting Officer over the past 12 months.

As National Recruiting Officer my main function was to forward on to the appropriate Department the names and addresses of people that had inquired about membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and our Allied Orders. This was done by means of email and the U S Postal Service. A breakdown by Department is included with this report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Staff and the Department Officers for their support throughout the year. I would especially like to thank JVCinC Danny Wheeler for the loyalty & dedication he gives to our organization. Once again it was a honor and pleasure to serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I look forward to the opportunity to serve once again.

In Fraternity Charity & Loyalty,
Donald G. Denison
National Recruiting Officer

Recruiting Statistics

| Department | 1Qtr | 2 Qtr | 3 Qtr | 4Qtr | Dept Total |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| AZ | 0 | 3 | 26 | 8 | 37 |
| CA | 44 | 37 | 194 | 7 | 282 |
| CO | 7 | 15 | 36 | 15 | 73 |

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| CT | 9 | 6 | 21 | 5 | 41 |
| FL | 15 | 18 | 93 | 7 | 133 |
| IA | 1 | 7 | 20 | 5 | 33 |
| IL | 11 | 12 | 75 | 20 | 118 |
| IN | 8 | 22 | 62 | 2 | 94 |
| KS | 11 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 34 |
| KY | 2 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 34 |
| MD | 35 | 40 | 117 | 12 | 204 |
| MA | 14 | 10 | 27 | 3 | 54 |
| ME | 4 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 21 |
| MI | 14 | 17 | 88 | 2 | 121 |
| MN | 0 | 8 | 22 | 0 | 30 |
| MO | 8 | 12 | 49 | 3 | 72 |
| NC | 0 | 0 | 31 | 6 | 37 |
| NH | 2 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 21 |
| NJ | 11 | 17 | 55 | 6 | 89 |
| NY | 16 | 28 | 67 | 16 | 127 |
| OH | 29 | 36 | 80 | 14 | 159 |
| PA | 41 | 52 | 115 | 11 | 219 |
| RI | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| TN | 22 | 7 | 28 | 1 | 58 |
| TX | 34 | 24 | 97 | 6 | 161 |
| VT | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 12 |
| WA | 0 | 1 | 78 | 3 | 82 |
| WI | 9 | 6 | 35 | 7 | 57 |
| MAL | 96 | 99 | 193 | 35 | 423 |
| TOTALS | 445 | 495 | 1685 | 210 | 2835 |

Forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

NATIONAL CAMP AND DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as National Camp and Department Organizer this past year.

According to the job description, "The purpose of the office of the National Camp and Department Organizer is to assist the National Secretary in the formation of Camps-at-Large and Departments in states or larger geographical areas not served by Departments." During the past year we assisted in the formation of both a new Camp and Department, approved a request to form another new Camp, and distributed Camp organizer packages to a number of interested parties.

Toward the beginning of the this term of office, we worked on preparing a Camp Organizer Package which could be use both in areas where no Department exists as well as within existing Departments. Much of this work was done by Brother Bradley McGowan, Assistant National Camp and Department Organizer. Brother McGowan's report is included below.

This past year saw the birth of Fort Anderson Camp 64 in Paducah, Kentucky. Camp 64 met in March 1998 and elected officers including Camp Organizer Brother Lariy Waggoner as its first Commander. Then in May 1998, Camp 64 joined with Fort Duffield Camp 1 in West Point, Kentucky, Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Crittenden Camp 2 in Lexington, and Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp 3 in Florence to reform the Department of Kentucky, last part of the SUVCW 79 years ago. I understand the new Department of Kentucky held an Encampment on 30 May and elected Department Organizer John Mills its new Commander.

In April 1998 we approved an application for permission to form a Camp in Port Angeles, Washington. The Camp Organizer, Brother Ken Richmond of Sequim, Washington, intends to form Grand Army City Camp 28.

Again, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Order. We want the SUVCW to grow and prosper - and forming new Camps and Departments shows that we are doing just that. I particularly wish to thank Brother McGowan for his concerted and enthusiastic efforts. He did the lion's share of the work this past year, especially by both assembling and mailing Camp Organizer packages.

Recommendations:

1. There is no specific form for forming a Department. Camps desiring to form a Department now write letters requesting permission. I recommend a form be designed which would be used by representatives of the Camps wishing to form a Department in place of the letter. This would add a more formal structure to the process.

2. There is currently no Department Organizer package. The success with the Camp Organizer package leads me to believe a similar tool would be useful to potential Department Organizers. Therefore, I recommend a Department Organizer package be designed or assembled.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Kenneth D. Hershberger

Submitted to the Committee on Officer's Reports.

ASSISTANT NATIONAL CAMP AND DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER

Following the National Encampment in August there were quite a few requests, it then slowed down for some time with I believe a total of 3 requests for 1998.

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| Mark Stevens | WA |
| Steve Leicht | MO |
| Al Loomis | IN |
| Clark McCullough | NJ |

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| Jim Allen | IA |
| Larry Waggoner | KY |
| Albert El | PA |
| Donald Aston | PA |
| Henry Gonzales | FL |
| Jim Harbin | NC |
| Steve Sprague | IA |

Total of 11 packets forwarded. Included in the packet were the following:

- Cover Letter
- Supply List from Quartermaster
- Sons Pamphlet
- Sons Application
- Camp Charter Checkoff Sheet
- Form 23 Organizer Report
- Form 23 Y2 Camp Organization Authorization* (only to Departments requesting packet)
- Form 26 Application for Charter
- SS-4 Application for EIN
- Application for War Medal
- Articles 1-10 of the C&R
- 2- copies of THE BANNER
- Life Membership Application

A cover letter included information about what was not in the packet such as C&R and Job Descriptions. It was explained that this information and various other items could be copied from the Sons National web site.

I am pleased to say that I did not hear back from anyone that made a request so must assume that all were pleased with what was forwarded and found the information to be adequate.

Costs for materials mainly copying and envelopes were minimal as was postage. I will not be submitting any receipts for reimbursement and consider all of my expenses to be a donation to the cause of "Perpetuating the Memory of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic."

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Bradley S. McGowan

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Below you shall find a summary of some elderly individuals lives, and this year's work. I hope that it has pleased you and has brought some pleasure too. It is difficult to keep track of these people. I usually hear from them once or twice and then never again.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy have slightly more than 250 real daughters. Their members support the Mrs. Norman Randolph Fund that provides a small monthly stipend for needy real daughters the Sons of Confederate Veterans slightly more than 150 real sons. The Woman's Relief Corps has one, the Daughters of Union Veterans have about 30, the Auxiliary has less than 10 and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War about 30.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has a handful of dependent Civil War children receiving compensation checks as they were declared either mentally or physically disabled before the age of 18. Dependents receive compensation and the veteran receives the pension.

WIDOWS OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Daisy Anderson, Widow Of Robert Ball Anderson, 125th U.S.C.T. Daisy lives at 4686 E. Asbury Court, Denver Colorado 80222. He is buried in Hemingford, NB where he died in 1930. He belonged to the G.A.R.. Daisy receives a pension of about \$150 a month from the federal government.

Gertrude Janeway, widow of John January, Co, B 14 Ill Cav. She lives in Grainger County, TN. He is buried in the New Cornith Community Cemetery. Sarah and John January, Dept. Commander of Tennessee, have visited her and informed us that she is in need of items to make the activities of daily living (ADI) less burdensome. Her Civil War pension is only \$70 a month.

Alberta Martin, Rt. 4, Box 536, Elba, AL 36323, widow of Jasper Martin, 4 Al Inf. She is the last known Confederate widow. She receives a state pension and not a federal one.

On July 1, 1998, National Public Radio (NPR) aired interviews with Daisy and Alberta. The program mentioned Mrs. Janeway and the DUV and SUV.

CHILDREN OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Frances Campbell, 628 N. 40th Ave., Duluth, MN. 55804.
Father, Albert Woolson, Co. C, 1 MN L.A. he was the last member of the G.A.R. and the last Union soldier. She is the last of 12 children. Member Aux. #1199-NY

Allene Chambers, 63 Summit Ave., Redlands, CA 92373
Father, Dr. Arthur Montgomery Pelton, Medical Cadet and 1866 graduate of University of Michigan Medical School at Ann Arbor.

Dale Collier, P0 Box 244, Tiffin, OH 44888.
Father, Harry Judd Collier, Co. F, 140 OH. SUV member

Prince Victor DePolignac, Republic of France.
Father, Maj. Gen. Camille Jules Armand Marie Victor DePolignac, the Prince DePolignac. The last living Confederate Maj. General (?). SCV member

Col. John W. Dinsmoor, USAF (Ret), 2368 S. Lima, Aurora, CO 80014.

Father, Samuel Dinsmoor, Co. B/ 116 Ohio.
Built the famous Garden of Eden, Lucas, KS.
WWII and Vietnam veteran and SUV member.

Desmond C.I. Dutcher 1189 County County Rt. 53, Oswego, NY 13126.
Father, Hiram Dutcher, 184 NY. SUV member.

Dale O. Farnsworth, Hardscrabble Rd., Poland, Maine, 04273.
Father, Albert J. Farnsworth, 2nd NH.

Abraham Corwon Henkins, P0 Box 72, Seneca, Missouri 64865.
Father, Abraham Corwin Henkins, Co. H, Valentine's 44th Infantry, USA. SUV member.

Melvina Keeler, 172 N. Prospect, Oberlin, OH 44074
Father, Geo. H Summers, Co. A, 4 WS. DUV member.

Gladys Keely, 5307 Jackson St. Philadelphia, Pa. 19124
Father, Sgt. James Thompson, Co. H, 106 Pa. Aux. #1 member-PA.
Commander Geo. Meade Post G.A.R. 1893.

Margaret J. Gordon, Hobart Nursing Home, Hobart, NY.
Father, Thomas Gordon, 79th NY

Bertha J. Craf, Norwood Conv. Center, 6830 N. High St., Worthington, OH 43085.
Father, John Wethy, Co. B, 56 Ohio and USS Clara Dolson, Black Haek and Nymph.
Auxiliary member

Vera Harris, 2780 Post Rd., Warick, RI,
Father, Marzy (Martin) Van Howland Lincoln, 14th RI H.A.
RI's only African American unit in Civil War.

John Hottenstein, 11902 Fuller Rd., Grandview, MO 64134
Father, Lt. Justin Hottenstein, 20 IL. His wife Enos Divelbliss, died November 15, 1985.
Received CW widows pension

Robert Hottenstein, RR2, Box 3540, Bartlesville, OK 74006.
Father, same as above. SUV Camp #41-NY

Al Jiggy Lang, %St. Paul Manor, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna, WI.
Father, John Augustus Lang, Co. F, 48 WI.

Mrs. Sammie D. Mason, 1001 W. Washington St., Athens, AL.
Father, 1stSgt. John Jackson Dawon, 110th U.S.C.T.

Lt. Col. Hugh McCormick, Esq. USMC (Ret), 9-A South Royal Ave., Front Royal
Va 22630,
Father, William McCormick, 38h Va. Inf. SCV member.

Alan Nelson, 142 Village Green, Statesville, NC 28677
Father, George Nelson, 2 VT. He was his father's official attendant at the 75th anniversary
of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1938 SUV Member Camp #41—NY

Lillie H. Vertrees Odom, 204 E. Bledsoe St., Galtatin, TN 37066,
Father, Rev. Peter Vertress, 6 KY INF CSA Afro—American

Arnold L. Olsen, P0 Box 931, Lakefield, MN 56150.

Father, Amund Olsen, Co. A, 15 WI. SUV member

Hattie Naomi Pietri, 26 Lodi St., Forestville, NY.
Father, Ephriam E. Bemis, Co. D, 30 WI. Son is SUV member.

Fordyce Philpot, %Dan Bunnell, 211 Empire St., San Jose, CA 95211.
Father, James Philpot, 103 Maine.

Ora Pierce Powell, %Lester Crosswhipe, 91 Westview Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.
Father, Joel Pierce, Co. B, 21 KY

Horace Runsey, 7 Swift St., Waterloo, NY 13165.
Father, Horace Rumsey, Co. A, 148th NYS.

Eleda Scribner, Randolph Vt.
Father, Dean Faucett, Co. E, 1 VT.

James Fitz Sullivan, 5320 Peacock Dr., Holiday, FL 34690
Father, James P. Sullivan, Co. K, 6 WI Vol.
Past national commander, Seebee Veterans of America. SUV member Camp #41-NY

William Upham, Jr., 2728 E. Bradford Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211.
Father, William Upham, Co. F, 2 WI. USMA Class of 1866.
Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS 1985-1989. SUV Member WI Dept. Trea.

Fred Upham, Fort Collins, CO.
Same as above.

Grace B. Valentine, Newbury, VT 05051.
Father, John H. Barrett, Batty C, 2nd MO L.A.

Bertha M. Vertress Griffin, 3234 Masonwood Dr., Nashville, TN 37207
Father, Rev. Peter Vertrees, 6 KY Inf. CSA Afro—American

Robert Warner, 401 Rio Concho. San Angelo, TX 76903.
Father, William C. Warner, Co. B, 9 IN Cav. Survivor of Sultana. SUV member.

William Warmer, 3102 Hunt Tail, Austin, TX 78757.
Father, William C. Warner, Co. B, 9 IN Cav.
Survivor of Sultana Disaster. SUV member

Caruth Smith Washington, 1624 Olive Palm Circle #605 Las Vegas, NV 89128
Father, Color Sgt. Andrew Smith, 55th Mass.
May receive her father's belated Medal of Honor. POP LGAR-1971-NY and DUV Tent #36-NY

Jack Elmer White, 2625 Ralph Rd., Lakeland, FL 33801.
Father, George William White, Co. I, 50 Ohio and USS Sultana.
SUV Member #41-NY.

Rev. Kenneth H. White, 9 Divison St., Dehhi, NY 13753.
Father, Charles White, Co. C, 17th WV Inf.

DEATHS

Gladys Bissell, Warren, Vermont
Father, Dean Faucett, Co. E ,1st. VT Cav., Aux. and Ladies of the G.A.R.
member

Charles R. Copper, Bellville, KS
Father, Charles R. Cooper, Co. H, 29th IA. SUV member

Lawrence Dutcher, New Paltz, NY
Father, Hiram Dutcher, 184th NY. WW II Veteran SUV member #41-NY

Gertrude Kobus, Duluth, MN.
Father, Albert Woolson, 14 MN. Last Union Soldier and member of the G.A.R.
and honorary Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW. Member Aux. #199-NY

Mr. Tidwell, Pine Bluff, AR.
Father, Anderson Tidwell.
Died before certificate could be prepared. A WWI veteran. Received War Medal
from the SAR

Recommendations:

1. Honorary membership be extend to Mrs. Janeway and Mrs. Martin. Last
year Daisy Anderson was given honorary membership and these two other
women are no less worthy.

Approved.

2. A fund be established to aid Mrs. Janeway. She is in need of help in the
activities of daily living (ADI). Remember that charity is the greatest virtue and if
we cannot help a widow of a Union soldier, either as an organization or as
individual members, we have failed to live up to our obligation when we became
a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. I suggest we contact John and Sarah
Anderson, Route 2, Box 788, Selmer, TN 37040 to determine that best way to
have checks made out.

Approved and referred to Council of Administration.

3. \$75 be allocated for the next fiscal year and the committee be continued for
another year.

Referred to Council of Administration for budget consideration.

Submitted in F, C and L,
Jerome Orton PDC, Chairman
Kenneth Butterfield, S. Paris, ME
Robert Petrovic, St. Louis, MO

SPECIAL AIDE TO DAISY ANDERSON

1. Furnished Daisy with a video tape of the widow's reunion.
2. Contacted Dr. Chancey on the safety of Mrs. Martin during the spring
flood in Alabama.
3. Made a tape of the radio interview with the two widows.

4. Now have a small file on Bertha Janeway(January) the 2nd Union widow.
5. Have written to Daisy but she doesn't answer letters.
6. Have all of the material relating to the widow's reunion in 1997 stored at my residence. Will place it in a National HQ when we obtain one.

David R. Medert, PCinC
Special Aide to Daisy Anderson

Forwarded to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DIGEST

The purpose of this special committee was to search through the previous proceedings to help our future officers in making decisions.

Progress is being made by the chairman developing an index into which to group the various decisions. Once this process is complete, the committee members will then be assigned work and can begin in earnest, searching the proceedings of our previous Encampments and gleaning their decisions and policies. I recommend this special committee be reappointed for an additional year.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
James B. Pahl, Chairman

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PER CAPITA TAX METHODOLOGY

(No report submitted)

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

The **Commander-in-Chief** provided eighteen recommendations.

The position of Life Membership Coordinator be abolished and all necessary changes to the C&R be made to reflect this. The Life Membership applications have been less than two dozen a year. Currently, they are processed by the Assistant National Treasurer and the Membership List Coordinator. There is no need for an additional position.

The committee concurs and recommends this be referred to the C&R for appropriate action.

Approved

The Distinguished Service Certificate be adopted for presentation by the Commander-in-Chief to appointed National Officers and Committee Chairmen for distinguished service to the Order. Recommendations may be made by the Chief of Staff or any elected National Officer. The Committee on Constitution & Regulations draft the necessary amendments to the C&R to implement this program.

The committee concurs and recommends that this be referred for appropriate action to the C&R.

Approved

In order to discourage frivolous litigation and Trials a trial fee of \$25 payable to the Camp for a trial held at the Camp level, a trial fee of \$50 payable to the Department for a trial held at the Department level, and a trial fee of \$100 for a trial held at the National level be imposed. The fee to be paid by the person, Camp or Department bring charges. If the charges prove true, the fee is to be returned. The fee will not apply to appeals nor to trials necessitated by summary disciplinary action by the Commander-in-Chief. The Committee on Constitution & Regulations be instructed to make necessary amendments to the C&R for consideration by the Encampment.

The committee concurs and recommends the appropriate referral.

Approved

The C&R be amended to require that all appeals of action by the Commander-in-Chief be submitted in writing to the National Secretary at least 30 days prior to the opening of the National Encampment. Such requirement not to apply to actions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief, which are made during the Encampment.

The committee concurs and recommends referral to the C&R committee.

Objection. Motion and second to not concur.

Discussion on the motion.

Motion is to not concur right now.

Motion amended to require that any action taken by the Commander-in-Chief within the time period of thirty days prior to the Encampment is appealable to the Encampment without written appeal.

Motion carried.

The plaques, cups and other permanent awards cease being circulated, beginning in 1999, to the individual and/or Department who is the recipient and that a certificate indicating the presentation of the award be issued. The plaques *et cetera* will be retained by the National Secretary and displayed at each National Encampment until such time as we may have a National Headquarters where they can be displayed. We have spent far too much time and effort retrieving these awards each year and in one case I had to solicit the assistance of a United States Marine Corps Military Police Detachment for help in securing one award.

The committee concurs.

Objection

Moved and seconded that this be referred to the Council of Administration with the Council to report back at the 1999 National Encampment.

Motion carries

The Constitution & Regulations be amended to delete Provisional Camps and lower the number of hereditary Brothers necessary to charter a Camp to five. Since this regulation was adopted we have never had a provisional Camp fail during the three year provisional period. The effect of the current regulations is to require the Camp to pay for a charter twice and the National Secretary to prepare

a charter twice with the same basic information. Modifying the regulations will have no negative effect and will be a benefit to the new Camps and the National Secretary.

The committee concurred and recommends referral to the C&R committee for appropriate action.

Objection.

Moved and seconded to concur on the committee's recommendation.

Motion carries

After three years, the Life Membership Investment Committee for a variety of reasons has not developed an investment plan for the Life Membership Fund. It is my recommendation that this committee be abolished and the Council of Administration be instructed to engage the services of a professional financial planner for assistance with this fund and the investment of other funds.

The committee concurs.

Approved

The Council of Administration has been unable to agree upon a course of action regarding contracting for the services of an Executive Director. It is my recommendation that this Encampment instruct the Council of Administration to develop a job description for an Executive Secretary, who shall report to the Commander-in-Chief regarding the daily operations of the office and the Council of Administration regarding policies and financial matters, no later than the Council of Administration meeting at Gettysburg in November, 1998. Following the development of the job description, the Council begin a search for a suitable contractee.

The committee concurs.

Approved

If the IRS fails to act favorably on our application to become a 501(c)(1) organization by January 1, 1999, the National Treasurer be empowered to file an application to change our status to a 501(c)(3) organization.

The committee concurs.

Objection.

Moved and second that we do not concur.

Substitute motion made and seconded to refer this to the National Counselor to report to the Council of Administration at Gettysburg meeting.

Motion carried.

That the National President of the Descendants of African-American Union Veterans and Their White Officers, be invited to participate in the 1999 National Encampment and all subsequent Encampments.

The committee concurs.

Approved.

That the Commander-in-Chief or the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States be invited to attend and participate in all future National Encampments of the SUVCW.

The committee concurs.

Approved

That all members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States and Descendants of African-American Union Veterans and Their White Officers be extended invitations to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the last Encampment of the G.A.R. activities.

The committee concurs.

Approved

Through the National Congress of Patriotic Organizations an invitation be extended to all the member organizations to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the last Encampment of the G.A.R. activities.

The committee concurs.

Approved

That since Mrs. Bertha Janeway has at last been located, honorary membership be bestowed upon Mrs. Bertha Janeway a.k.a. Bertha January. She and Mrs. Daisy Anderson are the only surviving Union widows. We have previously given this honor to Mrs. Anderson.

The committee concurs.

Approved

Because of changes in federal law, which was passed by Congress and signed by the President this past year, we must have all past proceedings submitted by March 31, 1999. Therefore, it is imperative that the proceedings be transcribed and printed immediately. I am recommending that we contract with one or more services for the transcription of the existing material and a group of brothers be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to edit the material as quickly as possible.

The committee concurs.

Approved

The National Counselor draft a letter to the Attorney General of the Republic of California requesting that all the resources of his/her office be used to assure compliance with the Veterans Cemetery Law by all counties within California.

The committee concurs.

Approved

The incoming Commander-in-Chief send letters to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars national offices alerting them to the failure of California counties to adhere to the Veterans Cemetery Law and asking them to join us in assuring the law is obeyed.

The committee concurs.

Approved

The position of National Civil War Monuments and Memorial Officer be approved and said officer be designated as the chairman of the Civil War Monuments and Memorials Committee. This gives the same level of recognition to this office as to the Graves Registration and Historian positions both of whom

chair the two other major projects we have undertaken. The C&R committee to draft the necessary amendments to create the office and the Program and Policy Committee to draft the job description.

The committee concurs.

Approved

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's recommendations:

I see a need for significant change in the program. I recommend continuing the advertising budget at the 1997-98 level for the coming year. I also recommend that the SVCinC for 1998-99 reorient the print advertising program to:

- a. Delete low producing publications
- b. Revise ads for improved eye appeal
- c. Adjust ad frequency in remaining publications
- d. Develop a broader program of print advertising.

The Committee concurs.

Approved.

Junior Vice Commander has three recommendations.

We need to consider a national dues system that would benefit all Departments and Camps. This method is used by the V.F.W. and American Legion successfully.

The committee does not concur.

Not Approved

Changing Computer System; Receive on line emails for prospective members as we have for 3 years. This is also a good way to advertise our Order, and doesn't cost as much as National Magazines etc. One change that needs to be looked at is that we don't need to send letters out at 45 cents a piece.

The committee does not concur.

Not Approved

Pennsylvania has proven to me we need to put prospective members in ASAP. We need a membership-at-large Camp in all Departments then transfer after the prospect has become a member into nearest Camp, within that Department. This will speed up the process yet allow Camps and Departments more time to take care of the members they already have. This will help us to increase members at a faster pace.

The committee does not concur.

Not Approved

The **National Secretary** has two recommendations.

That we make the Department quarterly form 35-37-38, and the Camp quarterly form 27~28 available with the other documents presently down-loadable on our web site. Of course I will still provide these forms annually to all Departments. This will serve as a backup resource for the Department.

The committee concurs.

Approved

That we add to the Constitution and Regulations the following:

Chapter 2, Article 6, Section 2.

“Departments shall pay to the National Organization Per capita tax of \$2.50, per member excluding Life, Junior, and Honorary members, payable quarterly to the National Secretary on or before the Thirtieth (30) day of January, April, July, and October. Payments received after this due date will be subject to a ten dollar (\$10) late fee, that may be waived by the Commander-in-Chief due to extenuating circumstances upon the recommendation of the National Secretary.”

The committee concurs.

Objection

Moved and seconded that we concur with the recommendation.

Motion did not carry

Decision of the Chair on voice vote challenged, standing vote ordered on same motion

Motion did not carry

Not Approved.

The recommendations of **THE BANNER Editor** are next.

That THE BANNER Policy written by THE BANNER Committee and endorsed by the Council of Administration be adopted.

The committee concurs.

Approved

That THE BANNER Committee be charged with the investigation and evaluation of alternate methods of publishing THE BANNER and directed to report back to the National Encampment at Indianapolis in 1999.

The committee concurs.

Approved

Signals Officer is next, he had six recommendations.

Establish a date certain for Department secretaries to be accessible via email so that we can replace the inefficient surface mail system with the faster and more accurate email system. (Recommended—Jan. 1, 2000)

Committee recommends that this matter be turned over to the Council of Administration for their consideration.

Approved

To meet the goal cited in Recommendation 1, consider a grant program of up to \$1,000 to help Departments obtain required hardware and software. Recommend no more than \$5,000 per year be allotted, that applications for the grant be submitted to the National Signals Officer who, after conferring with the Communication / Technology Committee, forwards the suggested awards to the Commander-in-Chief who will disburse the money as he wishes.

We recommend that be forwarded to the Council of Administration for consideration.

Approved

Establish a date certain for Camp secretaries to be accessible via email for the reasons cited in Number 1. (Jan.1, 2002)

Again we recommend that be turned over to the Council of Administration for consideration.

Approved

Establish a date certain for all members to be accessible via email for the reasons cited in Number 1. (Jan. 1, 2005)

Again, we recommend that be given to the Council of Administration for consideration.

Approved

Accept the attached changes to the National Electronic Communication Policy, which addresses two of the issues cited in this report.

Again we recommend that be given to the Council of Administration for consideration.

Approved

Encourage members to consider remembering the SUVCW in their will by designating a minimum sum of \$5,000 or a minimum of 5% of the residue of their estate to the Order. Such individuals should be presented with a lapel pin or suitable recognition of their altruism, as approved by the Council of Administration, and should be invited to a special meal at National Encampment or be asked to attend the annual banquet as guests of the Order. A suitable amount of money should be added to the national budget to cover these expenses. Persons in this group will be known as members of the Order's "Heritage Society" or other suitable name.

The committee did not concur.

Not Approved

Next is the **National Webmaster**.

In addition to THE BANNER Editor, National Secretary and/or SVR Adjutant General, the National Webmaster be sent all changes and updates regarding SUVCW or SVR General or Special Orders, Department or SVR officers' addresses, emails, etc., the creation of new Camps, Camps-at-Large, Departments, SVR Units, etc. or the announcement of upcoming SUVCW (National or Department) and SVR activities.

The committee concurs.

Approved.

Based on discussions with the JVCinC and upon review of the relatively poor access statistics for the downloadable application, that the Order's website return to the direct email link to the JVCinC as the primary mechanism for referral of interested individuals to Departments, MAL and CAL contacts and that the

current on-line application be modified and made available to these contacts for their use with electronic referrals.

The committee concurs.

Approved.

The **Graves Registration Officer** has four recommendations.

Purchase of Microsoft Access 97 (or most current version) so all Departments can have one copy and can run one Data Entry Version of the Grave Registration database. This would make uniformed standards for the Organization. Also, so all Members of the Grave Registration Committee will have access to the program.

Action on the floor yesterday has resolved this issue.

No Action Required

Make the Members at all levels more aware of the Project and how they can help. This can be done through mailing or some other means of communication with the Organization as a whole.

Committee concurs

Approved

Quarterly listings in THE BANNER of the progress of the project as a whole and of each Department's progress.

Committee concurs, placing the burden to provide this information to the editor in a timely manner upon the Graves Registration Officer.

Approved

Set goals for each Department to record a number of graves within a years time. These would not be mandatory, but simply suggestions how to setup the programs in the Department.

The committee does not concur with that because of the Department situation.

Not Approved

The **Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator** has three recommendations.

Write a job description for the National, Department and Camp Eagle Scout Coordinators.

Forwarded to Policy and Plans Committee for National description and recommended to Department Commanders for Department and Camp positions.

No Action Required.

Make the National Eagle Scout Coordinator a 3-year position.

Committee does not concur.

Not Approved.

Take the Eagle Scout Certificate off the Quartermaster's supply list. If we are going to give the Eagle Scouts the certificates we should not charge our brothers for them.

Referred to Council of Administration.

No Action Required.

The **Department Organizer**, has two recommendations.

There is no specific form for forming a Department. Camps desiring to form a Department now write letters requesting permission. I recommend a form be designed which would be used by representatives of the Camps wishing to form a Department in place of the letter. This would add a more formal structure to the process.

The committee concurs.

Approved and forwarded to the Program and Policy Committee for action.

There is currently no Department Organizer package. The success with the Camp Organizer package leads me to believe a similar tool would be useful to potential Department Organizers. Therefore, I recommend a Department Organizer package be designed or assembled.

The committee concurs.

Approved

AWARDS

Commander-in-Chief Orr announced that the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star has been awarded to Brother James Lyons of the Department of Michigan, Brother Richard Williams of the Department of Michigan and Brother David Bailey Sr. of the Department of Illinois. This is the Orders most senior award for exceptional performance of duties and these brothers are all deserving of this award.

The following Brothers have been named National Aides to the Commander-in-Chief for recruiting five or more new members:

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| Elmer F. Atkinson, | Lee Booton | Marty Weisman |
| PCinC, | Robert Kennedy | Thomas R. Burke |
| Thomas Prince | Brad McGowan | Larry Waggoner |
| Eric Schmincke | Dr. David G. Martin | John Suttles |
| David Hann | Clark McCullough | Roger Beverage |
| Frank B. Harned | | |
| Allan W. Howey | | |

This makes them National Officers giving them the authority to wear the National ribbon behind their membership badge.

RITUALS AND CEREMONIES

Our Department ordered some new rituals and ceremonials this past year and we're told that the beginning that they weren't published yet so when I got a copy of it I went through it and found a considerable number of errors in it and I wrote a letter to the National Secretary telling him that. He turned it over to the

Commander-in-Chief and the Commander-in-Chief appointed us to be a committee.

The recommendations of the committee are:

- On page four, item eleven, the use of the ritual is discouraged, we recommend that we put the use of the ritual book is discouraged during the initiation of candidates.
- Item twelve we refer to a fourteen by twenty inch square, we'd like to eliminate the word square.
- Item sixteen is merely the insertion of the word is because there is no verb in that sentence as it presently exists.
- Page eight, Commander is speaking during the opening ceremonies and he said Junior Vice Commander what is the color of you station and what does it represent, well we change that to your station. These are minor corrections.
- Page sixteen the Commander again is speaking and it refers to the ribbon as a union of red, white and blue, the colors of our county's flag, which should be our country's flag.
- Page twenty, thirteenth line, that is merely a typing error there.
- Page twenty-two, quotation marks.
- Page twenty-three, Grand Army of the Republic, second paragraph there is the name ripens with age. It honors...
- Page twenty-eight, top of the page...county's flag.
- Page thirty, installing officer, second line should read former ...
- Page thirty-seven, in the obligations several lines from the bottom that should also say place.
- Page forty-two, Chaplain's directions to the new candidate, third paragraph down there where it says Department chaplain is somewhat mixed up. We're suggesting that you take out on the third line after the word look...
- Page forty-six, third line, it says as past officer, it should be a past officer, or as circumstances require, remove or.
- Page fifty-five, organize. Should be desk.
- Sixty-six, on the third paragraph down, dark cloths should be clothes.
- Page seventy, the numbers of the index should be put in a column rather than zig zag down the page as it presently is. We recommend the changes be made.

Moved, second and passed to adopt the report as read.

Additionally, since this is part of the Constitution & Regulations, the Commander-in-Chief refers this back to the Constitution & Regulations Committee to thoroughly read and edit it.

G.A.R. MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.

1. I would like to include on the committee Brother Glenn Knight, Brother Kent Armstrong and Brother Pahl.

No action required, forwarded to the incoming Commander-in-Chief

2. I would like to respectfully request that the present members on this committee be retained and expanded to try to get us up to speed.

No action required, forwarded to the incoming Commander-in-Chief

3. The third one is at this time I don't think that we should proceed with trying to erect a monument.

Approved.

Respectfully submitted in FC&L,
Dave Hahn.

1999 G.A.R. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Orr, National Officers and Delegates;

This committee's task was and continues to be to develop and execute plans for the observance of the 50th Anniversary of the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The first goal was to decide where and when the commemoration would take place. Options included Washington, DC, Gettysburg and Indianapolis. Since the G.A.R.'s last meeting was held at Indianapolis, and the 1999 Encampment would be there, too, it really was a "no brainer".

That was the easy part.

Looking back to the "glory days" of the G.A.R. for inspiration, several ideas were looked at. The biggest of these was a parade through downtown Indianapolis. Assistance in investigating the practicality of this was provided by Bro. Ed Krieser and Gen. Medert of the SVR. A parade permit was obtainable, but we would have to do it on the Wednesday before Encampment, and we would be competing with the Jackson, MI Civil War Muster. Needless to say, though quite intriguing, it was not practical.

By suggestion of Commander-in-Chief Orr, the Smithsonian Institution was contacted with a request that the G.A.R.'s flags be brought to Indianapolis for a special display. This was done rather recently, and as of July 22, no response has been received. We will not give up.

The Pentagon was contacted with a request that a Marine Corps Band perform for us, just as it did in 1949. The response was that it was a bit early to schedule, but we would be first in line when the schedule was prepared.

A request was placed in the THE BANNER asking those who had attended the 1949 National Encampment, to write down their memories of it, and any in general of the G.A.R.. To date, only two brothers have responded. I do hope that others will share their memories with those of us who did not have the honor of knowing those "grand old men".

In the article, it was mentioned that the stories would be placed in a booklet to be distributed at the Encampment. Later, it was thought that a special edition of THE BANNER, with photo's from THE 1949 BANNER and the stories, might be an option. A letter was sent to THE BANNER publisher and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Johnson, however, we have not yet received an answer.

The *Indianapolis Star* Newspaper was contacted to see if they would be interested in displaying photos from 1949. Their response was that they had no photos in their archives more than two years old. Life Magazine will be contacted to see if they have anything, and if they would like to participate. Many of you will recall that Life Magazine did a story with several photos, and they don't throw anything away.

A commemorative medal has been designed and Hermann Werks, Inc. of Hermann, Missouri is assisting in the design and production. We are looking at producing between 500-600, depending on funds, with the idea that those brothers or others who do not attend Encampment may wish to purchase a medal. Proceeds could go to the G.A.R. Memorial Fund.

In the coming year, the committee will be working closely with the Department of Indiana's Encampment committee, so that all activities run smoothly.

In this report, I have referred to this committee in the plural. However, I must be honest with you and tell you that this is a committee of one. None of the appointed members of the committee responded to the initial contact letter. Therefore, as chair I decided not to waste time, but to move ahead anyway. If there is anyone interested in working on this committee, please see me during the Encampment, for I believe, the committee will continue for another year.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Gary L. Gibson, PDC
Chairman

OLD BUSINESS

Commander-in-Chief Orr called for old business.

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Commander-in-Chief Orr called for new business.

A number of brothers requested to speak on the disciplinary action taken by the Commander-in-Chief regarding Brother Frank Tucker of Massachusets.

As this was going to be a lengthy discussion and the hour was getting late, the Commander-in-Chief recessed the encampment until 9:30 p.m. following the banquet.

Commander-in-Chief Orr opened the session in ritualistic form.

Motion by Keith Ashley, PDC Ohio, to appeal the action of the Commander-in-Chief regarding the disciplining of Frank Tucker of Massachussets. Seconded by many.

Commander-in-Chief Orr handed the gavel over to Senior Vice Commander in Chief Johnson.

There was a request that the Commander-in-Chief state his reasons for taking the action he did and that he answer subsequent questions. The Commander-in-Chief, not in the chair, complied.

A three and one half hour discussion followed.

At the conclusion of the discussion a substitute motion was made and seconded that the Commander-in-Chief's action be sustained. The motion passed on a standing count.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Orr regained the chair and ordered the National Guard to secure the doors in preparation for the election of officers.

Chairman George L. Powell gave the pre-election report of the Credentials Committee. One hundred eighty one Brothers were registered from 19 Departments and of that number, 164 are present with 109 eligible to vote. Present are one Commander-in-Chief, 15 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 14 Department Commanders, 37 Past Department Commanders, 84 delegates, four alternates and four Junior Members.

Candidates were presented, nominations requested and closed and elections held after which the doors were unlocked and a break was taken.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The elected Officers were installed:

Andrew Johnson, Commander-in-Chief
Danny Wheeler, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Al Peterson, Junior Vice commander-in-Chief

A motion was made and seconded to disband the Encampment Committees and to express appreciation for a job well done; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded that, upon publication, these minutes become the official record of the Encampment; motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to commend and allow the Encampment Credentials Committee to file a final report after the close of the Encampment; motion passed.

Brother Richard David Orr was presented with the jewel of the Past Commander-in-Chief by the installing officer.

Adjournment

The 117th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was formally closed in Ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Andrew Johnson at 3:10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 1998.

Appendix 1

General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General Orders No. 1
Series 1997-1998

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1. Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief by the assembled delegates at the 116th National Encampment at Utica, New York on August 9, 1997, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to the above address.
2. All business correspondence should be addressed to David Hahn, National Secretary PO Box 386, Hammonton, NJ 08037-0386.
3. All supply requisition with payment should be sent to Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, National Quartermaster, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116
4. All bills and requests for payment should be sent to the Hon. James B. Pahl, National Treasurer, 445 W. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854-1519.
5. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to Robert M. Petrovic, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 4729 Mehl Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63129-1626.
6. The confidence which the Brothers have shown in me is greatly appreciated. I want to express my sincere thanks to those Brothers who supported me. Particularly, those Brothers who called and emailed when I was considering withdrawing because of the events which immediately preceded the Encampment. It is only because of the encouragement and support which these Brothers expressed that I did continue.
7. The Department of New York is to be congratulated for all of their efforts in planning and hosting a most successful National Encampment.
8. The past year has been very difficult for all members of this Order. It is time for us to begin the healing process. Time to renew our obligation of membership. We must not lose sight of our purposes -- to keep alive the memory of our forefathers, to decorate and preserve their graves and monuments, to teach patriotism to our fellow Americans. We have a common cause and purpose. That is the basic building block of our Order. This common purpose and the fraternal ties of our ancestors are the foundation of our fraternal ties. In working to fulfill those obligations we must not put ourselves above the good of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil or above the maintenance of the history and spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic. But we also need to be tolerant of those who do not always agree with each of us. We need to use our differences for the growth of the Order. We need to regain sight of true fraternalism. I am asking each Brother to look into his heart and recommit himself to this Order, to each other, to a renewed spirit of purpose and fraternalism.
9. We have seen significant growth in membership over the past few years, but we cannot lessen our recruitment efforts. Each Brother must make an effort to increase the ranks of our Order. With over 5000 current members, we should be able to double that number during the next year. All it takes is for each member to enroll a son, brother, nephew, cousin, father or friend. I am asking each Brother to actively recruit one new member this year. If we can do this over the next two years, we can commemorate the 50th anniversary of the closing of the G.A.R. in 1999 with 20,000 members. All it takes is one new member by each Brother each of the next two years.
10. Even though we have made progress in membership recruitment, membership retention is still a problem. My observation has been that members are most frequently lost because of a lack of opportunity to serve. Each Camp needs to develop a program for its meetings and activities for its members. These activities and programs need to be varied to meet the

needs and expectations of all members. Recruiting new members is less effective when there is a high turnover in the membership.

11. The National Organization and Departments need to provide direction and fundamental support for the nationwide projects we have established. The projects also need to be made manageable by breaking them into numerous smaller projects.

12. The Graves Registration Committee has been assigned the task of locating all Union veteran graves outside of the National Military Parks and the National Cemeteries. This is a monumental task. We are attempting to locate 2 million graves. A project we cannot accomplish without assistance. The Graves Registration Committee is charged with the following tasks. Some of these will require years to complete.

- A) Finalize the database structure and distribute copies of the database structure and the data forms to all Departments. We need to all be using the same format.
- B) Working together with the Communications & Technology Committee develop a webpage for our website which will allow the input of data.
- C) Provide guidance to each Department to organize the Department into manageable areas for surveying and verifying grave sites.
- D) Obtain all information available from the National Cemeteries and the Civil War Honor Roll.
- E) Organize the Member-at-Large and Camps-at-Large into a network of volunteers to survey the county in which they live.
- F) Solicit the support of veterans organizations in this effort.
- G) Departments submit all existing information.
- H) Departments, Camps, NMAL, and other organizations begin soliciting information.

13. The National History Committee is, in part, responsible for the identification of all G.A.R. records. Through time many of these records have been lost and others are tucked away on back shelves in libraries and historical societies. It is our responsibility to make these available for future generations. With an emphasis on locating and not on taking possession of these records, the History Committee is charged with the following tasks for the coming year.

- A) Define what a G.A.R. record is and determine what records are of importance.
- B) Based on item 1 begin developing a database structure and data form.
- C) Survey all state archives, state libraries, and historical societies.
- D) Through appropriate national organizations contact libraries for records which may be in their holdings.
- E) Assisted by the Departments, Camps-at-Large and Members-at-Large contact historical societies for holdings.
- F) Working together with the Communications & Technology Committee develop a webpage for our website which will allow the input of data.
- G) Begin survey of all VFW, American Legion and other veterans organizations for materials which may be in their possession. Contact will be made through the respective national organizations.

14. The National Civil War Memorials Committee has been created for the purpose of locating all Union monuments, memorials and sculptures excluding those under the care of the National Park Service, Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense and ascertaining their condition. To begin this project the committee has been charged with the following tasks for the 97-98 year.

- A) Determine what information is needed.
- B) Based on item 1 begin developing a database structure and a data form.
- C) Working together with the Communications & Technology Committee develop a webpage for our website which will allow the input of data.
- D) Determine what information is already available from SOS and other sources such as the book written by Danny Wheeler about the New York Monuments.

E) Working with the Departments, Camps-at-Large and Members-at-Large design a method to systematically survey the nation for Civil War monuments, memorials, and sculptures.

F) Solicit assistance from veterans organizations and the Civil War community.

G) Implement the collection of the information.

15. In August, 1999 we will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is an opportunity to bring attention to the G.A.R., to keep alive the memory of the Boys in Blue which we cannot ignore. To this end the 1999 G.A.R. Memorial Committee has been charged with the following tasks.

A) Determine a suitable location and date for such an activity.

B) Determine what the activity or activities will be.

C) As soon as possible, in conjunction with the Sons of Veterans Reserve, advise and invite the re-enactment community to participate.

D) Begin planning the event, media coverage etc..

E) Design and commission a suitable commemorative medal.

F) Coordinate activities with MOLLUS and Allied Orders through the Liaison to MOLLUS and the Fraternal Relations Committee.

16. All Department Commanders are requested to take all measures necessary to assure the participation of your Department in these activities.

17. All Department Commanders of Departments through which the G.A.R. Highway passes are to assure that the Department G.A.R. Highway Officer provides copies of information concerning the G.A.R. Highway to the National G.A.R. Highway Officer.

18. While the committee members have been appointed, any Brother with an interest in assisting with these four projects should contact the appropriate officer or committee chairman.

19. Recruiting and retaining young members is vital to the long term survival of this Order. For that reason, I am appointing a number of National Aides who will function as a special advisory committee to the Commander-in-Chief. They are charged with developing ways to attract young members and keep them. They have been authorized to consider all facets of the functioning of the Order. I would like to appoint two more Aides to this committee. Requirements are less than 21 years of age, able to articulate their ideas, willing to work in a committee setting, an earnest interest in the future of the Order, and an understanding that change comes slowly to this Order. If you meet these requirements and would like to serve in this capacity, please contact me..

20. As reported in the July issue of THE BANNER, Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has introduced legislation to return Memorial to May 30. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary chaired by Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah. I am requesting every Brother to send a letter to Senator Hatch asking him to discharge S 116 from committee without amendment. If one of your Senators sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee, send a letter to that Senator also. Copies of all letters should be sent to Senator Inouye with a note of thanks for his efforts.

Send your letters to:

Hon. Orrin C. Hatch United States Senate

SR 131

Washington DC 20510

Hon. Daniel Inouye

United States Senate

722 Hart Senate Office Building

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Five thousand letters about one bill will get attention.

21. The 41st Annual Remembrance Day will be held November 15, 1997 in Gettysburg, PA. Please note the change in time for the activities. The ceremony will be held at 1:45 PM. Immediately, thereafter, all uniformed troops and all others who wish to do so will proceed to the Angle for the Confederate memorial. There will be no program in the Cyclorama. The annual Dinner sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of

Central Pennsylvania will be at the Eisenhower Inn. For information contact Past Commander-in-Chief George Long, 222 Lincoln, Lancaster, PA. The National Civil War Ball will begin at 9 PM at the Eisenhower Inn. Donation for the ticket is \$10. Tickets can be obtained from The National Civil War Ball, 1016 Gorman Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19116. Please make checks payable to The National Civil War Ball.

22. Brothers are reminded to support the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, National Headquarters Fund and Permanent Fund.

23. The Commander-in-Chief's calendar will be planned to best serve the Order. Please extend your invitations as early as possible to assist me in making up my itinerary. Space permitting the Commander-in-Chief's itinerary will be published in THE BANNER.

24. All Departments and Camps are encouraged to report their activities for publication in THE BANNER. If sufficient numbers of planned activities are sent to the editor, we will publish a calendar of upcoming events.

25. All Brothers are encouraged to submit appropriate articles for publication in THE BANNER to the editor. Submission does not necessarily mean it will be published. Space, topic and appropriateness effect all submittals.

26. Any and all complaints regarding THE BANNER should be addressed to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief who has been designated as the Publisher.

27. If your Department is having any situation or problem that requires the attention of the Commander-in-Chief, please contact me immediately by telephone or email. These situations will be given priority.

28. Information about the ill or bereaved should be brought to the attention of myself or the National Secretary in order that proper attention may be given to the needs of the member or his family.

29. All Brothers are encouraged to extend a welcome and lend support and assistance to the recently organized Descendants of African American Union Soldiers/Sailors and their White Officers in the Civil War 1861-1865..

30. Appointments of National Officers, standing committees, special committees, advisory committees to the Council of Administration, and National Aides have been made.

31. All members of the Council of Administration are advised that there will be a meeting of the Council at 9 a.m. on Sunday November 16, 1997 in Gettysburg, PA at the Eisenhower Inn. Location and time is subject to change.

32. All sitting Department Commanders are invited to attend and observe the above referenced Council of Administration meeting.

33. To all the elected and appointed officers and committees, I extend my best wishes for a productive year. With the assistance of the Divine Being we will succeed. "*You do what you can, where you are, with what you have and then you do more.*" Theodore Roosevelt

By Order of
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:
David Hann
National Secretary

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1. The service area of the Department of Tennessee is hereby expanded to include the state of Alabama effective 1 October 1997.
2. The name of the Department shall remain the Department of Tennessee.

By Order of
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief
Attested:
David Hann
National Secretary

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1. The National Organization is in need of vital information concerning all Camps within the Order. The National Secretary has sent a request to each Department Secretary asking for the following information: 1) all current Department officers with mailing addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses where they exist; 2) the names and addresses of all Camp Commanders, Sr. Vice Commanders, Jr. Vice Commanders, Secretaries, and Treasurers and email addresses where they exist, and 3) the date (day of week and week of month) when each Camp meets, location of Camp meetings, time of Camp meetings, Camp application fees and Camp annual dues and verification of IRS EIN.
2. All Department Commanders and Camp Commanders are hereby directed to assure that this information is provided to the National Secretary on or before November 1, 1997.

By Order of
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief
Attested:
David Hann
National Secretary

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1. Having full faith and trust in the ability of the Department Commanders to determine the need for new Camps within their Departments and because of a need to streamline the Camp chartering process, in conformity with Article VI Section 1 of the Constitution and Article I Chapter I Section 1 of the Regulations, all Department Commanders are hereby authorized to organize Camps within their jurisdiction when they have determined that a need exists and that the proposed Camp will prosper.
2. In lieu of submitting Forms 23 and 23 ½ to this office for approval, all Department Commanders are authorized to attach a copy of this blanket approval to the Form 23 and Form 23 ½ in place of the Commander-in-Chief's approval. A notation should be entered on the Commander-in Chief's signature line to see the attached authorization.
3. Prior to the actual granting of a charter and constituting a new Camp, the need for an original signature of the Commander-in-Chief on Form 26 remains in place.
4. This authorization expires at midnight July 31, 1998.
5. Nothing in this General Order should be construed to alter the organizing process except the need to obtain prior approval before beginning the process of organizing a new Camp.

By Order of
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Commander-in-Chief
Attested:
David Hann
National Secretary

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1. It is with a heavy heart and personal sadness that I must inform your that Brother Norman Furman, Past Commander-in-Chief answered the last muster call on November 11, 1997.
2. All Camp and Department Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.
3. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall represent the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization at Brother Furman's funeral.
4. All Brothers are requested to extend any and all assistance requested by Brother Furman's family.
5. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Furman's family. We will miss him but we know he has gone to a better place and has found comfort and eternal peace in our Almighty Father.

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1. On behalf of the National Organization, the National Officers and myself may each Brother and his family have a happy and joyous holiday season and may we each have a prosperous, productive and fraternal new year.
2. The 41st Annual Remembrance Day Activities were held November 15, 1997 in Gettysburg, PA. The event was well attended and the new format which included moving to the Angle as a group for the Confederate Ceremony was accomplished without difficulty. The net proceeds (\$13,000) from the National Civil War Ball for the past three years was presented to the National Park Service in memory of the G.A.R.. This donation will be used to repair the historic fence surrounding the copse of trees. The Remembrance Day Committee is to be congratulated for a job well done.
3. Our sincerest appreciation is extend to the Gettysburg merchants who contributed the necessary funds to pay the permit fee which was imposed by the Borough of Gettysburg. They also made a sizeable contribution to the SVR and pledged to work with the Committee and the Borough to assure we are not subjected to the permit fee again and to return the parade route to its original path.
4. A special thank you to the Department of Pennsylvania for securing the surrey in which I and the lone G.A.R. member portrayed by PCinC David Medert rode in the parade.
5. There seems to be some confusion over the relationship of the local units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camps and Departments. The SVR is the National Military Department. It has its own structure and has a status equivalent to any other Department. Local SVR units are responsible to the SVR District Commander not to any SUVCW Camp or Department. The SVR is the ceremonial arm of the SUVCW and is to assist Camps and Departments to the extent possible with ceremonies and other activities. They must be requested to assist. Neither Camps nor Departments can order or otherwise compel SVR units to participate in their activities. Likewise, SVR units cannot compel Camps or Departments to participate in their activities. But let us not forget, we are all members of the same fraternal Order and should strive to cooperate with and support all components of the Order. See the organization chart which is published elsewhere in this issue of THE BANNER.
6. Requests for the G.A.R. Memorial Scholarship applications should be directed to this office. All applications received will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief. There is no requirement that an applicant be a member or relative of a member. Please keep in mind that we only award two scholarships and they are awarded on scholastic merit.
7. All appointed officers and committee chairmen are reminded that their next quarterly reports are due to the Chief-of-Staff by February 15, 1998. All elected officers are reminded that their next quarterly report is due to this office by February 15, 1998.
8. The resignation of David Wallace from the Per Capita Tax Committee was accepted effective September 1, 1997..
9. James Frelein, DC (Maryland) is hereby appointed a National Aide and attached to the Legislative Affairs Committee effective September 1, 1997.
10. Brother Nathan Harrison (Michigan) is hereby appointed a member of the Special Advisory committee to the Commander-in-Chief on Membership effective upon his 14th birthday (December 4, 1997).

11. The resignation of Glenn B. Knight, DC as Webmaster is hereby accepted effective upon the transfer of materials to his successor.
12. Keith G. Harrison, PCinC is hereby appointed Webmaster effective upon the transfer of materials to him.
13. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruiting five (5) or more new members: Elmer F. Atkinson, Thomas Prince, Eric Schmincke.
14. Brothers are reminded to support the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the National Headquarters Fund.
15. Department Commanders, Department Secretaries, Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are reminded that it is vital that you submit the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses where they exist of new officers to the National Secretary. Also, you need to submit your EIN. We must verify these with the IRS annually. When applying for or amending an EIN you must inform the IRS that you are a subordinate unit of the National Organization SUVCW and provide the Group Exemption Number (GEN) 0429. This number reference the IRS exemption ruling and is not valid for exemption from any state or local sales taxes etc.
16. Very few Departments have complied with General Order No. 3. Department Commanders are reminded that the requested information must be provided to the National Secretary.
17. While there are no provisions in the Constitution and Regulations for the inclusion of fringe on Camp, Department, or National SUVCW flags and the United States Flag code is silent on the issue, there also is no prohibition on the use of such fringe. The decoration of flags with fringe is generally reserved for those flags which will, for the most part, be displayed indoors. Therefore, after consulting with the National Counselor, it is the ruling of this office that the use of gold fringe on the edges of Camp, Department and National flags and the National Colors is a permissible option for flags which will be generally displayed indoors. Further, if gold fringe is applied to the Camp, Department of National SUVCW flag, it must be applied to the accompanying National Colors.
18. Departments are assigned service areas in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations. Departments are not free to annex adjoining states or Camps. A petition for change in the service area must be submit by all concerned parties to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief will evaluate the proposal and make a determination as to the efficacy of such request and either approve or deny the change.
19. Based on information which has come to my attention, a number of Camps and Departments are not functioning in a manner consistent with the Constitution and Regulations. All Department and Camp Officers are reminded to acquire copies of the Constitution and Regulations, Job Descriptions and Ritual. The later two items are part of the C&R by reference. Camp and Departments are required to adhere to the provisions of these documents. Additionally, no change to a Department By-Laws is effective until reviewed by the National Counselor and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Likewise, amendments to Camp By-laws must be approved by the Department Commander.
20. The next Council of Administration meeting will convene at 7 a.m. EST on 7 March 1998 at the Ramada Inn, Sharron, PA. The time is subject to change. The meeting is open to any Brother who wishes to attend. Members of the Council are reminded to submit agenda items to the National Secretary by February 22, 1998. Any submissions from any Department, Camp, or Brother for consideration by the Council of Administration must be received by the National Secretary no later than February 22, 1998.
21. On behalf of the National Organization our condolences are extended to Brother William McMaster PDC, National Personal Aide, on the loss of his mother. Our sympathies are extended to all Brothers and Sisters who have lost a loved one, are ill, or suffering in any manner.

By Order of
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1. On behalf of the National Organization, the National Officers and myself may each Department have a productive and harmonious Encampment. As you deliberate the issues before you remember why we exist and always conduct your affairs with an eye towards fraternalism. We have been experiencing an epidemic of petty bickering, improper use and abuse of the disciplinary process, and abuse of authority by a very small group of Department officers. When the Department officers cannot resolve differences among themselves, how can they expect the Brothers to follow them or heed their directions. The continued abuse of authority and outright warfare in one Department will not be tolerated. We have made too much progress as an Order and have too many positive actions being taken by the vast majority of the Brothers to allow the bickering and egos of a few to hinder continued progress.
2. Every Camp is encouraged to send your total compliment of delegates to your Department Encampment. The SUVCW functions through a representative form of government. When you do not participate, you are allowing others to decide the future direction of your Department. Every Camp which is in good standing (all fees, per capita tax, and reports filed) is entitled to send a delegation composed of the Camp Commander, all Past Camp Commanders, one delegate plus one delegate for every ten members or major fraction (six or more) thereof.
3. Every Department is encouraged to send its full compliment of delegates to the National Encampment. The National Encampment is the supreme authority of the Order. Any action by a National Encampment can only be changed by another National Encampment. This is the body which determines the direction we will follow for the coming year. Elsewhere you will find information on some of the topics to be discussed at this years Encampment. If any Department does not know the number of delegates to which they are entitled, please contact the National Secretary.
4. The 118th National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania August 5-9, 1998. The tentative agenda and preregistration forms are elsewhere in this issue of THE BANNER. The host committee is hard at work and has planned a tremendous program. Bring your family. World renowned Hershey Park is a short distance away. If you buy your admission tickets at the hotel they will provide free shuttle service to and from the park.
5. All appointed officers and committee chairmen are reminded that their next quarterly reports are due to the Chief of Staff by May 15, 1998. All elected officers are reminded that their next quarterly report is due to this office by May 15, 1998. All officers and committee chairmen are advised that their respective reports to the National Encampment should be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes unless prior arrangements have been made with this office. When possible, all reports should be submitted to the National Secretary on a 3 1/2 inch IBM compatible computer disc. The documents should be in Word Perfect 6.1 or less, MS Word 5.0 or less or an ASCII text file. Additionally, two copies of all committee reports must be presented in typed form and three copies of all officers reports must be presented in typed form. All reports should be sent to the National Secretary prior to July 25, 1998.
6. Pursuant to action of the Council of Administration, the service area of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming is hereby expanded to include the State of Utah and the State of Montana retroactive to March 1997

7. The service area of the Department of Wisconsin is hereby expanded to include the State of Minnesota effective January 1, 1998.
8. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruiting five (5) or more new members: David Hann, Frank B. Harned and Allan W. Howey
9. The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star was presented to Brother James Lyons of the Department of Michigan.
10. The Meritorious Service Award was presented to Brother Richard Williams of the Department of Michigan.
11. The Meritorious Service Award was presented to Brother David Bailey Sr. of the Department of Illinois.
12. Brothers are reminded to support the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the National Headquarters Fund. Send all donations to the National Treasurer. Please be sure to indicate the fund to which you are donating. All contributions to the SUVCW are tax deductible (1941 IRS ruling).
13. Department Commanders, Department Secretaries, Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are reminded that it is vital that you submit the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses where they exist of new officers to the National Secretary. Also, you need to submit your EIN. We must verify these with the IRS annually. When applying for or amending an EIN you must inform the IRS that you are a subordinate unit of the National Organization SUVCW and provide the Group Exemption Number (GEN) 0429. This number references the IRS exemption ruling and is not valid for exemption from any state or local sales taxes etc. This is not an optional submittal. The Regulations require you to submit this information. Any Department or Camp which does not submit the required information (Form 22, Form 49, EIN, quarterly reports and the above information) is not in good standing and is not entitled to representation at the National or Department Encampment respectively.
14. On behalf of the National Organization our condolences are extended to the family of Brother Robert Delaney, Chr. Life Membership Investment Committee. Our sympathies are extended to all Brothers and Sisters who have lost a loved one, are ill, or suffering in any manner.

By Order of
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March 25, 1998

1. The following Camp charters have been issued:

Lt. Commander Edward Lea USN Camp 2, Department of the Southwest with rank from July 16, 1994,

William D. Allen Camp 96, Department of Iowa with rank from Aug. 10, 1996,

V.P. Trombly Camp 2, Department of Iowa with rank from Sept. 18, 1996,

William Covill Camp 56, Department of Wisconsin with rank from Dec. 1, 1996,

Henry Quigley Camp 147, Department of Michigan with rank from Dec. 8, 1996,

Col George W. LaPoint Camp 76, Department of Michigan with rank from Feb. 24, 1997,

Albert & James Lyon Camp 266, Department of Michigan with rank from March 22, 1997,

Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4, Department of Florida with rank from March 24, 1997,

Archibald Stewart Camp 259, Department of Michigan with rank from April 20, 1997,

James D. Morgan Camp 70, Department of Michigan with rank from May 4, 1997, and

James A. Wilson Camp 1, Department of Tennessee with rank from Aug. 17, 1997.

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March 31, 1998

1. During the course of investigating the situation with the G.A.R. Hall in Gettysburg, Penna., it has become painfully clear that certain members and former members of Gettysburg Camp 112 did act in a manner inconsistent with the well-being of Gettysburg Camp 112, Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the members of Corporal Skelly Post 9, Pennsylvania Department, Grand Army of the Republic.
2. These certain individuals did negotiate the sale of the G.A.R. Hall to Historic Gettysburg-Adams County, Incorporated (HGAC) with full knowledge of their personal conflict of interest. That these individuals represented the SUVCW while at the same time serving HGAC as either a member of the HGAC Board of Directors or as a member of the HGAC Building Committee.
3. These individuals did fail to perform their fiduciary responsibility to Gettysburg Camp 112 in a manner which best served the interest of the Camp.
4. That two of these individuals did conspire to deprive the SUVCW and the G.A.R. of their rights as specified in the deed of the property know as the Corporal Skelly Post 9 G.A.R. Hall and further they conspired to bring about the demise of Gettysburg Camp 112.
5. Based upon the foregoing information provided by members of Gettysburg Camp 112, contemporaneous notes of meetings taken by a member of Camp 112, examination of the records, actions of one of the individuals mentioned below, comments from one of those individuals, the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Department Commander, the recommendation of an Assistant National Counselor, the recommendation of an independent legal scholar and pursuant to the authority invested in me by Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6 the following actions are ordered:

A. Dr. Walter Powell, formerly Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Camp council of Camp 112, is hereby prohibited from ever again holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharged,

B. Abner Rainbow, formerly a member of Camp 112, is hereby prohibited from ever again holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharged, and

[Paragraph 5B, above was vacated by General Order 13 of June 8, 1998. It is therefore officially removed from this General Order.]

C. Lavern Louey, formerly member of the Camp council of Camp 112 and currently a member of Camp 112, is hereby expelled from the Order and prohibited from ever again holding membership in the

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharged.

[The last sentence has been changed to read: “He shall be borne upon the rolls of the Order as having been discharged for the Good of the Order.” by General Order 19 of July 23, 1998.]

6. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6, Brother Charles Kuhn, Jr. Vice Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania is hereby appointed Trial Commissioner to take written and/or verbal testimony relative to the above items and to ascertain if further action is required by this office.

By Order of
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April 1, 1998

1. A request for a ruling having been made to this office relative to the validity of Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 dated March 17, 1998 issued by Frank Tucker, Massachusetts Department Commander and attested by Edward W. Parks, PDC Department Secretary, the following ruling is hereby made and is effective immediately.
2. Item one (1.) Of said order suspends Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9 for failure "...to hold nomination, election and installation of said Camp as mandated by the C & R..." Additionally, item one (1) states that Commander Thomas Smith, Camp 9 failed to appoint a trial commissioner to hear charges filed against Brother Leslie Covey.
3. Chapter I. Camps, Article I, Charters, Section 7 states: "A Camp failing to pay per capita tax or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law may be suspended by the Department Commander." No other provision exists within the C & R permitting a Department Commander to suspend a Camp. Camp charters are issued by the National Organization. Therefore without specific language adopted by the National Organization, no Department Commander has the authority to suspend a charter for any reason other than that quoted above. Pursuant to the provisions of the C & R, this authority resides solely with the Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment.
4. Chapter V. General Regulations, Article VI Discipline, Section 1 states: "The Commander-in-Chief shall have original jurisdiction over charges preferred against Departments of the Order and also against members and Camps when Camps or Departments fail or neglect to act upon any breach of discipline within their jurisdiction." If it was believed that Camp 9 failed to act in regard to the charges filed against Brother Covey, the established course of action is to refer the case to the Commander-in-Chief and not to suspend the Camp charter.
5. Therefore, because the actions specified in item one (1) of the Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations and in so issuing this Order, the Department Commander exceeded his authority as granted by the Constitution and Regulations, Item one (1) of the Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 is null, void and vacated.
6. Item two (2) of said Massachusetts Order strips Brother Leslie Covey of rank as a Past Department Commander and Past Camp Commander for a variety of reasons. The reasons stated for this action are charges of misconduct. The removal of past rank is a disciplinary action. No trial has been held according to Item one (1) of same Order. This is a summary discipline action by the Department Commander.
7. Chapter V. General Regulations, Article VI Discipline, Section 6 states: "The Commander-in-Chief may in extraordinary circumstances summarily discipline a member" No such authority is given to a Department Commander.
8. Therefore, item two (2) of Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 is null, void and vacated as no Department Commander has the authority to take such action.
9. Any action taken at the Massachusetts Department Council meeting on March 28, 1998 is null void and vacated as the premise for any action (item one [1] of said Order) is invalid.
10. Item five (5) of Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 is null, void and vacated. Since there is no basis under the Constitution and Regulations for the suspension of Camp 9, exclusion of delegates from Camp 9 at the Department Encampment by reason

of suspension of the Camp is invalid. Camp 9, unless there are other grounds for exclusion, is entitled to their full compliment of delegates to the Massachusetts Department Encampment. For the same reason the members of Camp 9 shall not be excluded from receiving THE BANNER.

11. Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations this ruling is appealable only to the National Encampment.

By Order of
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Attested:
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National Secretary

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April 2, 1998

1. Since 1991 the National Officers of this Order have repeatedly found it necessary to intervene in disputes within the Department of Massachusetts. Beginning with the reversal of a merger of two Camps in 1991. PCinC George Long, then National Secretary James Lyons and then National Treasurer Richard Orr traveled to Boston to audit the Camp's books and arbitrate a plan for the division of the Camp property. The division of the Camps was a result of disputes between two groups of brothers one lead by Frank Tucker and the other by James Marley.

This was followed by accusations against Brother Marley by Brother Tucker. These accusations concerned topics which had and have nothing to do with the SUVCW. Then came the disputes between Frank Tucker and Douglas Knight which lasted several years. This was succeeded by Frank Tucker, as Department Secretary, forging the signature of Ellsworth Brown, Department Commander, to a number of letters and documents. The forgery was accomplished through the use of a signature stamp. Frank Tucker sent letters to numerous Brothers over the "signature" of the Department Commander and presented the content of the letters as official Department positions. When Commander Brown was asked about these letters and position, he had no knowledge of them.

And now we have the Frank Tucker - Leslie Covey - Camp 9 1998 version of this behavior. There is an obvious common thread in all these problems.

2. It is the finding of this office that Brother Frank Tucker:

A. Has been and continues to be a disruptive force within the Department of Massachusetts;

B. Has repeatedly exceeded his authority to wit:

- Suspended Camp 9 without authority to do so,
- Stripped Brother Leslie Covey of rank as a Past Camp and Past Department Commander without authority to do so,
- Issued Department position statements when Department Secretary without authority to do so and without the Department Commander, Department Council or Department Encampment approving the position statements, and
- Caused the Department Commander's signature to be affixed to letters and documents without specific authorization to do so;

C. Has removed Leslie Covey from the office of Department Secretary for allegedly failing to perform his duties without requiring the previous Department Secretary to provide the records necessary for Brother Covey to perform the duties of his office;

D. Has failed to take action against the current Department Secretary for the same failings as alleged against Brother Covey (the Department of Massachusetts has failed to file its quarterly reports on time and is currently in arrears); and

E. Has violated his oath of office:

- By failing to rule with urbanity,
- By failing to rule with impartiality,
- By failing to assure compliance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Order,
- By failing to bring the Department of Massachusetts Department by-laws into agreement with the National Constitution and Regulations as required by Chapter II Article VIII of the Regulations, and
- By failing to adhere to the Constitution and Regulations in the performance of his duties as Department Commander.

3. After consultation with the Council of Administration and other National Officers, for all of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter II, Article IV, Section 7 of the Regulations, Brother Frank Tucker is hereby removed from the office of Department Commander of the Department of Massachusetts.

4. After consultation with the Council of Administration and other National Officers, for all of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vest in me by Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6 of the Regulations Brother Frank Tucker is stripped of rank as a Past Department Commander. He is stripped of rank as a Past Camp Commander. He is barred from holding any appointed or elected National office, any appointed or elected Department office and any appointed or elected Camp office for a period of ten (10) years. He is barred from serving on any National or Department committee. He is prohibited from representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in any capacity other than as a member of his local Camp.

5. All Department property in Frank Tucker's possession shall be conveyed to Brother Frederick Cauldwell, Department Sr. Vice Commander within five (5) days of the date of this Order. All Camp property in Frank Tucker's possession shall be conveyed to the proper Camp officer within five (5) days of the date of this Order.

6. Department Sr. Vice Commander Cauldwell and Department Treasurer Edward Parks shall immediately notify any and all organizations, governmental agencies and financial institutions with whom the Department of Massachusetts has established relationships that Frank Tucker no longer represents this Order in any official capacity by presenting a copy of this Order to those organizations, agencies and institutions.

7. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6, Brother Gregg Mierka, Commander of the Department of Rhode Island is hereby appointed Trial Commissioner to take written and/or verbal testimony relative to the above items and to ascertain if further action is required by this office.

By Order of
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National Secretary

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May 26, 1998

1. The formation of the Department of the Kentucky is hereby approved.
2. The Department of Kentucky shall be composed of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
3. All Camps headquartered within the Commonwealth of Kentucky are hereby attached to the Department of Kentucky.

By Order of
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Attested:
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June 8, 1998

1. Charles Kuhn PCC, Trial Commissioner appointed to secure testimony and documentation relative to the summary disciplinary action taken against present and former members of Gettysburg Camp 112, held a hearing on June 6, 1998.
2. Based upon the testimony and documentation presented to the Trial Commissioner a partial report was made to this office on June 7, 1998.
3. Contrary to the original information provided to this office, testimony given to the Trial Commissioner **exonerated Abner Rainbow** of all allegations. The testimony provided demonstrated that Abner Rainbow did, in fact, meet his obligations to the members of Camp 112, the SUVCW and the members of Corporal Skelly Post No. 9, G.A.R.. Further, while serving as a member of the HGAC Building Committee, he resisted all attempts to modify the internal structure of the G.A.R. Hall and when his words went unheeded resigned out of frustration.
4. **Therefore, any and all portions of General Order No. 9 Series 1997-1998 of March 31, 1998 pertaining to Abner Rainbow are hereby vacated. Specifically, Section 5.B of said General Order is vacated. The prohibition on reinstatement of Abner Rainbow to active membership is voided.**
5. For any consternation, inconvenience, angst and pangs this process may have caused Abner Rainbow, I apologize.
6. It is regrettable that it was necessary to use the disciplinary process to ferret out the facts. Nevertheless, the system worked.
7. The Trial Commissioner has not submitted a report of findings pertaining to the other individuals associated with this case.

By Order of
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June 30, 1998

1. The 118th National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania August 5-9, 1998. Every Department is encouraged to send its full compliment of delegates to the National Encampment. The National Encampment is the supreme authority of the Order. Any action by a National Encampment can only be changed by another National Encampment. This is the body which determines the direction we will follow for the coming year. If any Department does not know the number of delegates to which they are entitled, please contact the National Secretary.
2. All officers and committee chairmen are advised that their respective reports to the National Encampment should be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes unless prior arrangements have been made with this office. When possible, all reports should be submitted to the National Secretary on a 3 inch IBM compatible computer disc. The documents should be in Word Perfect 6.1 or less, MS Word 5.0 or less or an ASCII text file. Additionally, two copies of all committee reports must be presented in typed form and three copies of all officers reports must be presented in typed form. All reports should be sent to the National Secretary prior to July 25, 1998.
3. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruiting five (5) or more new members: Lee Booton, Robert Kennedy, Brad McGowan, Dr. David G. Martin, Clark McCullough, Marty Weisman, Thomas R. Burke, Larry Waggoner, John Suttles, and Roger Beverage.
4. Brothers are reminded to support the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the National Headquarters Fund. Send all donations to the National Treasurer. Please be sure to indicate the fund to which you are donating. All contributions to the SUVCW are tax deductible (1941 IRS ruling).
5. As another year draws to a close, I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to those Brothers who have served on the National Staff this past year.
6. To Sister Jacqueline Johnston, National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Barbara Tyler, National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sister Beverly Goodenough, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 and Sister Linda Bennet, National President of the Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish to extend my thanks for all your assistance and cooperation during the past year. It has been a distinct pleasure to serve with you. I sincerely hope that each of you has a productive and harmonious Encampment.
7. Our condolences are extend to any bereaved Brother or Brother's family and our best wishes go to all who may be ill.
8. On to Harrisburg.

By Order of
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Attested:
David Hann
National Secretary

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1. The following Camp charters have been issued:

General Ambrose E. Burnside Camp #5 Department of Rhode Island with rank from June 2, 1997,
Daniel Chaplin #3 Department of Maine with rank from March 3,1998,
William Jenkins #129 Department of Massachusetts with rank from March 1,1997 (reactivation),
General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2 Department of Ohio with rank from January 16,1998,
Westport Camp #64 Department of Missouri with rank from April 28,1997,
John H. McNeil #62 Department of Missouri with rank from March 3,1997,
General George Armstrong Custer Camp # 17 Department of New Jersey with rank from January 14,1997,
Captain David L. Payne Camp # 2 Department of the Southwest with rank from April 23,1997, and
Fort Anderson Department of Kentucky with rank from May 10, 1998.

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The following ruling has been issued in response to an inquiry from the Department of Michigan:

The question: Is a former member who was discharged and subsequently plead guilty to embezzlement eligible for reinstatement.

The Constitution states that anyone who has committed an "infamous" or "heinous crime" is not eligible for membership.

What constitutes "infamous and heinous crimes" is the crux of the matter. According to my dictionary the law definition of infamous is "convicted of a crime, as treason or a felony, that brings infamy." To the best of my knowledge, embezzlement is a felony in all jurisdictions within the United States. Based on the definition of "infamous" the applicant is not eligible for reinstatement regardless if he has served his sentence. He was convicted that ends his eligibility. There is no provision for an exception if any sentence imposed by a court has been served.

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July 23, 1998

1. A recommendation has been received from Glenn B. Knight, Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, that the charter of Corporal Weaver Camp 295, Hellertown, Pennsylvania be revoked for failure to adhere to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. Said Camp having failed to hold meetings for several years; failed to hold election of officers for several years; consistently failed to respond to communications from the Department; routinely failed to pay per capita tax and file reports in a timely manner; and has no members residing within the area under the jurisdiction of the Department of Pennsylvania.

2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution Article VI Formation and Disbandment, Section 2. "The Commander-in-Chief upon the recommendation of the Department Commander shall have the power to revoke the charter of any Camp which does not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order", the charter of Corporal Weaver Camp 295, Department of Pennsylvania, located in Hellertown, Pennsylvania is hereby revoked effective upon the notification of all know members of the Camp and the issuance of transfer forms by the Department of Pennsylvania.

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1. In as much as the Constitution in Article V states "eligibles from states where no Department exists may become members-at-large attached to the National Headquarters" and we have been violating this provision of the Constitution for a number of years, the National Membership-at-large Coordinator is hereby ordered to transfer all National Members-at -large who reside within areas served by a Department to the respective Department. Departments are to make provisions for these members either by establishing a Department Member-at-large or attaching them to the nearest Camp.
2. The transfers are to take place without disruption of membership for the Members-at-Large. This is to be accomplished in a manner which will not cause the Member-at-Large to resign their membership and should have no negative impact upon the members. The net effect should be only a change in the address to whom dues is mailed by the members and an enhanced opportunity to participate in the Order.
3. Only the following states are not served by a Department: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

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1. The report of the Trial Commissioner on the Gettysburg G.A.R. Hall matter having been received the following change to General Order No. 9 Series 1997-1998 is hereby made.

A. The last sentence of Section 5.C "[Laverne Louey] shall be borne upon the rolls of the Order as having been dishonorably discharged" is altered to "He shall be borne upon the rolls of the Order as having been discharged for the Good of the Order."

2. The evidence gathered by the Trial Commissioner is to be provided to the National Counselor or a member of the legal staff designated by the National Counselor for review for the purpose of determining if there is sufficient evidence to file a criminal complaint with the Adams County District Attorney against Dr. Walter Powell for possible theft of property, unauthorized dispensing of funds, unauthorized transfer of Camp property to one or more individuals and/or organizations.

3. The Pennsylvania Department Commander, at his discretion, may so inform The Adams County Historical Society that there is no evidence that Dr. Walter Powell had any authority to transfer any Camp or G.A.R. Post records or the William Cashman letters to them. Dr. Powell expended \$800 of Camp funds for the purchase of the Cashman letters and then promptly transferred them to the ACHS. There is no documented authorization to either expend the funds not transfer the collection to ACHS. That they are potentially in possession of stolen property and said property is to be returned to the SUVCW immediately. Similar notice, at the discretion of Department Commander Knight, may to be sent to the Adams County Public Library which was the recipient of the G.A.R. Post 9 library courtesy of Dr. Powell without any documented authorization from the Camp.

4. Evidence was presented that Brother William Little, PDC and Brother George Ollinger while representing Camp 112 on the G.A.R. Hall building restoration committee abrogated their responsibilities by failing to attend and participate in the committee meetings. The Trial Commissioner had noted this for the record and recommend minor action regarding Brother Little and no action regarding Brother Ollinger. In as much as they both committed the same acts of omission, the lack of responsible action is noted and no further action will be taken.

5. On behalf of the National Organization, I wish to thank Brother Charles Kuhn, Jr. Vice Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, for his service as Trial Commissioner and commend him for the manner in which he handled a very difficult and emotional task.

6. This Order closes all internal action pending against present and/or former member of the Order regarding the transfer of the Gettysburg G.A.R. Hall to HGAC and associated activities.

By Order of
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Commander-in-Chief
Attested:
David Hann
National Secretary

Appendix 2
Rulings of the Commander in Chief

RULINGS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

1998-1999

1. Since it has been intimated -- is Camp 65 in danger of having its Charter revoked? Re: Con. Art. VI, Sec 2.

Camp charters may be revoked in two manners. The Department Encampment may vote to disband a camp and revoke its charter, if the camp is one or more years in arrears for its per capita tax. Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 5.

Only the Commander-in-Chief may revoke a camp charter for any other reason. Constitution Article VI, Section 2. To date nothing has been presented to requesting such action.

2. Since the only grounds that are stated in the C & R for a Camp to be suspended is failure to pay per capita tax and file reports (we assume related to the per capita tax) on time, Reg. Chapt I, Art. I Sec. 7, what are the other grounds for which a camp may be suspended? If those grounds exist does the C&R require suspension?

The C&R only empowers a Department Commander to suspend a camp charter for failure to pay per capita tax and/or file quarterly reports and other reports required by the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief as the Chief executive officer of the Order has broad based powers which could allow him to suspend a camp charter for any violation of the C&R, Ritual, National Policies, Articles of Incorporation, state and Federal law. The National Encampment as the supreme authority of the Order may by a vote of the delegates suspend a camp charter or direct the Commander-in-Chief to suspend or revoke a charter.

3. One of the reasons our Camp is still under suspension is the fact that we did not have a spreadsheet for 1997 expenses. We use a voucher method. Is there a prescribed method of keeping Camp financial records?

The C&R requires the Camp Treasurer to keep accurate records of accounts between the members and the camp. The job descriptions (part of the C&R by reference) requires that proper records be maintained. As a Congressionally chartered organization, we are required to comply with all applicable Federal laws. US Code Title 36. The IRS, GAO and Comptroller General of the United States have all determined that at a minimum a simple ledger showing all financial transactions must be kept. A voucher system without an accompanying ledger is not acceptable. A detailed spreadsheet is not required either. A simple ledger showing date, description of the transaction, income, expenses and a running balance is the minimum. The Camp Council is required to audit the books quarterly and file a report with the camp on the Camp Council Quarterly report form (available from the Quartermaster).

4. Was the removal of Camp Commander Paul Leistriz from office by the Department of Missouri permitted under the C&R? What recourse did the Camp have at that time? What recourse did Commander Leistriz have?

It has been and remains my ruling that under the current language in the C&R a Department Commander does not have the authority to remove a camp officer. The authority contained in Chapter II of the regulations only applies to Department Officers. Both the Camp and Brother Leistriz could have appealed the Department

Commander's action to the Department Encampment or any Department Meeting. The decision of the Department Encampment is appealable to the Commander-in-Chief and the decision of the Commander-in-chief is appealable to the National Encampment.

5. Was the removal of Charles Funck as Department Senior [Vice] Commander permitted under the C&R? What recourse did he have?

Yes. Chapter II, Article IV, Section 7 empowers the Department Commander to remove any Department Officer for cause. All rulings and actions by the Department Commander are appealable to the Department Encampment. Actions of the Department Encampment are appealable to the Commander-in-Chief and actions of the Commander-in-Chief are appealable to the National Encampment.

6. When charges are preferred against a member and voted on at Department meetings shouldn't the charges be formally drawn up including citations of the C&R before they are acted upon by the Department meeting?

Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3 of the Regulations states "Charges shall be made in writing ... when made by a Department shall be addressed to the Commander-in-Chief. Charges should include the specific sections of the C&R, Ritual, Policies, or Job Description which were violated. When a Department files charges, the Department has no authority to act on the charges.

7. What is the period of time that is permitted between the charges being made and the appointment of a Trial Commissioner? Is there a way for the accused to invoke the process? Currently charges have been floating around since January 17th.

There is no time frame specified in the C&R for the appointment of the Trial Commissioner. Only the minimum amount of time for prior notice of the hearing date is specified. There are no provisions for the accused to invoke the disciplinary process other than to file charges against the person responsible for appointing a Trial Commissioner. Since the Department has not presented the January 17th charges to me, they have in effect not filed the charges.

8. Can the Department rely on Department By-laws to suspend a camp, remove officers or bring charges against a member when the Department By-laws have not been approved by the National Organization?

No. Chapter II, Article VII of the Regulations states: "No By-laws, amendments, alterations, or deletions shall be effective until approved by the Commander-in-Chief in writing."

9. When a Camp is suspended, an officer removed or charges brought against a member should not a specific citation of the C&R be included?

Yes. Also, violations of the Ritual, membership oath, oath of office, National Policies, Job Descriptions could be cited.

10. If Camp 65 is still under suspension will it be able to participate in the Department Encampment tentatively scheduled for June 20, 1998?

No. By definition when under suspension a Camp cannot function in any manner except to perform those things which will result in a termination of the suspension.

To the extent that the foregoing are rulings of this office, they are appealable to the National Encampment.

Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Appendix 3 Budget

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
PROPOSED BUDGET
1998-1999

| GENERAL FUND | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| ITEM | 97-98 BUDGET | ACTUAL | PROPOSED |
| INCOME: | | | |
| Per Capita Tax | 50,000.00 | 53,193.50 | 55,000.00 |
| Sale of Supplies | 23,500.00 | 28,695.15 | 25,000.00 |
| Shipping & Handling | 1,500.00 | 1,528.00 | 1,750.00 |
| Subscriptions Banner | 450.00 | 503.00 | 500.00 |
| Reg Fee Nat. Encpt | 500.00 | 932.00 | 1,000.00 |
| App. Fee New Camps | 200.00 | 125.00 | 200.00 |
| BANNER Ads | 00.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 |
| Aux. Love Gift | 250.00 | 250.00 | 00.00 |
| Donations | 00.00 | 7.25 | 00.00 |
| NMAL Donation | 2,000.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 |
| Interest-Checking | 00.00 | 16.21 | 00.00 |
| Interest-Money Market | 300.00 | 652.96 | 500.00 |
| Interest-CD's | 1,200.00 | 1,208.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Misc. | 00.00 | 64.00 | 00.00 |
| Reserve Funds | 16,000.00 | 00.00 | 25,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 95,900.00 | 87,175.07 | 110,150.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Supplies | 20,000.00 | 27,356.84 | 25,000.00 |
| Dies | 600.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 |
| Shipping & Handling | 1,600.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,600.00 |
| C-in-C Allowance | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Nat. Secretary Allowance | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Nat. Treasurer Allowance | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Nat QM Allowance | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| CofA Per Diem | 800.00 | 250.00 | 800.00 |
| Nat. Encamp Comm. | 1,000.00 | 500.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Past C-in-C Jewell | 500.00 | 311.24 | 500.00 |
| Office Expense | 2,750.00 | 1,097.59 | 2,500.00 |
| Special Projects | 00.00 | 00.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Telephone | 1,500.00 | 198.46 | 250.00 |
| Postage | 1,750.00 | 1,078.96 | 1,750.00 |
| Webpage | 900.00 | 1,310.95 | 1,500.00 |
| Graves Registration Comm. | 500.00 | 173.28 | 500.00 |
| Record Storage | 300.00 | 47.70 | 300.00 |
| Awards | 250.00 | 228.88 | 250.00 |
| Dept. Info Packet | 500.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 |
| New Member Letters | 500.00 | 361.29 | 500.00 |
| Scholarships | 00.00 | 00.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Software | 00.00 | 418.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Proceedings Transcribe | 2,000.00 | 00.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Printing Proceedings | 15,000.00 | 00.00 | 15,000.00 |
| THE BANNER | 15,000.00 | 9,470.59 | 15,000.00 |
| National Encampment Exp. | 1,500.00 | 94.17 | 1,500.00 |
| 1999 50 th Anniv. Events | 00.00 | 00.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Accounting-Audit | 1,200.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,750.00 |
| Officers Bond | 00.00 | 00.00 | 366.00 |
| SVR | 500.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 50.00 | 194.62 | 250.00 |
| Bank Charges | 00.00 | 39.75 | 45.00 |
| Transfer of Funds | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Bad Debt | 50.00 | 43.87 | 50.00 |
| Depreciation-Computer | 1,900.00 | 442.95 | 500.00 |
| Depreciation-Office | 125.00 | 52.85 | 75.00 |
| TOTAL | 84,475.00 | 60,871.15 | 102,386.00 |
| Excess of Income over Expenses | | | 7,764.00 |

G.A.R. Fund**INCOME:**

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Nat. Patriotic Instructor Appeal | 00.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Blue & Grey Ball | 8,000.00 | 8,054.55 | 8,000.00 |
| Donations | 100.00 | 147.56 | 100.00 |
| Interest, Checking | 00.00 | 16.46 | 00.00 |
| Interest MM | 00.00 | 467.53 | 450.00 |
| Interest CDs | 3,680.00 | 4,666.58 | 4,500.00 |
| TOTAL | 11,780.00 | 13,602.68 | 13,300.00 |

EXPENSES:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accounting-Audit | 00.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Scholarships | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Lincoln Memorial | 100.00 | 75.00 | 100.00 |
| Lincoln Tomb | 400.00 | 440.00 | 450.00 |
| G.A.R. Remembrance | 400.00 | 407.90 | 450.00 |
| Cathedral of the Pines | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Tomb of the Unknown | 100.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 |
| Jefferson Memorial | 75.00 | 00.00 | 75.00 |
| USCT Wreath | 00.00 | 00.00 | 75.00 |
| Congress of Patriotic Organizations | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Special Projects | 1,000.00 | 493.93 | 1,000.00 |
| G.A.R. Campfire | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| G.A.R. Highway Association | 75.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 |
| Grant's Tomb | 500.00 | 450.00 | 500.00 |
| Confederate Veterans Memorial | 75.00 | 75.00 | 00.00 |
| Blue/Grey Ball | 4,000.00 | 2,589.77 | 3,000.00 |
| Donations | 11,000.00 | 13,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Bank Charges | 60.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| TOTAL | 20,360.00 | 20,192.84 | 15,535.00 |
| Excess of Income over Expenses | | | 765.00 |

Permanent Fund**INCOME:**

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Honor Roll Contributions | 600.00 | 115.00 | 600.00 |
| Donations | 75.00 | 30.00 | 50.00 |
| Interest MM | 00.00 | 327.06 | 325.00 |
| Interest CDs | 3,120.00 | 3,097.86 | 3,100.00 |
| TOTAL | 3,795.00 | 3,569.92 | 4,075.00 |

EXPENSES:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Life Member Payment | 1,400.00 | 804.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 150.00 | 00.00 | 150.00 |
| TOTAL | 1,550.00 | 804.00 | 1,550.00 |
| Excess of Income over Expenses | | | 2,525.00 |

Life Membership Fund

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Life Member Fees | 3,000.00 | 5,390.00 | 5,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 3,000.00 | 5,390.00 | 5,000.00 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| Life Member Cards | 50.00 | 51.00 | 50.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 60.00 | 00.00 | 50.00 |
| TOTAL | 110.00 | 51.00 | 100.00 |
| Excess of Income over Expenses | | | 4,900.00 |

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Registration Fee, New Members | 4,500.00 | 5,130.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Donations | 1,000.00 | 325.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Reserve Funds | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 |
| TOTAL | 6,900.00 | 6,855.00 | 7,400.00 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| Office | 2,000.00 | 835.84 | 1,000.00 |
| Telephone | 00.00 | 259.07 | 300.00 |
| Postage | 600.00 | 1,291.11 | 1,350.00 |
| Email | 100.00 | 00.00 | 00.00 |
| Membership Advertisements | 4,000.00 | 3,631.75 | 4,500.00 |
| TOTAL | 6,700.00 | 6,017.77 | 7,150.00 |
| Excess of Income over Expenses | | | 250.00 |

National Headquarters Fund

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Donations | 100.00 | 8.37 | 100.00 |
| Long Term Investment | 4,000.00 | 3,849.84 | 4,000.00 |
| Interest CDs | 900.00 | 1,711.58 | 1,500.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 5,600.00 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| None | | | |
| Excess of Income over Expenses | | | 5,600.00 |

Appendix 4
Final Report of the
Credentials Committee

| DEPT | PRESENT | VOTING | CinC | PCinC | DC | PDC | DEL | ALT | JR. | VIS |
|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| CA/ PAC | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| CT | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| FL | 1 | 0 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| IA | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| IN | 4 | 4 | | 2 | | 2 | | | | |
| MA | 12 | 12 | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | | | |
| MD | 20 | 10 | | 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 | | | |
| ME | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | |
| MI | 14 | 13 | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | 1 |
| MO | 4 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| NH | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | | | |
| NJ | 11 | 8 | | | 1 | 1 | 7 | | 2 | |
| NY | 17 | 13 | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 | | | |
| OH | 12 | 10 | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | 1 |
| PA | 50 | 20 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 36 | | 2 | 1 |
| RI | 3 | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| TN | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| NE | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | |
| WI | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| MAL | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| TOT | 164 | 109 | 1 | 15 | 14 | 37 | 84 | 4 | 4 | 5 |

Total Registrations = 181

Total Departments Present = 19

Appendix 5 Web Updates

7/19/98 - 7/31/98 Updates

Added General Orders 14 - 19 and added new inquiries to Announcement/Inquiry page.

Uploaded new Maryland Department page and added SVR Orders 1998 1 -6. KGH

7/13/98 - 7/19/98 Updates

Added 8 new photographs, checked the links for the entire site, and updated the announcement/inquiry, reenactors, G.A.R. research and Civil War History pages. KGH

7/11/98 - 7/13/98 Updates

Added more photographs, glossary of terms, special orders to the National Encampment page and several inquiries and announcements. KGH

6/28/98 - 7/10/98 Updates

Added 8 new photographs including last Commander-in-Chief and last Encampment of G.A.R.. Made corrections to Cyberpickets page, added new announcements and inquiries and updated the forum page. KGH

6/23 - 28/98 Updates

Created new Graves Registration Project page, reworked the SUVCW Web Site Index page and updated the Camp-at-Large and National Secretary's pages. Also continued to add new announcements and inquiries. KGH

6/22/98 Updates

Updated applications with Ohio's new JVC and also updated and added links to G.A.R.

Research page. KGH

6/18/98 Updates

Uploaded updated Department of Iowa page. Also added more photographs to photos page. KGH

6/16/98 Updates

Updated online and zipped application forms to reflect new Tennessee Department JVC. Also added more photographs to photos page. KGH

6/15/98 Updates

Updated Indiana and Tennessee webpages. KGH

6/14/98 Updates

Added disclaimer to new Member and Public Message Center, updated G.A.R. Research

page and added new Iowa link and added more inquiries to Announcement/Inquiry Forum page. KGH.

everyone to discuss Civil War topics. The site is accessible off the Web Site Index page.

KGH

6/12/98 Updates

Established a new page for G.A.R. and Civil War photographs (photos.htm). Individuals may submit electronically photographs of their Civil War ancestors.

KGH

6/11/98 Updates

Uploaded General Order #13 and updated Announcement/Inquiry Forum. KGH

6/9/98 Updates

Added the Department of Kentucky. KGH

6/8/98 Updates

Updated Pickets list and added clickable index to the names. Also updated the Department of California and Pacific. KGH

6/1/98 - 6/6/98 Updates

Updated Announcement/Inquiry Forum page and updated and reorganized Civil War History page. Updated Department of SW page and updated online and zipped membership applications due to changes in Department Junior Vice Commanders for the Departments of Michigan and SW. KGH

5/27/98 - 6/1/98 Updates

Updated genealogy, Civil War history and the Announcement/Inquiry Forum pages. Created Council of Administration Board Room, which is a password protected forum page and added Billy Yank webring. Also uploaded and updated Department of Iowa page. KGH

5/26/98 Updates

Revised and uploaded new Department of Vermont page. KGH

5/17-25/98 Updates

Added announcements and inquiries and several links to the genealogy, Civil War History and G.A.R. Research pages. KGH

5/16/98 Updates

Updated Announcement/Inquiry Forum page by adding two inquiries and removing those that were over one month old. KGH

5/7/98 Updates

Updated Department of Indiana pages and added the Wisconsin Museum Archives and Library to the Civil War History and Related Links page. KGH

5/5/98 Updates

Updated Department of Illinois officers on Department page and on online and zip membership applications. KGH

5/3/98 Updates

Ran link checker on entire Web Site and found and corrected or removed dead links. Added more inquires and links. KGH

5/2/98 Updates

Reworked and updated home page. KGH

5/1/98 Updates

A printable and downloadable membership application was added to the site. Also removed National Historian's News page since it was not being kept updated. KGH

4/29/98 Updates

Two new additions regarding New York Civil War history was added to the Civil War History page. KGH

4/27/98 Updates

Updated National Quartermaster's Job description. KGH

4/26/98 Updates

Updated Announcement/Inquiry Forum page and SVR Announcement page, and uploaded revised Department of Ohio page. KGH

4/19/98 Updates

Uploaded an updated Tennessee Department page. KGH

4/17/98 Updates

Updated SUVCW Announcement/Inquiry Forum page, MOLLUS Announcement page and SVR Announcement page. KGH

4/2 - 5/98 Updates

Updated the Announcement/Inquiry Forum page plus added several new inquiries. Also updated the Civil War History page and added some additional links. KGH

4/1/98 Updates

Uploaded a new Department of Maine page, updated G.A.R. Museum page and added several new reenactment units to the Reenactment Organization and Related Links page. KGH

3/26/98 Updates

Added PCinC Dave Medert's CinC report for 1996 Encampment and his General Orders 4, 6 and 7. These items complete the missing material for PCinC Medert's year (1 995/96) as CinC. Also added to new genealogical sources to the Order's Genealogy and Related Links Page and an inquiry to the Announcement and Inquiry Forum page. KGH

3/25/98 Updates

Added several inquiries to Announcement/Inquiry Forum page and added additional email addresses to SUVCW membership information page for LGAR and WRC. Also updated LGAR and WRC pages. KGH

3/24/98 Updates

Linked several Kentucky genealogy and Civil War history URLs to our genealogy and Civil War history pages. Also, updated our genealogy page. KGH

3/18-23/98 Updates

Added several new inquiries on Announcement/Inquiry Forum page. Modified member information form and member form. KGH

3/15/98 Updates

Added several new inquiries on Announcement/Inquiry Forum page. Also did maintenance on that page by removing outdated (over one-month-old) inquiries. Uploaded revised Department of Iowa page and Department of Tennessee page. KGH

3/13 -14/98 Updates

Added several inquiries to the Announcement/Inquiry Forum page and a couple of new FTP Central page, and revised the national and Department and Camp job descriptions in order to correct and streamline some internal and external linkage issues. KGH

3/10/98 Updates

Added three inquiries and made new Deed of Conveyance page downloadable off the SUVCW FTP Central page. Also reworked G.A.R. and SUVCW History, Research and associated pages to make the links flow better. KGH

3/9/98 Updates

Added Deed of Conveyance and added articles on G.A.R. to G.A.R. and Related Links Research page. KGH

3/7/98 Updates

Removed 14 links on the G.A.R. Research, Confederate Cousins, Genealogy, Reenactment and Civil War History pages because they no longer worked. KGH

3/6/98 Updates

Added the US Genealogy Web link to genealogy page. Coverage is the entire United States and is a one-stop shopping in terms of links. KGH

3/5/98 Updates

Uploaded a revised G.A.R. Research and Related Links page, added another Announcement and Inquiry, added music to the Reenactor Organization and Related Links page and added code and graphics for Civil War Heritage page to both the SUVCW and MOLLUS. KGH

3/1/98 Updates

Created new page (actually revised old page that had been deactivated for two months) entitled Our Confederate Cousins which has links to SCV, MOS&B and related organizations. It can be accessed off the Web Site Index. Added two more announcements and several links. KGH

2/28/98 Updates

Added an announcement to Announcement/Inquiry Forum page, corrected an error on the Past Commanders-in-Chief page, added a clarification on the National Encampment page and linked the National Encampment page also to the site Web Site Index page.

KGH

making the pages more uniform. Added and inquiry and an announcement to the Announcement/Inquiry Forum page. Also made changes to the MOLLUS page.

KGH

2/22/98 Updates

Added the National Policies to the FTP Central page and added backgrounds and/or made current backgrounds consistent on the following pages: C&R.htm, natcon.htm, regscamp.htm, regdept.htm, regsgen.htm, regsnat.htm, regssvr.htm, npolicy.htm, policy.htm, policy1.htm, formcamp.htm, mbrapp.htm, mbrfrm.htm, member.htm, officers.htm, secy.htm, patriot.htm, counselor.htm, suv.htm, suvcwh.htm, history.htm, gar.htm, garcinc.htm, and logan.htm. KGH

2/21/98 Updates

Added announcement about C-in-C Richard Orr's awards to Michigan Department Brothers Richard Williams and Jim Lyons, SVR Commanding Officer David V.

Medert's

award to Brother Richard William, and another announcement to the Announcement/Inquiry Forum page. Got rid of thumbnails on the Commander-in-Chief's and Past Commanders-in-Chief pages and added link to 188th

Pennsylvania

Volunteers page on Civil War History and Related Links page. KGH

2/19/98 Updates

Added more midi's to various pages including, CyberPickets White Pages, Past National Encampment Reports of Commanders-in-Chief, the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Also changed background on

MOLLUS page. KGH

2/17/98 Updates - Linked new page (Glorious 78th OVI) to Civil War History and Related page. Added link from Web Site Index page to SUVCW FTP Central page. Page was started 1/13/98. KGH

2/15/98 Updates - Uploaded revised Department of Iowa page. KGH

2/14/98 Updates - Added several more announcements and inquiries, including information regarding Brother Richard Williams, to the Announcement/Inquiry page. KGH

2/13/98 Updates - Added information on the upcoming 42nd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony to take place in Springfield, Illinois on Wednesday April 15, 1998, the announcement was added to the Announcement and Inquiry Forum page, SVE announcement page and MOLLUS announcement page.

2/10/98 Updates - Added color to SVR Logo and added pictures (thumbnail and larger clickable) to Richard Orr's biography. Also added one new announcement and one inquiry to the Announcement and Inquiry Forum page, and two new links to the Reenactment and Related Links page. KGH

2/9/98 Updates - Added 49th Indiana and Pvt. Silas Gore's links to the Reenactors and related pages, uploaded another update from the Ohio Department, added two announcements to the Announcement and Inquiry page and added *Civil War Circuit* code and graphics to SUVCW and MOLLUS pages. KGH

2/7/98 Updates - Linked to updated Massachusetts Department home page. KGH

2/5/98 Updates - Added pages with Job descriptions for National and Camp and Department Signals Officer and Recruiting Officer positions. Also updated FTP page to include the two positions in downloadable formats. KGH

2/2/98 Updates - Uploaded update to the Department of Ohio page and linked to an updated New Jersey Department Home page. KGH

1/28/98 Updates - Added announcement to the SUVCW, SVR and MOLLUS pages regarding the 1998 Annual General Grant Memorial program which is held in New York.

Added National Organizational Chart and linked it to the home page and the Constitution and Regulations page. Updated Department of California and Pacific's Department Commander's and Secretary's email addresses based on the listing in the Banner (Vol. 102, Num. 2). Also uploaded an updated Department of Tennessee page.
KGH

1/27/98 Updates - Updated the list of officers (Commanders and Secretaries) for the Departments who do not have their own webmaster. These included the Departments of Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, New York and Southwest based on the listing in THE BANNER (Vol. 102, Num. 2). Also added another inquiry to the Announcement and Inquiry page. KGH

1/26/98 Updates - Updated Indiana Department page and added Sons of Veterans Reserve governing documents (Chapter IV of National Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures). Also made both documents downloadable off the SUVCW FTP Central page. KGH

1/25/98 Updates - Added links to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars in the Links to Genealogy and Related Webpages. Changed the name of the Inquiry/Announcement page to Announcement/Inquiry page and added its availability off the home page. KGH

1/24/98 Updates - Updated membership page per the C & R to reflect more positions that an Associate is not eligible to assume within the SUVCW. Per its request, deactivated current link to Department of Massachusetts pending receipt of updated link. KGH

1/23/98 Updates - Added additional inquiries and announcements to Inquiry/Announcement page, added additional links to the Civil War History and related Links page, updated the Web Site search program and focused attention on the updating of several of the Department pages that currently do not have Department webmasters. KGH

1/19-21/98 Updates - Moved all National and Department and Camp job descriptions into separate directories and readjusted links throughout entire Web Site. Began and completed process of adding, "Return to Web Site Index" option onto pages that need that option for surfers. Added additional inquiries to inquiry page and updated quartermaster price list. Finally, the new Civil War Inquiry Forum has been changed into a Civil War Inquiry/Announcement Forum. KGH

1/13-18/98 Updates - Added a new page entitled, National Historian News, updated Logan's Memorial Day page with gif of General John A. Logan, and continued to add more inquiries to the new Civil War Inquiry Forum and more links to the Civil War history pages. Updated the membership referral form and also the MOLLUS page. Also added FTP page capability for downloading 1994, 1988 and 1982 National Proceedings, National and Camp and Department Job Descriptions and the Constitution and Regulations. The page is referenced off National Jobs, Camp and Department Jobs, and Constitution and Regulations pages, respectively. Depending on the availability of more Proceedings, there may be Proceedings pages started. At this time it is premature. KGH

1/10 -12/98 Updates - Added an update to the Department of Colorado and Wyoming webpage, updated the National Quartermaster's Order form, added a new linkable listing for a Camp-at-Large, updated the Membership-at-large and Camp-at-Large webpages, added some more of PC-in-C David Medert's General Order to the General Orders webpage, added java script to the SUVCW home page and a new page entitled, Civil War Inquiry Forum. KGH

1/4-6/98 Updates - Department of Indiana Web Site updated. Made technical changes per request of Committee Chair regarding interactive Memorial Registration Form. Two new links, Arlington National Cemetery and Regimental History of the 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry, were added to the Links to Civil War History and Related webpage. KGH

1/3/98 Updates - A new page, Past National Encampment Reports of SUVCW Commanders-in-Chief, was added to the Web Site Index. Most members never get to hear these reports if they never attend a National Encampment. Also most members never get to read these either since they are generally never published in THE BANNER. The site will only have the most recent since the most recent are the only ones which are in a computer form and readily capable of being uploaded. KGH

Due to the excessive length (and ever growing nature) of the Web Site Index, separate pages were made for the following links: Links to G.A.R. and Allied Orders Research webpages, Links to Genealogy webpages, Links to Civil War History and Related webpages and Links to Civil War Reenactment Organizations webpages. There are also some updated URLs on these pages. Finally, the G.A.R. Museum and Library Program Schedule Page was also updated and a link was added to the Links to Civil War History and Related webpage for the Iowa Civil War Heritage Foundation. KGH

1/1/98 Updates - Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison has been appointed by Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr to succeed Brother Glenn Knight as the National Webmaster. Brother Glenn will continue on as National Signals Officer, Chair of the National Communications Technology Committee and Banner Editor. KGH

APPENDIX 6
NATIONAL CIVIL WAR BALL FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report
National Civil War Ball Account
4/11/97 through 1/25/98

Income

| | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------------|-------------|
| 4/11/97 | Initial Deposit | \$12,959.81 | |
| 5/5/97 | Sale of pencils | 125.00 | |
| 5/3/97- | | | 1,600.00 |
| 1/3/98 | Bank interest | 73.40 | |
| | Ball Ticket Sales | 7,440.00 | |
| 11/13/98 | donation— Pathway Management (Gettysburg Merchants) | 545.00 | |
| | Total Receipts | | \$21,143.21 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|--|-------------|--------------------|
| | Third Federal Checking, check printing | \$14.00 | |
| | G.A.R. Fund | \$11,102.71 | |
| | Postage | | |
| | Margaret Atkinson | \$72.99 | |
| | Charles Corfman | 57.60 | 130.59 |
| | Pine Valley Press | | |
| | Printing—dance cards | 122.00 | |
| | Printing Pgms National Park | 227.90 | |
| | Typesetting for both | 125.00 | |
| | Pine Valley Press | | |
| | Printing Ball Tickets | 70.30 | |
| | Typesetting | 20.00 | |
| | Noteworthy Music--sound system at GNMP | 150.00 | |
| | 28 th PA Regimental Band/Dance Master | 1,600.00 | |
| | Eisenhower Inn snacks at Ball | 111.02 | |
| | Ball decorations, Katherine Bateman | 59.40 | |
| | Door Prizes, Janice Corfman | 52.33 | |
| | Door Prize, Tim Parks | 160.00 | |
| | Telephone, Elmer Atkinson | 38.98 | |
| | Telephone Charles Corfman | 22.15 | |
| | Copying Charles Corfman | 18.00 | |
| | Ball ticket refunds | 60.00 | |
| | Total Expenses | | <u>\$14,084.38</u> |
| | Balance as of 1/25/98 | | \$7,058.83 |
| | Check to G.A.R. | | \$5,000.00 |
| | Remaining in Ball account | | \$2,058.83 |

NOTES:

We will not incur bank charges as long as a balance of \$1,000 remains in account. There are sufficient checks to cover several more years.

There are about 80 stamps left over for use next year. All advertisements next year will ask for SASE to cut down further on cost of postage.

It was not necessary to purchase pencils for the ball cards this year, however, the supply is now depleted and that will be an expense next year.

The parade fee of \$544. required by the town of Gettysburg was paid by the Quality Inn. The second donation of \$545 from the Pathway Management (as noted above) was donated to the ball fund with the stipulation it be included in our donation to the Gettysburg National Park.

Appendix 7
National Encampment
Joint Banquet
Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

**Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Richard D. Orr**

**National President
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Barbara Tyler**

**National President
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Jacqueline Johnston**

**National Encampment
Joint Banquet
Allied Orders
of the
Grand Army of the Republic**

**Saturday, August 8th, 1998
6:30 P.M.
Harrisburg Hotel and Conference Center
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania**

**Banquet Pianest
Keith Ashley**

**Greetings
Chief of Staff
Theresa Doyle**

**Toastmaster
Glenn B. Knight**

**Pledge of Allegiance
Assembly**

**Invocation
National Chaplain
Rev. George Pucciarielli**

DINNER

ENTERTAINMENT

**National Senior Vice President
Jennie Vertrees
Tribute to Father**

**National Junior Vice President
Dolores Hubbard
Tribute to Mother**

REMARKS

**Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Jacqueline W. Johnston
National President
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Barbara Tyler
National President
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic**

**Beverly Goodenough
National President
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc.
(Represented By)
Mary Jane Bannan
Past Department President, Pennsylvania
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Inc.**

**Linda Bennett
National President
Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic**

**Kate Sienerth
President
Comrade Gabrio Corps # 136, Harrisburg, PA**

**Benediction
Reverend Gene R. Stuckey, Sr.
Pennsylvania Dept. Chaplain**

PENNSYLVANIA CLOSING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bud Atkinson, PCinC
Margaret Atkinson, PNP-Auxiliary
Betty Koch, PNP-LGAR
Kate Sinerth, PDP-LGAR, PDP-Auxiliary
Mary Jane Bannan, PDP-Daughters
Al Kern, Dept. PA Secretary/Treasurer
Glenn B. Knight, PA DC
George L. Powell, PDC
Mary Jo Lone, PDP-Auxiliary
Joseph Long, Jr., PDC
Lois Reffner (co-worker), PNP-LGAR

Appendix 8
Past Commanders-in-Chief

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|------|------------------------|------------|--------|------------------------|------------|
| 1881 | *Harry T. Rowley | Penna | 1937 | *William A. Dyer | New York |
| 1882 | *Harry T. Rowley | Penna | 1938 | *William L. Anderson | Mass |
| 1883 | *Frank F. Merrill | Maine | 1939 | *Ralph R. Barrett | California |
| 1884 | *Harry W. Arnold | Penna | 1940 | *J. Kirkwood Craig | Minnesota |
| 1885 | *Walter S. Payne | Ohio | 1941 | *Albert C. Lambert | New Jersey |
| 1886 | *Walter S. Payne | Ohio | 1942 | *Henry Towle | Maine |
| 1887 | *George B. Abbott | Illinois | 1943 | *C. Leroy Stoudt | Penna |
| 1888 | *George B. Abbott | Illinois | 1944 | *Urien W. Mackey | Michigan |
| 1889 | *Charles L. Griffin | Indiana | 1945 | *H. Harding Hale | Mass |
| 1890 | *Leland J. Webb | Kansas | 1946 | *Neil D. Cranmer | New York |
| 1891 | *Bartow S. Weeks | New York | 1947 | *Charles H.E. Moran | Mass |
| 1892 | *Marvin E. Hall | Michigan | 1948 | *Perle L. Fouch | Michigan |
| 1893 | *Joseph B. Maccabe | Mass | 1949 | *John H. Runkle | Penna |
| 1894 | *William E. Bundy | Ohio | 1950 | *Cleon E. Heald | NH |
| 1895 | *William H. Russell | Kansas | 1951 | *Roy J. Bennett | Iowa |
| 1896 | *James L. Rake | Penna | 1952 | *Frederick K. Davis | Wash & |
| 1897 | *Charles E. Darling | Mass | Oregon | | |
| 1898 | *Frank L. Shepard | Illinois | 1953 | *U.S. Grant III | Maryland |
| 1899 | *A.W. Jones | Ohio | 1954 | *U.S. Grant III | Maryland |
| 1900 | *Edgar W. Alexander | Penna | 1955 | *Fredrick G. Bauer | Mass |
| 1901 | *Edward R. Campbell | Maryland | 1956 | *Fred E. Howe | New York |
| 1902 | *Frank Martin | Indiana | 1957 | *Albert B. DeHaven | Maine |
| 1903 | *Arthur B. Spink | RI | 1958 | *Earl F. Riggs | California |
| 1904 | *William C. Dustin | Illinois | 1959 | *Harold E. Arnold | RI |
| 1905 | *Harvey V. Speelamn | Ohio | 1960 | *Thomas A. Chadwick | Vermont |
| 1906 | *Edwin M. Amies | Penna | 1961 | *Charles L. Messer | New York |
| 1907 | *Ralph Sheldon | New York | 1962 | *Chester S. Shriver | Penna |
| 1908 | *Edgar Allen, Jr. | Maryland | 1963 | Joseph S. Rippey | New York |
| 1909 | *George W. Pollit | New Jersey | 1964 | Joseph S. Rippey | New York |
| 1910 | *Fred E. Bolton | Mass | 1965 | *W. Earl Corbin | Ohio |
| 1911 | *Newton J. McGuire | Indiana | 1966 | *Frank Woerner | California |
| 1912 | *Ralph M. Grant | Conn | 1967 | *William H. Haskell | Mass |
| 1913 | *John E. Sautter | Penna | 1968 | *Frank M. Heacock, Sr. | Penna |
| 1914 | *Charles F. Sherman | New York | 1969 | Fred H. Combs, Jr. | New Jersey |
| 1915 | *A.E.B. Stephens | Ohio | 1970 | *George L. Cashman | Illinois |
| 1916 | *William T. Church | Illinois | 1971 | *Norman R. Furman | New York |
| 1917 | *Fred T.J. Johnson | Penna | 1972 | *John C. Yocum | Penna |
| 1918 | *Francis Callahan | Penna | 1973 | *Allen B. Howland | Mass |
| 1919 | *Harry D. Sisson | Mass | 1974 | *John H. Stark | Penna |
| 1920 | *Phelam A. Barrows | Nebraska | 1975 | *Clarence J. Riddell | Penna |
| 1921 | *Clifford Ireland | Illinois | 1976 | Kenneth T. Wheeler | NH |
| 1922 | *Frank Shelhouse | Indiana | 1977 | *Harold T. Bielby | New York |
| 1923 | *Samuel S. Horn | Penna | 1978 | Richard L. Greenwalt | Ohio |
| 1924 | *William M. Coffin | Ohio | 1979 | *Elton O. Koch | Penna |
| 1925 | *Edwin C. Irelan | Maryland | 1980 | *Richard E. Wyman | NH |
| 1926 | *Ernest W. Homan | Mass | 1981 | *Harry E. Gibbons | New York |
| 1927 | *Walter C. Mabie | Penna | 1982 | Richard C. Schlenker | Maryland |
| 1928 | *Delevan B. Bowley | California | 1983 | William L. Simpson | Penna |
| 1929 | *Theodroe C. Cazeau | New York | 1984 | *Eugene E. Russell | Mass |
| 1930 | *Allen S. Holbrook | Illinois | 1985 | Donald L. Roberts | New York |
| 1931 | *Frank C. Huston | Indiana | 1986 | Gordon R. Bury II | Ohio |
| 1932 | *Titus M. Ruch | Penna | 1987 | Richard O. Partington | Penna |
| 1933 | *Park F. Yengling | Ohio | 1988 | *Clark C. Mellor | Mass |
| 1934 | *Frank L. Kirchgassner | Mass | 1990 | George W. Long | Penna |
| 1935 | *Richard F. Locke | Illinois | 1991 | Lowell V. Hammer | Maryland |
| 1936 | *William A. Dyer | New York | 1992 | Elmer F. Atkinson | Penna |

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|------|-------------------|----------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1993 | Allen W. Moore | Indiana | 1997 | Richard D. Orr | Penna |
| 1994 | Keith G. Harrison | Michigan | | | |
| 1995 | David R. Medert | Ohio | | | |
| 1996 | Alan R. Loomis | Indiana | | | |

HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

| | | |
|------|------------------|--------------|
| 1883 | A.P. Davis | Pennsylvania |
| 1899 | R.M.J. Reed | Pennsylvania |
| 1939 | Horace M. Hammer | Pennsylvania |
| 1953 | Albert Woolson | Minnesota |

SONS OF VETERANS

| | | |
|------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1881 | !* Alfred Cope | Pennsylvania |
| 1882 | !* Alfred Cope | Pennsylvania |
| 1883 | !* Edwin Earp | Massachusetts |
| 1884 | !* Edwin Earp | Massachusetts |
| 1885 | !* Louis M. Wagner | Pennsylvania |
| 1886 | !* Louis M. Wagner | Pennsylvania |
| 1887 | !* Louis M. Wagner | Pennsylvania |

THE POST SYSTEM

| | | |
|---------|--------------------|----------|
| 1889-90 | !* George W. Marks | New York |
| 1890 | !* George T. Brown | New York |

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| *Isaac S. Bangs | Maine |
| *A.V. Bohn | Colorado |
| *Frank Challis | New Hampshire |
| *Charles S Crysler | Missouri |
| *A.P. Davis | Pennsylvania |
| *E. Howard Gilkey | Ohio |
| *H.P. Kent | Massachusetts |
| *William Maskell | Illinois |
| *Walter S. Payne | Ohio |
| *R.M.J. Reed | Pennsylvania |
| *William Ross | Maryland |
| *Raphael Tobias | New York |
| *Leland J. Webb | Kansas |

* Deceased

! Conferred by the Commandery-in-Chief

Appendix 9
Listing of National Encampments

| NUMBER | YEAR | DATES | LOCATION |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1st | 1882 | October 18 | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania |
| 2nd | 1883 | August 6 - 7 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 3rd | 1884 | August 27 - 30 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 4th | 1885 | September 17 - 18 | Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 5th | 1886 | September 1 - 2 | Buffalo, New York |
| 6th | 1887 | August 17 - 19 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| 7th | 1888 | August 15 - 17 | Wheeling, West Virginia |
| 8th | 1889 | September 10 - 13 | Patterson, New Jersey |
| 9th | 1890 | August 26 - 29 | St. Joseph, Missouri |
| 10th | 1891 | August 24 - 29 | Minneapolis, Minnesota |
| 11th | 1892 | August 8 - 12 | Helena, Montana |
| 12th | 1893 | August 15 - 18 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 13th | 1894 | August 20 - 23 | Davenport, Iowa |
| 14th | 1895 | September 16 - 18 | Knoxville, Tennessee |
| 15th | 1896 | September 8 - 10 | Louisville, Kentucky |
| 16th | 1897 | September 9 - 11 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 17th | 1898 | September 10 - 14 | Omaha, Nebraska |
| 18th | 1899 | September 7 - 9 | Detroit, Michigan |
| 19th | 1900 | September 11 - 13 | Syracuse, New York |
| 20th | 1901 | September 17 - 18 | Providence, Rhode Island |
| 21st | 1902 | October 7 - 9 | Washington, D.C. |
| 22nd | 1903 | September 15 - 17 | Atlantic City, New Jersey |
| 23rd | 1904 | August 17 - 19 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| 24th | 1905 | September 18 - 20 | Gettysburg, Pennsylvania |
| 25th | 1906 | August 20 - 23 | Peoria, Illinois |
| 26th | 1907 | August 20 - 21 | Dayton, Ohio |
| 27th | 1908 | August 25 - 27 | Niagara Falls, New York |
| 28th | 1909 | August 24 - 26 | Washington, D.C. |
| 29th | 1910 | September 20 - 22 | Atlantic City, New Jersey |
| 30th | 1911 | August 20 - 25 | Rochester, New York |
| 31st | 1912 | August 27 - 29 | St. Louis, Missouri |
| 32nd | 1913 | September 16 - 18 | Chattanooga, Tennessee |
| 33rd | 1914 | September 1 - 3 | Detroit, Michigan |
| 34th | 1915 | September 28 - 30 | Washington, D.C. |
| 35th | 1916 | August 30 - 31 | Kansas City, Missouri |
| 36th | 1917 | August 22 - 23 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| 37th | 1918 | August 20 - 21 | Niagara Falls, New York |
| 38th | 1919 | September 9 - 11 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 39th | 1920 | September 22 - 23 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 40th | 1921 | September 27 - 29 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 41st | 1922 | September 26 - 28 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| 42nd | 1923 | September 4 - 6 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| 43rd | 1924 | August 12 - 14 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| 44th | 1925 | September 1 - 3 | Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 45th | 1926 | September 21 - 23 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| 46th | 1927 | September 13 - 15 | Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 47th | 1928 | September 18 - 20 | Denver, Colorado |
| 48th | 1929 | September 10 - 12 | Portland, Maine |
| 49th | 1930 | August 26 - 28 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 50th | 1931 | September 14 - 17 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| 51st | 1932 | September 19 - 22 | Springfield, Illinois |
| 52nd | 1933 | September 19 - 21 | St. Paul, Minnesota |
| 53rd | 1934 | August 14 - 16 | Rochester, New York |

| NUMBER | YEAR | DATES | LOCATION |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 54th | 1935 | September 9 - 12 | Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 55th | 1936 | September 22 - 24 | Washington, D.C. |
| 56th | 1937 | September 6 - 9 | Madison, Wisconsin |
| 57th | 1938 | September 5 - 8 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| 58th | 1939 | August 29 - 31 | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania |
| 59th | 1940 | September 10 - 12 | Springfield, Illinois |
| 60th | 1941 | September 15 - 18 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 61st | 1942 | September 15 - 17 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 62nd | 1943 | September 20 - 23 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| 63rd | 1944 | September 12 - 14 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| 64th | 1945 | October 1 - 4 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 65th | 1946 | August 25 - 29 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 66th | 1947 | August 10 - 14 | Cleveland, Ohio |
| 67th | 1948 | September 26 - 30 | Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 68th | 1949 | August 28 - 31 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 69th | 1950 | August 20 - 24 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| 70th | 1951 | August 19 - 23 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 71st | 1952 | August 24 - 28 | Atlantic City, New Jersey |
| 72nd | 1953 | August 23 - 27 | Buffalo, New York |
| 73rd | 1954 | August 8 - 13 | Duluth, Minnesota |
| 74th | 1955 | August 21 - 25 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 75th | 1956 | September 1 - 15 | Harrisburg, Pennsylvania |
| 76th | 1957 | August 18 - 22 | Detroit, Michigan |
| 77th | 1958 | August 17 - 21 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| 78th | 1959 | August 16 - 20 | Long Beach, California |
| 79th | 1960 | August 21 - 25 | Springfield, Illinois |
| 80th | 1961 | August 20 - 24 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 81st | 1962 | August 19 - 23 | Washington, D.C. |
| 82nd | 1963 | August 18 - 23 | Miami Beach, Florida |
| 83rd | 1964 | August 16 - 20 | Providence, Rhode Island |
| 84th | 1965 | August 15 - 19 | Richmond, Virginia |
| 85th | 1966 | August 14 - 15 | Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 86th | 1967 | August 6 - 10 | Chicago, Illinois |
| 87th | 1968 | August 18 - 22 | Wilmington, Delaware |
| 88th | 1969 | August 17 - 21 | St. Louis, Missouri |
| 89th | 1970 | August 23 - 27 | Miami Beach, California |
| 90th | 1971 | August 15 - 19 | Boston, Massachusetts |
| 91st | 1972 | August 13 - 17 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 92nd | 1973 | August 5 - 9 | Palm Springs, California |
| 93rd | 1974 | August 18 - 22 | Bretton Woods, New Hampshire |
| 94th | 1975 | August 10 - 14 | Rochester, New York |
| 95th | 1976 | August 15 - 19 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 96th | 1977 | August 14 - 18 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| 97th | 1978 | August 13 - 17 | Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| 98th | 1979 | August 12 - 15 | Hartford, Connecticut |
| 99th | 1980 | August 10 - 14 | Richmond, Virginia |
| 100th | 1981 | August 9 - 13 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 101st | 1982 | August 14 - 18 | Providence, Rhode Island |
| 102nd | 1983 | August 15 - 19 | Portland, Maine |
| 103rd | 1984 | August 12 - 16 | Akron, Ohio |
| 104th | 1985 | August 10 - 15 | Wilmington, Delaware |
| 105th | 1986 | August 10 - 13 | Lexington, Kentucky |
| 106th | 1987 | August 9 - 12 | Buffalo, New York |
| 107th | 1988 | August 14 - 17 | Lansing, Michigan |

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| 108th | 1989 | August 13 - 16 | Stamford, Connecticut |
| 109th | 1990 | August 12 - 15 | Des Moines, Iowa |
| 110th | 1991 | August 11 - 14 | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| 111th | 1992 | August 13 - 16 | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania |
| 112th | 1993 | August 13 - 15 | Portland, Maine |
| 113th | 1994 | August 11 - 14 | Lansing, Michigan |
| 114th | 1995 | August 10 - 13 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 115th | 1996 | August 8 - 11 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 116th | 1997 | August 7 - 10 | Utica, New York |
| 117th | 1998 | August 6 - 9 | Harrisburg, Pennsylvania |