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Among those laid to rest at Mount Auburn Cemetery who shaped a Nation..

Hannah Adams (1755-1831), author
 Louis Agassiz (1807-1873), scientist
 Elizabeth Cary Agassiz (1822-1907), scientist, author
 Nathan Appleton (1779-1861), congressman
 William Appleton (1786-1862), congressman
 Benjamin E. Bates (1808-1878), industrialist, founder of Bates College
 Edwin Booth (1833-1893), actor
 Nathaniel Bowditch (1773-1838), mathematician, seaman
 Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), American Episcopal bishop
 William Brewster (1831-1919), ornithologist
 Charles Bullfinch (1763-1844), architect
 McGeorge Bundy (1919-1996), presidential cabinet official
 George Cabot (1752-1823), statesman
 Alan Clark (1804-1887), astronomer and telescope maker
 Robert Creelley (1926-2005), poet
 Benjamin Williams Crowninshield (1772-1851), statesman, U.S. Secretary of the Navy
 Frank Crowninshield (1872-1947), creator & editor of "Vanity Fair" Magazine
 Benjamin Robbins Curtis (1809-1874), Supreme Court justice
 Charlotte Cushman (1816-1876), actress
 Felix Octavius Carr Darley (1821-1888), artist
 Samuel Dexter (1761-1816), congressman
 Dorothea Dix (1802-1887), nurse, hospital reformer
 Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910), religious leader
 Harold "Doc" Edgerton (1903-1990), engineer, scientist
 Charles William Eliot (1834-1926), Harvard University president
 Edward Everett (1794-1865), Governor of Massachusetts, President of Harvard University, United States Secretary of State, speaker at the Gettysburg Address
 William Everett (1839-1910), congressman
 Stephen P. Mugar (1901-1982), Armenian-American businessman and philanthropist
 Shahan Naahie (1884-1983), principle organizer of Operation Nemesis, Armenian national philosophy writer
 Charles Eliot Norton (1827-1908), scholar and author
 Robert Nozick (1928-2002), philosopher
 Richard Olney (1835-1917), statesman
 Harrison Gray Otis (1765-1848), U.S. Representative, mayor of Boston
 Maribel Vinson-Owen (1911-1961), 9 time U.S. skating champion and coach
 Maribel Y. Owen (1940-1961), U.S. pairs figure skating champion
 Laurence R. Owen (1944-1961), U.S. ladies skating champion
 Josiah Quincy III (1772-1864), statesman, educator
 John Rawls (1921-2002), philosopher
 Anne Revere (1903-1990), actress
 William Eastis Russell (1857-1890), Governor of Massachusetts
 Julian Seymour Schweinger, theoretical physicist, Nobel laureate
 Lemuel Shaw (1781-1861), Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
 Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, grandfather of a more famous
 Colonel Robert Gould Shaw
 B.F. Skinner (1904-1990), psychologist
 Johann Gaspar Spurzheim (1776-1832), phrenologist
 Daniel C. Stillson (1830-1899)[1], Inventor of the Stillson pipe wrench
 Joseph Story (1779-1845), U.S. Supreme Court Justice
 Charles Sumner (1811-1874), statesman
 Frank William Taussig (1859-1940), economist
 Charles Tufts (1781-1876), businessman who donated the land for Tufts University
 Benjamin Waterhouse (1754-1846), physician
 Nathaniel Parker Willis (1806-1867), publisher
 Robert Charles Winthrop (1809-1894), statesman
 Roger Wolcott (1847-1900), Governor of Massachusetts

Mount Auburn Cemetery Memorial Service



2008 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

August 7th, 2008
 Bigelow Chapel
 Mount Auburn Cemetery
 Cambridge, Massachusetts

Mount Auburn Cemetery

Memorial Program

Thursday, August 7, 2008

1. Invocation

.....Jerome Kowalski
SUVCW National Chaplain

2. "Only a Private"

.....Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
SUVCW Commander-in-Chief

3. Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

.....Assembly

4. Sermon

.....Jerome Kowalski
SUVCW National Chaplain

5. "Send Them Home Tenderly"

.....Judith Trepanier
ASUVCW National President

6. Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress"

.....Assembly

7. "The Dying Comrade"

.....Phyllis Houston
LGAR National President

8. Laying of the Memorial Wreath

.....Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Judith Trepanier, & Phyllis Houston
Commander-in-Chief & National Presidents

9. Benediction

.....Jerome Kowalski
SUVCW National Chaplain

Amazing Grace

John Newton (1725-1807)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to
fear.

And Grace, my fears relieved.

How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and
snares

I have already come;

'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall
fail,

And mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been here ten thousand
years

Bright shining as the sun.

We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

A Mighty Fortress

Martin Luther, 1529

A mighty fortress is our God, a
bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of
mortal ills prevailing:

For still our ancient foe doth seek to
work us woe;

His craft and pow'r are great, and,
armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,

Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing:

Dost ask who that may be? Christ
Jesus, it is He;

Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to
age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils
filled, should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us;

The Prince of Darkness grim, we
tremble not for him;

His rage we can endure, for lo, his
doom is sure,

One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no
thanks to them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him Who with us sideth;

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal
life also;

The body they may kill: God's truth
abideth still,

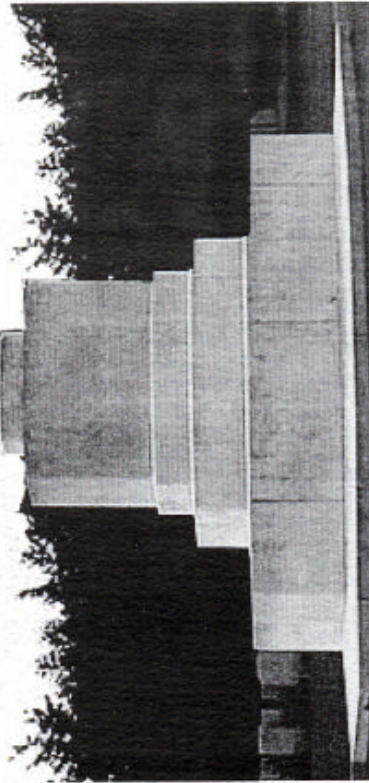
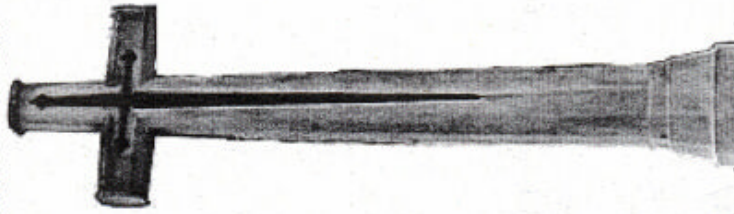
His kingdom is forever.



Abraham Lincoln
1809-1865

Honor'd leader, long and fondly
Shall thy mem'ry cherished be;
Hearts shall bless thee for their freedom,
Hearts unborn shall sigh for thee;
He who gave thee might and wisdom,
Gave thy spirit sweet release;
Farewell, father, friend and guardian,
Rest forever, rest in peace.

Joint Memorial Service



National Encampment
August 8 2008

Prelude - Processional	"Faith of our Father"	Past Commanders-in-Chief, SUVCW	Bud Atkinson PC in C, SUVCW
Draping the three Charters	Jerome W. Kowalski National Chaplain, SUVCW Virginia L. Twist National Chaplain, ASUVCW Camille Nelson Wallace National Chaplain, LGARW	Past National Presidents, LGAR Past National Presidents, ASUVCW	Janice Corfman PNP, LGAR Margaret Atkinson PNP, ASUVCW
Lighting of the Candles	Charles E. Kuhn Jr. Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW Judith Trepanier National President, ASUVCW Phyllis Houston National President, LGAR Jerome W. Kowalski National Chaplain, SUVCW	Deceased Officers & Members	Jerome W. Kowalski National Chaplain, SUVCW Camille Nelson Wallace National Chaplain, LGAR Virginia L. Twist National Chaplain, ASUVCW
Invocation	"Old Rugged Cross"	Closing Hymn	"In the Garden"
Hymn	Virginia L. Twist National Chaplain, ASUVCW Steven Michaels PC in C SUVCW	Benediction	Camille Nelson Wallace National Chaplain, LGAR
Scripture Reading		Extinguishing of Candles	Commander-in-Chief and National Presidents
Memorial to the GAR		Recessional	"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
		Musician	Jane Graham PDP, Ohio, ASUVCW

The Allied Orders of the G. A. R.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the
Lord: He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes
of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning
of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.*

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

His Truth is marching on.

*I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred
circling camps; They have builded Him an altar in the
evening dews and damps: I can read His righteous
sentence by the dim and flaring lamps: His day is
marching on.*

Chorus

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the
sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you
and me: As he died to make men holy, let us die to
make men free, While God is marching on.*

Chorus



2008 Campfire Program

7:00 P.M. August 8, 2008

Boston Marriott Peabody

Boston, Massachusetts

Program

Greetings

Perley Mellor, DC, MA
SUVCW
Nancy Sullivan, DP, MA
ASUVCW

Presentation of Colors

1st Military Division, SVR
Commanded by Maj. Peter N. Rotando

Pledge to the Flag

D. Brad Schall, Nat. PI,
CA/Pac. Dept SUVCW

National Anthem

Nancy Hilton, Nat. PI,
Ohio Dept ASUVCW

Welcome to Boston

John Bates, III, PDC
MA Dept SUVCW

Reading of Correspondence and Proclamation

John Bates, III, PDC
MA Dept SUVCW

Entertainment

Big Smile Entertainment

Closing

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Retiring of Colors

1st Military Division, SVR
Commanded by Maj. Peter N. Rotando

The Star-Spangled Banner

The Star Spangled Banner is our national anthem. An anthem is a special song sung to show honor and loyalty. The United States was at war with England in 1812. Just before an attack by the British, the American soldiers raised the United States flag over their fort. Not far away, Francis Scott Key, an American poet and lawyer, watched the battle. Following a British attack during the night, Key looked through the morning sky for the United States flag. When he saw it still waving over the fort, he knew the Americans had won, and he began writing the words to "The Star Spangled Banner" on the back of a letter. He wrote the entire song in one day. The poem was set to music composed by John Stafford Smith. It has officially been the national anthem since 1931.

National Anthem

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last
gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we
watch'd were so gallantly streaming! And the
rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave
proof through the night that our flag was still there:
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er
the land of the free and the home of the brave?

All are invited to stay for the Courtesy Hour
immediately following this program.

Allied Orders of the G.A.R.



*Roxbury Soldiers'
Monument*



**National Encampment
Banquet**

Boston Marriott Peabody

August 9, 2008

*Allied Orders of the
Grand Army of the Republic*

Banquet Program

Master of Ceremonies

Eugene Mortorff

S.U.V.C.W. National Chief of Staff

1. *Presentation of the Colors*
.....*1st Military Division*
Sons of Veterans Reserve
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
.....*Eugene Mortorff*
S.U.V.C.W. National Chief of Staff
3. *Invocation*
.....*Jerome Kowalski*
S.U.V.C.W. National Chaplain
4. *Greetings of the Department of Massachusetts*
S.U.V.C.W.
.....*Perley Mellor*
Commander, Department of Massachusetts
5. *Greetings of the Department of Massachusetts*
A.S.U.V.C.W.
.....*Nancy Sullivan*
President, Department of Massachusetts
6. *Tribute to Mothers*
.....*Nancy Conway*
L.G.A.R. National Junior Vice President
7. *Tribute to Fathers*
.....*Barbara Knopke*
L.G.A.R. National Senior Vice President

8. *Introduction of Distinguished Guests*
.....*Eugene Mortorff*
S.U.V.C.W. National Chief of Staff
9. *Drawing of Door Prizes*
.....*National Encampment Host Committee*
10. *Benediction*
.....*Virginia Twist*
A.S.U.V.C.W. National Chaplain
11. *Retiring of the Colors*
.....*1st Military Division*
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Dinner Music Big Smile Entertainment

Menu

Spinach Salad

Choice of Entrée:

Chicken Champagne

Boston Baked Scrod

New York Sirloin

Chef's Choice of Vegetable

Chef's Choice of Potato or Rice

Deep Dish Very Berry Torte

Coffee, Decafe and Assorted Herbal Teas

2008 National Encampment Schedule

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>OFFICER IN CHARGE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th, 2008

2 - 5 PM	Registration	PCinC George Powell	Centennial Foyer
12 - 3 PM	Tour of Freedom Trail & State House	Dept. of Massachusetts	Lobby Entrance
3 - 5 PM	Memorial Ceremony at Mt. Auburn	Nat. Chap. Kowalski	Cambridge, MA
7 - 9 PM	Registration	PCinC George Powell	Centennial Foyer
8 - 10 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Patriot Suite

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th, 2008

7 - 8 AM	Masonic Breakfast	CoA James Hanby	Constitution
8 AM- 7 PM	Registration	PCinC George Powell	Centennial Foyer
8 AM- 7 PM	Exhibits	Dept. of Mass.	Salon C
8 - 9 AM	Memorial Service & Joint Opening	Nat. Chap. Kowalski	Centennial Ballroom
9:30 - 11:30 AM	Business Session	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Centennial Ballroom
11:30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch Break		
1 - 5 PM	Business Session	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Centennial Ballroom
6:30 - 9 PM	PCinCs & PNP's Dinner	PNP Cynthia Fox	Constitution
7 - 8:30 PM	Campfire Program	Dept. of Mass.	Centennial Ballroom
8:30 - 10 PM	Courtesy Hour	CofS Eugene Mortorff	Centennial Ballroom

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th, 2008

7 - 8:30 AM	SVR Breakfast	BG Robert E. Grim	Centennial Ballroom
8 AM- 12 PM	Registration	PCinC George Powell	Centennial Foyer
8 AM- 7 PM	Exhibits	Dept. of Massachusetts	Salon C
9:30 - 11:30 AM	Business Session	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Centennial Ballroom
11:30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch Break		
1 - 5 PM	Business Session	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Centennial Ballroom
6:30 - 10 PM	Allied Orders Encampment Banquet	CofS Eugene Mortorff	Grand Ballroom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th, 2008

7:15 - 8 AM	Nondenominational Church Service	Nat. Chap. Kowalski	Independence
8 - 10 AM	Council of Administration Meeting	CinC Elect	Constitution



**Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief
2007-2008**

Charles E. Kuhn Jr. was born and raised in Gettysburg PA. He is a 1975 graduate of Gettysburg High School. He is very active in the local community. He is an Eagle Scout and received the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow in his youth.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Gettysburg Camp #112 more than 15 years ago and served in every office of the Camp. He became active in the Pennsylvania Department, SUVCW and served in every office of that organization with his service as Department Commander from 2001 – 2003. During this time he was elected to the National Council of Administration and in 2005 was elected to the office of Jr. Vice Commander in Chief and last year was elected to the office of Sr. Vice Commander in Chief of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In 2002 the National Organization SUVCW honored him with the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award as the most outstanding Brother in the Nation. In 2003 he received a Meritorious Service Award from the National Organization SUVCW as well. He is active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the uniformed branch of the SUVCW, where he serves on the General Staff as Provost Marshal. He is co-chairman of the Remembrance Day Committee for the SUVCW.

He has served from 1998 to present on the Gettysburg Joint Veterans Memorial Day Commission with the last 6 years as Chairman. He is also active in his Church where he served for 13 years as Treasurer and 8 years as Parish Treasurer. He currently is the President of the Church Council. Mr. Kuhn is also on the board of Directors for the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, and a member of Good Samaritan Lodge #336, Free and Accepted Masons.

He is descended from Zachariah Oyler. He was drafted in 1863 after Gettysburg when Lincoln called for 75,000 more troops. He served in the 91st Pa. Vol. Inf. He did not see much action but he received a medical discharge.

Mr. Kuhn is currently employed by County Line Quarry as a NECEPT Certified Concrete and Aggregates Technician. He resides in East Berlin with his wife of 28 years, Joanne.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Officers for 2007-2008**

Commander-in-Chief	Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	David V. Medert
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Leo F. Kennedy
National Secretary	Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC
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National Quartermaster	Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC (2010)
Council of Administration	James B. Pahl, PCinC (2008)
Council of Administration	Daniel W. Murray, PDC (2008)
Council of Administration	Eric Schmincke, PDC (2009)
Council of Administration	James R. Hanby, Sr., PDC (2009)
Council of Administration	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC (2010)
Council of Administration	D. Brad Schall, PDC (2010)
National Chief of Staff	Eugene G. Mortorff
National Counselor	Richard D. Orr, PCinC
Washington DC Representative	Andrew M. Johnson, PCinC
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National Camp and Department Organizer	Nick Kaup, PDC
National Chaplain	Jerome W. Kowalski
National Civil War Memorials Officer	Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
National Color Bearer	Doug McMillin
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC
National GAR Highway Officer	Gary Parrott
National Graves Registration Officer	James Davenport, PDC
National Historian	Robert J. Wolz, PDC
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
First Special National Encampment
November 17, 2007

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

The Officers and members of the First Special National Encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans will now come to order. Guide, you will determine that all present are entitled to remain. Color Bearer you will assist on the right. While that is taking place the National Secretary will call the roll of National Officers.

<u>National Secretary, Donald Palmer</u>	<u>Response</u>
Commander-in-Chief, Charles Kuhn	Present
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert	Present
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy	Present
National Treasurer, Max Newman	Present
National Secretary, Donald Palmer	Present
National Quartermaster, PCinC Danny Wheeler	Present
Council of Administration Member, PCinC James B. Pahl	Present
Council of Administration Member, D. Brad Schall	Present
Council of Administration Member, Robert Patrovic	Present
Council of Administration Member, James Hanby	Present
Council of Administration Member, Daniel Murray	Present
Council of Administration Member, Eric Schmincke	Present

Sir, all present or accounted for. The roll is called.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Brothers upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

Encampment (in unison)

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Brothers we again meet as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in special session to review the work of the past and plan for the future. May our conduct and deliberations be marked with mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy keeping ever in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves. National Chaplain, you will invoke the divine blessing. Parade rest.

[Three raps * * *]

National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski

Our Heavenly Father the high and mighty Ruler of the universe who looks down upon the governments of men, we earnestly beseech You to bless our native land and preserve with purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order, grant that it may long exist and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to

properly carry out its principles and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who have sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved and deal with them and all things with thy special mercy. Give us Your aide in this special encampment conducting the business for which we are here assembled. So bless us that charity and justice, peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, you will present the colors.

Encampment (in unison)

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IS STANDS ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

By the virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the First Special Encampment, of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers and persons qualified to enter.

[One rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

The Encampment shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order. The only business that will be discussed are the proposed Constitutional language changes and the changes to the Regulations to accommodate the changes to the Constitution. Brothers may speak on a given subject a maximum of two times with a maximum time limit of two minutes for each time at the microphone. When addressing the encampment, Brothers will use the microphone and state his name and Department prior to commencing to comment. The Constitution of this Order describes who and what we are. Because of this the Founding Fathers of this Organization have made it difficult to amend the Constitution by requiring a Department to submit a resolution to change the Constitution. For this reason the resolutions to amend the Constitution of the Order shall be accepted or rejected as is, with no amendments to the wording other than grammatical or typographical corrections. Allowing the amending of these resolutions may jeopardize other areas of the Constitution and Regulations as well as undermine the entire Constitutional amendment process. Debate and questioning of the proposed Constitutional amendments is welcomed and encouraged. By accepting the Resolutions for the Constitutional amendments followed by ratification of 51% (Fifty-One Percent) of the Departments we will have successfully established the Junior Associates and re-established the Junior program within the Order. Any desired modifications to this program can then be made at the next Department Encampment and voted on at the One Hundred and Twenty Seventh National Encampment in Peabody Massachusetts in August of 2008. During the interim, following the ratification by the Departments, the Junior and Junior

Associate program will be in full operation allowing those Camps, where legal, to take on new Juniors and Junior Associates.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

We need a credential report.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl

Hi there, you thought you got rid of me, but I'm back. I am substituting for Credential Committee Chairman, Past Department Commander Eric Schmincke who is pooped. He is over at the credentials table and has no eyes left to see with to give this report. We have 84 Brothers registered for this Encampment as follows. Department of California & Pacific has 1 National Officer, 1 Department Commander, 2 Past Department Commanders, there voting strength is 4. There is no one here from Colorado & Wyoming, no one here from Connecticut, no one here from Florida, no one here from Illinois. From the Department of Indiana we have 9, 1 Past Commander-in-Chief, 1 Department Commander, 1 Past Department Commander and 6 Delegates and Alternates. Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky and Maine are all not represented here. Department of Maryland has 12, 1 National Officer, 1 Department Commander, 1 Past Department Commander, 9 Delegates and Alternates. Department of Massachusetts has 10 present, 1 Department Commander, 2 Past Department Commanders, 7 Delegates and Alternates. Department of Michigan with a voting strength of 7, 1 National Officer, 1 Past Commander-in-Chief, 5 Delegates and Alternates. Department of Missouri has 3 present, 2 National Officers, 1 Department Commander. No one is here from Nebraska. New Hampshire has 2 Brothers present, 1 National Officer and 1 Past Department Commander. New Jersey has 2 present, Both Past Department Commanders. New York has 5 present, 1 National Officer, 1 Department Commander, 2 Past Department Commanders, 1 Delegate. Ohio has 13 Brothers present, 1 National Officer, 2 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 3 Past Department Commanders, 7 Delegates and alternates. No one is present from Oklahoma. Pennsylvania has 16 Brothers present, 2 National Officers, 3 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 1 Department Commander, 1 Past Department Commander, 9 Delegates and Alternates. Rhode Island has 7 Brothers present, 1 National Officer, 1 Department Commander, 1 Past Department Commander, 4 Delegates and Alternates. No one is here from Texas. Tennessee has 1 present a Past Department Commander. No one is present from Vermont. Wisconsin has 3 Brothers present, 1 Past Commander-in-Chief, 2 Delegates and Alternates. That is a total of 84. 3 Brothers came here today without credential cards. 2 I have included in the numbers read but still require your approval to allow them to vote. Those 2 are Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman and Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr. I am sure the chair will entertain a motion that they be seated and allowed to vote.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

I accept that as a motion. Is there a second? There is a second from the Department of Maryland. All those for allowing them to vote raise your cards. All those apposed. The motion carries.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl

We have one Brother that is not included in the numbers presented who did not have a credential. He is from the Department of Illinois, National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski and I move that he be

allowed to be seated as a Delegate from the Department of Illinois. He has signed an affidavit that he is entitled to a credentials card but his Department did not issue it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

We have multiple seconds. With no dissention that carries.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl

Thereupon my report is amended to include 1 vote for the Department of Illinois, a Delegate. That raises the total voting strength to 85 and I will amend my report accordingly.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

The Secretary will now read the first resolution.

National Secretary, Donald Palmer

First resolution, Article VII Membership, Section 1. Membership Classes. There shall be, cross out **three** and add **four** classes of membership.

(a) Members, At least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications of stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section, cross out **5** and add **200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998.** Members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

Add complete Section (d). **Junior Members. Males less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section, cross out “5” and add “200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998. The minimum age for Junior Members shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.**

Section 4. A cross out **Member** and add **Brother** in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or “cross out the word **Honorable** keep **discharge** and add **of the appropriate type and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.**

Add complete Section 5. **Restrictions on Junior Members and Junior Associates.**

- (a) **Neither Junior Members nor Junior Associates may be elected to any National, Department or Camp office.**
- (b) **The National Organization my further provide for the regulations of Junior Members and/or Junior Associates in the Regulations provided they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.**

Frank Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Commander-in-Chief, the only objection I have is that in Section 5. (a) where it states, “Neither Junior Members nor Junior Associates may be elected to any National, Department or Camp office.” How are we going to encourage these new Junior Members to participate in the Organization if you deprive them of elected office. I object to that section. I think a Junior Member should be able to be elected to a Camp Office.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

This basically placing the language approved from the Regulations into the Constitution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr

Commander-in-Chief, if we word it the way Brother Frank suggests we could potentially have a

six year old elected Camp Commander. There is nothing that prevents them from being appointed to an office. This just restricts them from an elected office.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Keep in mind that these are non-paying members. They pay no dues. Are there any more comments on this? All those in favor of Resolution Number One please raise your voting cards. Those opposed. Let the record show it was shy by one vote being unanimous.

[One Rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

So carried. Move on to the second resolution.

National Secretary, Donald Palmer

Second Resolution, Section 2. Associates. There shall be, cross out **one** and add **two** classes of Associates.

Section (a) Associates are males at least 14 years of age who do not meet the qualifications of Article III of this Constitution and Section, cross out **5**, add **200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998 but otherwise meet the requirements for membership required by the National Organization.**

Section (b) add **Junior Associates are males less than 14 years of age who do not meet the qualifications of Article III of this Constitution and 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998 but otherwise meet the requirements for membership required by the National Organization. The minimum age for Junior Associates shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.**

Section (c) The add **combined** number of Associates, add **and Junior Associates**, in any Camp shall not exceed one third of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during the meeting of the Camp, Department or National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates, add **and Associates** in attendance exceed 49 percent of the total attendance at said meeting.

Section (d) Associates, add **and/or Junior Associates** may not be elected, appointed or otherwise assume the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer or be appointed Commanding Officer-Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section (e). Associates, add **and/or Junior Associates** shall not be counted toward the required number of Members to establish a new Camp. The names of Associates, add **and/or Junior Associates** can not be Charter Members of the Camp. Associates otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of Membership.

Section 3. Establishment of Associates, add **and/or Junior Associates** by the Departments and Camps. Departments at their own discretion may establish Associates, add **and Junior Associates provided that no Department may establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates.** Departments may impose further restrictions on Associates, add **and Junior Associates**, provided that the rights established in Chapter 5, Article 6 of the National Regulations can

not be altered, reduced or vacated. If the Department specifically establishes Associates, add **and/or Junior Associates**, by amending its Bylaws, Camps within said Department may amend their Camp Bylaws to add Associates, add **and/or Junior Associates provided that no Camp can establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates**. Camps may impose further restrictions in accordance to Department Bylaws provided that the rights established in Chapter 5, Article 6 of the National Regulations can not be altered, reduced or vacated. If the Department does not establish Associates, add **and Junior Associates** Camp within that Department can not establish Associates, add **or Junior Associates**.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert

Question on clarification of Sub-paragraph C. which reverts back to my comment on the other resolution. Since Junior Associates are non-paying Associates, they would not even be considered as far as membership attending a meeting. They are non-paying, so is it necessary to even put Junior Associates in the same paragraph since Associates are dues paying and counted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr

The reason this was included was because of the potential for Junior Associates to become Associates and the camp exceeding the allowable number. For example if you had someone join at twelve or thirteen, and want to become Associates when they become fourteen and you already have the maximum number of Associates you are going to have to tell them, sorry we can't take you. That is there to safeguard their right to potential membership as an Associate.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert

So in regard to that then if you have a Junior Associate age six to thirteen that is in with the allowable number met, and you have another person age fourteen or older qualified as an Associate then you are preventing that individual from becoming a member because you have the allowable number filled with a Junior Associate. Is that what you are saying?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr

That is correct.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert

Then I will object to that.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

On Resolution Number 2, all in favor raise you cards. Ok, apposed raise your cards. Let the record be shown there were two opposed and the resolution passes. Now we will move on to Resolution Number 3.

Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a Point of Order.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

OK, Don.

Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Resolution 3 cannot be read at this Encampment. It has been forwarded illegally in violation of

the Constitution. Under Chapter 1 Article 3 Special meetings of the Department may be called by the Department Commander and with the consent of the Department Council. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than that which it was specifically called and the call shall state the purpose. I refer you to Special Order Number 1 for the Department of Pennsylvania. The second paragraph says the purpose of this meeting shall be to adopt language proposing revisions to the C&R of the Order pertaining to Membership. Resolution 3 has nothing to do with Membership and therefore being fruit of the poisonous tree and therefore cannot be presented to this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

As a point of order I will accept that. I hate to do it, but we can present it to the next National Encampment at Peabody. I rule Resolution 3 out of order. OK, The National Counselor has prepared some of these regulation changes that are necessary to create the changes for Juniors and Junior Associates. There are several. I will entertain a motion to approve these.

Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I move that since the 126th Annual Encampment approved the motion by Danny Wheeler to make all the changes to the Regulations affecting the Juniors and Junior Associates, that this body just reaffirm that decision to save a ton of time.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

There is a motion and second to the motion to accept all the revisions to the Regulations as printed. Is there discussion? Yes, Brother.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr

I would amend that motion. If the amendments to the Constitution are not approved by Fifty-one Percent of the Departments all of the amendments to the regulations are null and void.

Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I accept that as a friendly amendment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

It has been accepted as a friendly amendment and the second to the original motion accepts also. Is there further discussion. Being none, all in favor of the motion as amended raise your voting cards. OK, opposed raise your cards. One opposed. The motion as amended passes. There being no further business to come before the Encampment we will proceed to close.

[3 Raps***]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

You will give attention while the Chaplain asks the blessings of our God on our deliberations. Parade rest.

National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski

Our Father in Heaven, we pray You will deal with the events of this meeting as You deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength, and integrity while we remain here. When our mission on earth is ended take us to a better world. If you agree with me please say Amen.

Encampment in unison

Amen.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties, and exhibit towards each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity, and an unswerving loyalty. Color Bearer will attend to the Altar and station banners. I now declare the First Special National Encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed until we meet again in Peabody, Massachusetts.

[1 Rap*]

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
127th National Encampment
First Session, Friday Morning, August 8, 2008

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The Officers and members of the 126th Annual Encampment, National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now come to order. The Guide will determine if all present are entitled to remain. Color Bearer, will you assist on the right?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Color Bearer, you will present the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

[three raps ***]

Encampment (in unison)

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IS STANDS ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brothers, we will now sing the first verse of our National Anthem.

Encampment (in unison)

(song – THE START SPANGLED BANNER)

O SAY, CAN YOU SEE, BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT, WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING. WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS, THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT, O'RE THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED, WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING. AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR, GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE. O SAY DOES THAT STAR SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O'RE THE LAND OF THE FREE, AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session to review the work the past and plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy. Ever keeping in mind our duty to our country and our order and to ourselves. Patriotic Instructor, you will drape the vacant chair in honor of our departed comrades and the Grand Army of the Republic. Color Bearer, please post the Sons and Service Flag to honor of our Brothers who are currently serving in our country's service and in harms way. The National Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski

Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe who looks down upon the governments of men. We earnestly ask your favor to bless our native land and preserve with purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order, grant that it may long exist, that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principals and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who have sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved and deal with them and all things with your special mercy. Give us your aide in conducting the business for which we are assembled. So bless us that charity and peace, justice and harmony shall remain with us. If you agree please say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

By the virtue and authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 127th Annual Encampment of National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such

business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers and persons qualified to enter.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The National Secretary will now call the roll of the Officers of this Encampment.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles Kuhn.	Present
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David Medert	Present
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy	Present
National Secretary Don Palmer	Present
National Treasurer, Max Newman	Present
National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler	Present
Council of Administration member, James Pahl	Present
Council of Administration member, Dan Murray	Present
Council of Administration member, Eric Schmincke	Present
Counsel of Administration member, James Hanby	Present
Council of Administration member, Bob Petrovic	Present
Council of Administration member, Brad Schall	Present
National Aide de Camp, Gene Mortorff	Present
National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, Nick Kaup	Present
National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski	Present
National Chief of Staff, Gene Mortorff	Present
National Civil War Memorials Officer, Kevin Tucker	Present
National Color Bearer, Doug McMillin	Present
National Counselor, Richard Orr	Present
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Bob Petrovic	Present
National Editor of the Banner, Steve Michaels	Present
National GAR Highway Officer, Gary Parrott	Present
National Graves Registration Officer, James Davenport	Absent.
National Guard, Thomas Blesedell, Jr.	Present
National Guide, John T. McNulty	Present
National Historian, Robert Wolz	Absent
National Liaison to Cathedral Of The Pines, Richard Woodbury	Absent
National Liaison to MOLLUS, Keith Harrison	Absent
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ	Present
National Patriotic Instructor, Brad Schall	Present
National Signals Officer and Webmaster, Ken Freshley	Absent
Washington D. C. Representative, Andrew Johnson	Present

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer Jr.

The roll of Officers has been called.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you, brother Secretary. Okay Brothers. A few rules for the encampment to help govern the deliberations here the next few days. The Encampment will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Edition. These Rules may be suspended by two-thirds vote of the Encampment body present and voting. The National Counselor, PCinC Rich Orr and PCinC James Pahl will serve jointly as Parliamentarians. Officers shall not read their submitted written reports, with exception of me. They shall state the page it is in the report packet. They should verbally present any supplementary items to their written reports. Committee Chairs shall not read their submitted reports. They shall state the page it is on in the report packet and present any supplementary items to their

written reports as well as read their recommendations that require action of this Encampment. Officer Reports are not to exceed five minutes in length of time. While speaking on an issue of this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice to an issue. Each time not to exceed three minutes. National Counselor, Rich Orr, will be our timekeeper on that subject. The exceptions shall be granted by two-thirds vote of the Encampment. Except that the person making the motion may answer questions and use up to two minutes to close the debate, which privilege shall not be cancelled by action ordering the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate on any particular issue, including but not limited to, designating the maximum number of speakers allowed to speak as to each side of the question on the floor and the time allotted to speak on any particular subject. Cell phones are now to be turned off or set on vibrate to alert for incoming calls. All cell phone conversations will take place outside this room. Nominations for all offices and available chairs shall take place as the last piece of business today. Elections will take place first thing tomorrow morning. As Brothers return in the morning, this is the only door you're going to be able to come through. You will pass by the credentials station and give your Department, your name, and your rank. Once in the room, you will not be allowed to leave until the elections are completed. At the sound of the gavel, prior to the election of officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to enter until the elections are completed. Please plan on being here at least thirty minutes early tomorrow morning. All discussions shall be conducted in the spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. In general voting, please use your voting cards. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting, including but not limited to private ballot, rising or roll call voting, as he deems appropriate from time to time. All motions, amendments, substitutions, or other actions initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or correction of spelling or typographical errors, shall be in writing. The minutes of the National Secretary for final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. The Encampment Committee shall consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving those items on the floor of this Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendation to adopt or reject, refer, or other appropriate action. When rising to address the Encampment to be recognized by the Chair, use one of the available microphones. Upon being recognized by the Chair, salute the Chair and announce your name, your Department, or National Office. Any requests for funds from the special projects fund or other funds of the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, which would be the 9th of August, with complete information as to what the project is, who is chairing the project, and the address for which any award may be mailed. All such requests will then be presented to the National Encampment for consideration. Are there any questions?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Would somebody from the Department of Massachusetts like to bring the greetings to the Department of Massachusetts? Kevin Tucker?

National Civil War Memorials Officer, Kevin P. Tucker

Welcome to the Department of Massachusetts. We're honored to have every one of you. It's been a real pleasure to be with you for the past couple of days and we want that to continue. If you have anything that we can do for you, please let us know. This has been a wonderful experience, beginning to end, and we wish everybody a happy and harmonious Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. While Kevin's here, Kevin is the man to see this weekend if you should have any questions concerning the function this weekend. What room they're in, what time they are, whatever. He put the thing together, I think we owe Kevin and his Committee, which did a lot of work, a big round of applause.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you, Kevin. Okay Brothers, I said in fraternity, charity, and loyalty. And of course one of my Brother's from Pennsylvania gave me this in case I needed it. It's a band-aid, so I don't expect anything flying from the floor at me here today.

Encampment

(laughter & chatter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I appoint the following Committee's to serve during this Encampment. The Committee on Credentials shall stand as it is and posted on the internet. Committee on Officer's Reports: PCinC Andy Johnson. There's Andy. You'll chair this? It's also going to be Don Palmer, from Missouri, Lee Walters from Pennsylvania, Perley Mellor from Massachusetts, and James Hanby from Maryland. Committee on Constitution and Regulations: PCinC Bob Grim the Chair, PCinC Rich Orr, PCinC Don Darby, PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Jim Pahl. Committee on Resolutions: Steve Michaels, PCinC, will Chair the Committee. Brad Schall, California and Pacific, Alan Russ from Kansas, Dan Murray from New Hampshire, Bob Petrovic from Missouri. Committee on Rituals and Ceremonies: Gene Mortorff will Chair this, Department Commander Eric Peterson from Georgia and South Carolina. Department Commander Jerry Sayre, California and Pacific. Doug McMillin from Pennsylvania and Jerome Kowalski of Illinois. Visiting Committees for tomorrow, to go visit the ladies. To go visit the Auxiliary I'm appointing Department Commander John McNulty from Pennsylvania, James Hanby, Past Department Commander from Maryland, and Department Commander Perley Mellor from Massachusetts. And response for the Auxiliary when they come to visit here, Steve Michaels will give the response. Visiting Committee, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Lee Walters, PDC from Pennsylvania, Dan Murray, PDC from New Hampshire, and Brad Schall, PDC from the Department of California & Pacific. For response to the LGAR, Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck Corfman, when they arrive. I expect you to go visit tomorrow, not today. I'll have a gift up here tomorrow that you will need to take with you when you go to visit the ladies of those organizations.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brothers, welcome Jerry Carroon, Past Commander-in-Chief, from MOLLUS.

Encampment

(applause)

Past Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS, Jerome Carroon

It's a great pleasure on the behalf of Karl Schaeffer, the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the loyal legion to bring fraternal greetings to this Encampment. We trust it will be a glorious and fun one. And we'll see some with you at our National Encampment in Gettysburg in October. Thank you. Good to be here.

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(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brothers, I'm going to give the response for MOLLUS. Before we were around, MOLLUS was established right after the death of Abraham Lincoln. They're senior to us. They are our Brothers in many things we do. The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and everything else. We see them all the time. And as a Brotherly welcome, I extend the greetings of this organization to the Brothers at MOLLUS. Thank you. I have the opportunity to do something here. I have a Brother from the Department of Pennsylvania who just joined and would like to be sworn in. So, Brother Bud, you want to come up? We're going to use short form.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson

Bud Atkinson from Pennsylvania Camp 1. Commander, I'd like to introduce Steve Indan as a candidate for membership of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a member of Camp 1. His application and paperwork has all been approved by Camp 1.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Guide, present the candidate at the alter. Color Bearer, you'll need to bring the Flag over. Brother Chaplain.

[three raps *]**

National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski

We're now at the alter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for obligation. And I assure you that in taking this obligation, you will not conflict with any duty you may owe your God, your country, or yourself. If you are willing to proceed, place your left hand on the Bible. You will now grasp the standard of the flag with your right hand and say:

National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski and Steven Indan

(swearing in of new member)

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Guide, present the candidate to the Commander's station. I now issue the Badge of our Order. The Inscription: "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," reminds us the highest state of our duty to our country. We are the Sons of Union Veterans. May we prove ourselves worthy of this title. The ribbon is a union of red, white, and blue. The colors of our country's Flag. The red signifies the unseen streams of blood shed that the blessings of a free government might be our heritage. And that our blood is quenched to preserve the freedoms and responsibilities we shall gladly receive. The blue tells us the true faith and allegiance which our forefathers held to their country and to each other. It charges us to be mindful of their example. The white represents peace which with honor, may our country always enjoy. The motto: "Preserved by the grace of God" reminds us without the over-ruling hand of an all wise providence, the sacrifices of our forefathers could have afforded nothing, and that God's favor alone can secure the preservation of our liberties. Like the eagle, may we be quick to discover our country's needs, strong in it's defense, and swift to carry out the objects of our Order. May you wear your badge long and proudly. And may it always be a guiding star to you in the discharge of your duties in private life and as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War.

Whenever a United States Flag is passing or being passed in a formal manner, as on parade, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War not in military uniform will salute the Flag by removing your hat or cap; the headdress being held in the right hand opposite the left shoulder; right forearm against the breast. When not wearing a head cover, your right hand will be placed over the heart. This will not apply when the Flag is flying from its staff. But only when supported by a color bearer. When giving the Pledge of Allegiance, stand with the right hand over the heart. On all occasions when the National Anthem and the "Star Spangled Banner" is played or sung, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should stand at attention with hat or cap removed. When seeking admission into a Camp of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in case the Camp is in session, you will present your membership card to the Guard at the door when he responds to your knock of three raps at the door. On being admitted approach the alter and salute the Commander and on return of the salute take your seat. On rising to speak salute and say "Commander." And in crossing the floor, always pass to the rear of the Alter. One rap calls the Camp to order and seats the same when standing. Two raps calls up the Officers and Staff to their feet. Three raps calls up the entire Camp. If deep in your heart there lives the love of freedom and patriotic devotion to the principles and institutions to which our forefathers fought, then no personal danger, no selfish consideration, can quench that love and make you ungrateful or disloyal to the Flag of the United States of America. Let it then entwine each thread of its glorious fabric around our hearts and catching the spirit that breathes upon us from the battles and the victories of America's sons, let us resolve this now and forever we will stand for that Flag and the principles and institutions it symbolizes. It was waived over our cradles. Let us make the high resolve that unchanged and unscathed as it came from the hands of our fathers, it shall waive over our graves. Officers and Brothers, I take great pleasure in introducing Brother Steve Indan, Department

of Pennsylvania, bound to us by sacred bounds of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Let's give him a big round of applause.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

PCnC George Powell, would you like to give us a preliminary report?

Past Commander-in-Chief, George L. Powell

Yes sir. Commander-in-Chief. Brothers, two things. First of all the sheet that you were handed when you registered, the maximum Delegates allowed by Departments. What this is, it's the total of Brothers that you listed on your Annual Report, the last one. And then we run it through the magic formula defined by the C&R, which is you get one vote for your Department, one Delegate rather, plus one for each twenty-five membership. And if the remainder is twelve or less, it's dropped. If it's thirteen or higher, you get one more. So this list is the maximum number of Delegates allowed. There are two changes. Connecticut's listed with zero and a Delegate count of one. Their report was a little late so their count is fifty-seven and their maximum Delegates allowed is three. Oklahoma is the other one. Their count is sixty-nine and their maximum Delegates allowed is four. That's only Delegates. That does not count Department Commanders, Past Department Commanders, Past Commanders-in-Chief. They have a vote on their own, based on their current or prior service. Now, this is what we have present in the room. The people that have registered. One hundred and fifty people have registered. We have one hundred and forty-six present. California and Pacific has nine Brothers present. One Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders and five Delegates. Colorado and Wyoming has one Brother present who is the Department Commander. Connecticut, four Brothers present. One Past Department Commander and three Delegates. Florida has five Brothers present. The Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, and three Delegates. Georgia and South Carolina, one of our two new Departments, has two Brothers present. The Department Commander and one Delegate. Iowa has one Brother present. He is a Delegate. Illinois, two Brothers present. One Department Commander and one Delegate. Indiana, six Brothers present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, with the Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, and two Delegates. Kansas, three Brothers present. Three Past Department Commanders. Massachusetts has twenty-one Brothers present. One Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, nine Delegates, and eight Alternates. Maryland has eighteen Brothers present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, six Past Department Commanders, and ten Delegates. Maine, one Brother present, who is a Past Department Commander. Michigan, five Brothers present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Past Department Commander, and three Delegates. Missouri has four Brothers present. The Department Commander and three Past Department Commanders. North Carolina has one Brother present, our other new Department, and that Brother is a Department Commander. Nebraska has one Brother present who is a Past Department Commander. New Hampshire, five Brothers present. A Past Department Commander and three Delegates. I have a problem here. We're missing one. We'll get that straightened out. That's why this is only a preliminary. New Jersey, four Brothers present. Three Past Department Commanders and one Delegate. New York, six Brothers present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, the Department Commander, and four Delegates. Ohio, sixteen Brothers present. Five Past Commanders-in-Chief, the Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, six Delegates, one Alternate. Pennsylvania, fifteen Brothers present. The Commander-in-Chief, three Past Commanders-in-Chief, the Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, seven Delegates, and two Alternates. Rhode Island, eight Brothers present. The Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, and four Delegates. Tennessee, three Brothers present. Two Past Department Commanders and one Delegate. Texas, one Brother present, who is the Department Commander. Vermont, one Brother present, who is the Department Commander. Wisconsin, two Brothers present.

One Past Commander-in-Chief and one Delegate. National Members-at-Large, one Brother present who is a Delegate. Giving us the total: One Commander-in-Chief, thirteen Past Commanders-in-Chief, sixteen Department Commanders, thirty-eight Past Department Commanders, sixty-six Delegates, eleven Alternates, for a grand total of one hundred and forty-six present. If there is a question about any of these counts, please feel free to come over to the Credentials table. Send one Brother from your Department and we'll get it straightened out.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All right. Thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief. Based on these counts reported by the Credentials Committee, I would move you that the Alternates for Ohio and Pennsylvania be seated as Delegates because they have not reached their maximum number allowed.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a Motion and second. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed, same thing. We have one, one opposed back, oh, he just got up late. Okay.

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(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All right. So moved.

[one rap *]

Pennsylvania Department Commander, John T. McNulty

Commander-in-Chief, John McNulty, Commander, Pennsylvania Department. I would like to move this assembly that we seat our new Brother Steve as a member of the Pennsylvania Delegation.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have motion on the floor to seat the new Brother we just swore in as a member of the Pennsylvania Delegation.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a second on that. Is there any discussion? Brother James B. Pahl?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, Brother James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I object to the motion and would vote no for the reason that every other Brother who is here as a voting member of this Encampment is either a) here by virtue of past office held: Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander, Past Department Commander, or they've been elected by their Department as a Delegate or an Alternate. This new Brother, which I think is wonderful and I'm glad he's here, and I understand the sentiment, I do not believe can be seated. As a violation of our Regulations, he has not been elected to duly represent his Department because he wasn't a member until just a moment ago. So, I think the motion is out-of-order, sir, and I'm very sorry, and I wish we could do otherwise but I think it's out-of-order.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Thank you Jim. John?

Pennsylvania Department Commander, John T. McNulty

We have voted. Does the Department Commander not have the right to appoint to his Delegation? I believe he does.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

He is allowed to appoint from the Alternates. And he was not elected as an Alternate. He had to be elected as an Alternate which we did at Pennsylvania. You elect your Delegates then Alternates. So, I do have to agree with Jim on this. It is out-of-order and I so rule it.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Chief of Staff?

Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Gene Mortorff, Chief of Staff. I just wanted to let the Committee Chairman for the Officers Reports and the Committee Reports know that if they come see me at the next break, I have an updated complete list of all the recommendations that were submitted by those Officers and Committees, so you can take that with you. Also, I won't be around here during the mid-day for a reason I've been excused. For those people who are members of the Rituals and Ceremonies Committee if at possible, I'd like to meet with you immediately after the ending gavel today over in this corner.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's following the business day after nominations. And if you need to know, he is going to pick up our Confederate kindred at the airport. Okay. Sergeant of the Guard?

Encampment Provost Marshall,

We have the Encampment Host Committee.?

[Three Raps ***]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You can do it right there? That's fine. Great, go ahead.

Encampment Provost Marshall,

On behalf of the Department of Massachusetts Encampment Host Committee, we'd like to present you with a bouquet of flowers for your Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Very good. Thank you much. They're beautiful. We'll put it up here where I got to look at it and hide behind the bushes, that'll be more protection. I might not need the band-aid by the end of the day. Thank you folks and we are enjoying ourselves immensely here in beautiful Peabody, did I say that right? Peabody? I'm getting better at it. Thank you very much.

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(applause in unison)

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will you please take the gavel for the duration of my Report? Sergeant of the Guard, do you have an announcement to make?

Encampment Provost Marshall, Peter N. Rotando

Thank you, Commander. As Provost Marshall, I welcome you here to the event. For point of information, when the fire alarm sounds, we hope it doesn't, you will evacuate this room directly to my left, your right. I direct the Guard, Corporal Blesedell, will open the door and you'll take an immediate left out onto the sidewalk, at which time I direct Brother Kennedy and Brother Knight, put your hands up. You will follow them to the parking lot behind us. You will stay out of the driveway. There will be two towns who will respond to this building in the event of a call. And they will be coming in the driveway. Do not stand in the driveway.

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(laughter)

Encampment Provost Marshall, Peter N. Rotando

Please. I've seen this happen before. You will note by first Sergeant Knight, the restrooms are to your left as you sit. There's also an exit there. If you use that, you will go out to a hallway which requires you to go to the right about eighty feet to an outside exit. There is panic hardware on that door. So once you go out there for any reason, other than official business, you cannot get back in. So that's why you are all directed to go out to my left and to your right, out to that walk. And please go to the further parking lot in the front and assemble there. And I'm sure you'll be in good care of fire personnel that we have here. Thank you very much.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you for that announcement. Okay. Now. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will you take the gavel, sir? Brothers, as I said before I'm going to read my report and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will entertain a motion to forward all further reports to Committee on Officers Reports. My Report is on page two and I do have a couple corrections to it. I would like to start by saying that I have been very pleased to have served over the last past year. The year has been a challenge and there has been much accomplished. I would like to report that thanks to the National Treasurer, our Order is now current with all IRS past reporting. Currently, there are two proceedings left to be completed. It did say three there. It's now two. And these are the toughest. Records are sketchy and in some cases, it will continue to take time. I had hoped that when I stood before you this year, I could report that this project has finally been completed, but it hasn't. The Brothers of the C of A have worked diligently on these, but the task is just too daunting for it to have been completed. I salute the Brothers that have spent many long hours on these proceedings. The Communications and Technologies Committee finally has a complete set of business rules before them to look for software and data base improvements that will allow us to possibly incorporate all the Orders needs into one package, thus streamlining the operation of this Order. You will have more of this in their report. During the past year, I've had the opportunity to visit with many Brothers from many Departments and attend a number of functions of the Order. I have traveled from the Pacific Coast to the green mountains of Vermont. I have been as far south as Atlanta, Georgia and Durham, North Carolina, and have shared the camaraderie that binds us all together. I attended the Encampments of ten different Departments, mid-year business meetings of two Departments. I also attended the National Lincoln Birthday Celebration in Washington D. C. And Memorial Day and Remembrance Day services in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I composed and delivered addresses at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, Decoration Day Ceremonies on May the 30th in Arlington National Cemetery, Grant's Birthday observance at Grant's Tomb in New York City, a Metal of Honor Recipients Service in Tiny Town, Maryland, and a re-internment of the remains of a Civil War Soldier, Private McElroy, in Providence, Rhode Island. And yes, I even addressed the Confederates in Concord, North Carolina. This truly has been a monumental year for me. And I thank the Brothers of this Order for the opportunity to do all I have done. I have discovered several things during these travels. One of them is that there are Departments in the Order that have not seen a "seated" Commander-in-Chief for many years at their Encampment. I visited the Department of Vermont and was told it was at least sixty years since this Department has seen a "seated" Commander-in-Chief at the Department Encampment. The same I believe is true for the Department of Connecticut, although they were not sure, but they did know it was at least the last ten years. Unfortunately, during this administration, there have been some issues of reporting of the various Departments of the Order. At the beginning of June, I exercised the authority of the Office of Commander-in-Chief by suspending one half of the Departments of the Order. This was done after fair warning from this office through its communications via newsletter and all Department Commanders. As of the date of this report, all but three Departments, while they are all current now, Brothers, have filed the necessary paperwork. This is not a new problem of the Order. In fact, I was quite shocked when I was supplied with a list of Departments and dates they have filed over the last five years. Of the entire Order, over the last five years, only four Departments have consistently filed their

paperwork on time and in compliance with the National Regulations. They are the Department of Kansas, the Department of Nebraska, the Department of Pennsylvania, and the Department of Vermont. Brothers, of those Departments, thank you and a job well done. I believe that this is a result of a long period of time allowed for Departments to gather their per capita and data and then finally report to the National Order. Because of the 31 May deadline, there seems to be no sense of urgency for them to complete this paperwork and get it in. This must change. Also, there have been some other areas that need addressed by the Order. While attending the Pennsylvania Department Encampment, it was discovered that a little known ruling from a Commander-in-Chief nearly one hundred years ago still stands, prohibiting any Brother from holding more than one elected office at a time. I have come to the opinion that some of these decisions of former Commanders-In-Chief should no longer have a bearing on the operation of this Order since they no longer pertain to the Order as it exists today. Although, there have been some things that have detracted from the operation of this Order, there have been many positive things that have occurred. I had to opportunity to establish two new Departments this past year. They are the Department of North Carolina, and the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. We again have a foothold in the Deep South. As of the date of this report, I have signed the Charters of eight brand new Camps. Well right now, last night, as of last night, there's thirteen new Camps that I signed into Order.

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(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There are also five others currently forming. And Brothers, let me tell you, these Camps that are forming now, most all of them are comprised of brand new members. So, it's not transfers and duel membership, it's new membership. Which is a good thing. I have issued eight Meritorious Service Awards. Two of them with Gold Star and the Juniors and new status of Junior Associates have been established in proper homes in our Order's Constitution. I also had the opportunity to assist at the recruitment booth of the 145th Gettysburg Reenactment, where I netted seventy-four solid leads of folks that were genuinely interested and did land two new Brothers that weekend for the Order. To watch the work of the Brothers there and participate with them has been a true joy. As a result of this experience, I have come to the conclusion that it should be the primary responsibility of every Brother to recruit new members of this Order. Every means that the National Order can render to Brothers desiring to recruit should be given with little discussion. As we approach the Sequa-centennial of the Civil War, there will be many opportunities to recruit at public functions and the Order should consider this very seriously. Brothers, again, it has been a pure joy serving this Order. Long may she exist and may God bless it for all times. My recommendations are as follows: 1) It should be required that every Department of this Order be visited at their Department Encampment by the "seated" Commander-in-Chief at least one time in a five year period. 2) That a mentor program be established within the Order to help Departments that are weak, new, or have problems. An experienced Brother of the Order who is included in the loop and knows his way around the National Order who resides within closed proximity of the troubled area or new Department should be assigned to help the Department to get things squared away as far as reporting and other issues that may arise, and to help establish a recruiting effort for the Department. These mentors would answer to the "seated" Commander-in-Chief, who would keep the C of A informed as to what was going on. 3) All annual reporting of Camps and Departments should be done on a snap-shot report basis. That being said, all Camps should report their strength as of January 1, reporting along with the per capita for said members, to the Department no later than January 15th. And all Department reports should note, be into National Headquarters no later than January 31st. All Brothers not included with that report would be handled via Form 30 and all new members would be handled via Form 30. Brothers, we have made the first step in going from a quarterly reporting to an annual reporting. Let us make the next step to simplify the reporting. Number 4) Decision of the Commander-in-Chief annually should be either be ratified or rejected by the National Encampment and

the language of the Regulations be modified to reflect that change. The current Digest of Decisions should be investigated, and languaged to modify the current regulations be drafted and either adopted or rejected at next years Encampment, thus making the Digest of Decisions an historical document. 5) The Commander-in-Chief be required to suspend any Department if they are delinquent for more than fifteen days of their annual reporting to the National Order. Reasonable extensions on filing may be granted to the Departments due to extenuating circumstances by a simple majority vote of the Council of Administration as long as the request for extension was made in advance of the due date of the report. 6) That the Canadian Monument Committee should be continued until such time that there is a respectable monument erected commemorating the more than fifty thousand Canadians who fought for the Union to preserve this country. Out of these brave soles, twenty-nine of them have received a Medal of Honor and four would go on to become Generals. 7) With the fact that fuel costs have doubled since I took office as Commander-in-Chief, I recommend that the stipends for the incoming Commander-in-Chief be increased to Ten Thousand Dollars. And visitations of various Departments' Encampments for representations of the CinC by other Officers of the Order be made reimbursable. Due to the increasingly higher costs of travel, this will place an undue burden on both the National Orders finances as well as the Brothers of the C of A for travel since there is a five hundred dollar cap on travel expenses. Over the past year, most of the travel expense reports I have signed have been for the maximum draw since the increase of the fuel cost. Elected Officers of the Order should be encouraged to represent the CinC at their own Department, allowing the CinC to visit other Departments that have no elected national officers in them. 8) The brochures that the National Quartermaster store should be free of charge to all Brothers, Camps, and Departments desiring to recruit members for the Order. There is no excuse why this organization charges a fee to its Brothers for material to help it grow. The cost of the Brochures is just the cost of doing business. And the last one, that all National Aides recruiting be allowed to allow as a National Aide during the following administration. I ask this since in many cases, the Commander-in-Chief does not even find out that they recruited five Brothers 'till the last month of his administration. This would allow the Brothers to wear the gold ribbon recognizing them for at least one year.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Brothers, you've heard the report of the Commander-in-Chief. Do we have a motion for his recommendations to be sent to the Officers Reports?

Several

So move.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Do we have a second?

Several

Second.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Any discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Amendment. That all further officer reports be also so referred.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Do we have a second?

Several

Second.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Okay. Any other discussion on the amendment? All those in favor of the amendment, up cards. Down cards. All opposed, up cards. Carried. Okay. Now, on the original motion, all those in favor, up cards. Down cards. Any opposed? So carried. Commander-in-Chief, I now return the floor to you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you, Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Dave Medert.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert. My report begins on page six and ends on page eight. I only have two recommendations that are contained therein and they are highlighted. Draft a policy requiring Camps to meet twice a year. This is a National item from last year and as this requires a change to the Constitution and Regulations, I recommend that this item be referred to the C&R Committee, Vice Programs and Policy. And then the other one was to amend the job description of the Graves Registration Officer to include registering information from application forms. This was initiated on the internet with discussion on how to assist the Graves Registration Committee in entering our ancestors into the data base. And as this would require a change to the C&R, I would also recommend that this action be referred to the C&R Committee, Vice Programs and Policy.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you very much Dave. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Leo F. Kennedy

Leo Kennedy, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Page nine. Approximately two hundred applications for membership. At the end, we had processed two hundred and twenty-four applications for membership, with nine more that are going to be passed along to be reviewed. And my recommendation at the bottom is that we had a lot of problems of the different Departments each handling new Brothers coming in different ways. So the recommendation is that the incoming Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief develop a questionnaire for each Department as to best handle new applications that are received at the National level. Try to develop one page for everybody to follow. And from this questionnaire the best and most recommended procedures be used to get the Brothers in and active within the Department.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you very much. National Secretary, Don Palmer.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Okay. My report's shown between pages ten and thirteen. I have two amendments to that report. The first on the section that deals with the electronic boardroom vote. This report was prepared about three weeks ago. We had one additional boardroom vote since then on July 11th, 2008. Motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, second by Council Member Dan Murray, to sign a Quit-Claim Deed to transfer ownership of .06 acres in Ohio currently deeded to the Grand Army of the Republic to a Camp in Ohio. The Quit-Claim Deed was prepared by Judge Henry Shaw from the Department of Ohio and was reviewed by National Counselor Richard Orr. Votes in favor, eleven. Votes against, zero. Second amendment to my report deals with the new Camps formed. On page twelve, at the time of this report, we had eight Camps chartered. We have since added five new Camps with paperwork signed and charters signed. Those new Camps, Coopers Camp 501 in Mt. Jackson, Pennsylvania; Major McKinley Camp Number 9, Lebanon, New Hampshire; Corporal Lewis Reniger Camp Number 1, Springfield, Oregon; Mount Union Church Camp Number 502, Summerset County, Pennsylvania; and then the Sergeant James Harris Camp Number 38 in California, Maryland. So this brings the total: thirteen new Camps formed, plus the two new Departments. So this is probably one of the most active years we have had in new organization formation, at least as far back as my records go. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

National Treasurer, Max Newman. Do you have anything other than the, the budget and stuff for tomorrow? Nothing new. National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler. Anything to add?

National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler

Commander, I have nothing to add at this time.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. Council of Administration, Robert Petrovic.

Council of Administration, Robert M. Petrovic

Nothing to add.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Council of Administration, D. Brad Schall.

Council of Administration, D. Brad Schall

Brad Shall, Council of Administration. My report as written on page 14. There is a recommendation from the Grant Committee to put out information. That does not require any action of the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. Council of Administration, Dan Murray.

Council of Administration, Daniel Murray

Nothing to report.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Council of Administration, James Hanby. Anything additional?

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Commander-in-Chief, Council of Administration James Hanby. My recommendation is there, which would be considered by the appropriate Committee dealing with printing of the missing proceedings and trying to save us some money. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Very good. National Chief of Staff, Gene Mortorff. Anything to add?

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Yes sir. Gene Mortorff, National Chief of Staff. You'll notice that on page sixteen there's not a whole lot in there because of a glitch when we were doing the printing. So, what I would like to do is just to really quickly go across the recommendations. I will make sure that the full report is given to the Chairman of the Officers Reports. First recommendation was that the current duties of the National Chief of Staff be incorporated into the duties of the National Secretary and the position of the National Chief of Staff be abolished. However, as I said at the Council of Administration meeting, since I know now who the new Chief of Staff will be, I withdraw that recommendation.

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(laughter)

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Recommendation number two, that the criteria for being authorized to receive the War Medal be clarified to require the member of the Armed Forces to have actually have served within the designated theater of operations or campaigned and show evidence of such service. A member of the Armed Forces of the United States who do not meet this criteria will be eligible to receive the Order's other declarations for military service. This is the next recommendation. As the Constitution and Regulations are the only guiding documents of our Order, that any other documents do not hold any legal authority, precedence or otherwise, on the operation of the Order, I recommend that a Committee be formed to review the documents, such as the Digest of Decisions. And retrieve from such documents any rules, ideas, or wisdom that they believe should be incorporated into our Constitution and Regulations. And, such recommendations be approved or not at the next National Encampment. And, that those that are approved within two months of the closing of that National Encampment be included into the Constitution and Regulations. And, that any documents other than the Constitution or Regulations be considered as historical only. And, that the decision of the Council of Administration and the Commander-in-Chief made over their year of their service, those changes amplifies or in any way alters either the Constitution or Regulations of the Order, that they be approved by vote of the immediately following National Encampment. And if approved, the Constitution and Regulations must be changed within two months of the closing of that Encampment. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you, Gene. National Chaplain Jerry.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

Jerry Kowalski, National Chaplain, Department of Illinois. My report is on page twenty-three. A suggestion, nothing to be considered by any Committee. When we correspond with one another, we write in the long form, yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty. Not because of any past precedent by the GAR or the Sons of Veterans, or the SUV. But rather because it's a good thing to do to make us think about who we are and what we're doing, and why we do it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Good suggestion, Jerry. I like that idea. Take a minute to think about it. Civil War Memorials, Kevin Tucker.

National Civil War Memorials Officer, Kevin P. Tucker

Brother Commander, my report's on page forty-three. Not much to add. I just wanted to mention Steve Twining of the Department of Massachusetts submitted a really wonderful presentation on a cannon out there and it was omitted from the report. My recommendations. The software that we're using or that we're trying to use, is unusable and we need an upgrade. Either an off the shelf solution or whatever National is working on with the Council of Administration.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Thank you. Counselor, Rich Orr. Let me get off this seat. Here. Let you have this spot. Anybody know what page Rich is on?

National Counselor, Richard D. Orr

Page twenty-eight. Commander-in-Chief, one correction to the printed version in my recommendations. see if I can find it. Recommendation three in the printed version which was put in here at the request of Past Commander-in-Chief Loomis to clarify the authority of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee to enter into contact on behalf of the Order. This was simply cut and pasted from the National Encampment Site Committee Job Description and I failed to change it. It should read, "sign all contracts on behalf of the Order with the local hotel and other business entities necessary to fix the ceremony," rather than Encampment site. And there was one additional request from the Chief of Staff. I'm not really comfortable saying it's an opinion. It's more of a clarification. The Chief of Staff has requested clarification regarding who may wear the Membership or Associate Badge suspended from the National gold ribbon. This is very, fairly clear in the C&R. However, he has noted that there are a number of Brothers wearing it who are not entitled to it. The C&R specifies that all elected officers of the National Organization, while holding office and past elected National Offices who have served a full term who have been elected to fill in unexpired term and who served until the end of that term may wear their membership medallion suspended from the gold ribbon. The elected National Officers, I think everyone's familiar with although I did list them in here. In addition, the fifty-year Membership Badge and the Past Commander-in-Chief Badge is suspended from the National gold ribbon. Appointed National Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Committee Members are not authorized to wear the, their Membership Badge suspended from the National ribbon. There's also a misconception that Life Members can wear their Badge on the gold ribbon. At one time, that was true. However, and Jim may remember the year we did it, we completely re-wrote the section on badges when it was about fifteen years ago. And at that time, the National Encampment chose to eliminate that authorization. It's no longer true. The only other time that the gold ribbon is used to be worn is when the Commander-in-Chief authorizes as an Aide, and at that time it is worn behind the Membership Badge. The Badge is not suspended from the ribbon. Since my fifteen opinions are not included in the printed copy that you have, I will be providing electronic copies to the National Secretary, the Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, to the Editor of The Banner, because they are required to be published in The Banner so that they can be published and everyone has them.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you, Rich. National Eagle Scout Coordinator, Robert Petrovic.

National Eagle Scout Coordinator, Robert M. Petrovic

Nothing more.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Nothing to add. Okay. Very good. Thank you. National GAR Highway Officer, Gary Parrott.
Anything to add?

National GAR Highway Officer, Gary Parrott

Commander-in-Chief. Gary Parrott, National GAR Highway Officer. My report is printed on page twenty-four for your review. I have one small recommendation which you can read. I just want to take this opportunity to share with the membership here that our success with the State of Utah was finally realized the first part of this year when they put two brand new GAR Highway signs up along the Colorado and Utah and Nevada and Utah State Lines. So, this is one for us and for the Grand Army of the Republic. The signs are back up.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There we go. Thank you, Gary. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ.

National Member-at-Large Coordinator, Alan L. Russ

Commander-in-Chief. Alan Russ, Past Department Commander of Kansas. The National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. At this time, I'd like to ask our National Membership-at-Large member present, Adam Gaines, to present the check for one thousand dollars from National Membership-at-Large to the National Treasurer.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

I present this check for one thousand dollars from the National Membership-at-Large in memory of the late Brother Bob Lowe.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

By the way, Alan, I like the beard. I like that. It's starting to look righteous.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

National Patriotic Instructor, Brad Schall.

National Patriotic Instructor, D. Brad Schall

Page eighteen. I have two recommendations. The first recommendation is just for those who have been National Patriotic Instructor. Our system guide is broken from reporting it for most practical purposes is non-existent and the next Patriotic Instructor and Committee should really address that issue, to whether we want to continue in the present form. It needs to be changed and, and no action of this Encampment needs to be done. But that needs to be looked at. The second one is, they're part of our group and Gary I don't, how many of your other members are here? Your Committee or just you? They worked on a project they called Memorial University, which you will all hear about. It's a program for Juniors. It's one program done by Committee committed to an idea to have done. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate those, and will do more on that tomorrow. As National Patriotic Instructor, if you look back through our history, several Committees, Camps, and Departments have written educational things for our Encampments and our Order. This is one, I think when you all see it, it will soon be on the website. There is a recommendation to that and it needs to go to Program and Policy Committee. Thank you, Commander.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. Washington D. C. Representative, Andy Johnson.

Washington D. C. Representative, Andrew Johnson

Thank you. My report is printed on page twenty. I would like to take this opportunity to ask the members of the Officers Reports Committee, at 5:00 p.m., to meet with me over here for our committee session. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. National Banner Editor, Steve Michaels.

National Editor of The Banner, Stephen A. Michaels

My report is on page nineteen and I have nothing to add. I'd like to have the Resolutions Committee meet later on after today's business session, at approximately 4:30. We'll meet in the back of this room. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Thank you. Alrighty, gentlemen. We are at the end of the Officer's Reports. I think we need a little break here, I believe. We're going to take a ten minute break.

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

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LUNCH BREAK

127th National Encampment

Second Session, Friday Afternoon, August 8, 2008

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Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We'll now move to the Reports of Standing Committees. Brothers, the rules are the same. The Chairman of the Standing Committee give his name, the page it's on and any additions to it. And then I will entertain a motion at that point. Yes, Brother.

Past Department Commander, Michigan, Gary Gibson

Commander-in-Chief, Gary Gibson, Past Department Commander, Michigan. I rise to a point of order.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes, sir.

Past Department Commander, Michigan, Gary Gibson

I've noticed that when you rap the gavel three times, this assembly stands, but only about a tenth of the Brothers are saluting you. And I would just simply remind the Brothers that when a Commander, either a Camp Commander, Department Commander, Commander-in-Chief raps the gavel three times, you stand and you salute the Commander. Thank you, Commander.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you, Gary. I think that's a good idea. It's good to be king for a while. Okay, the Chair will now entertain a motion that the recommendations made by Committees that do not require amendments to the Regulations of our Order be approved, ad-seriatim, upon the sound of the gavel unless objection is voiced.

Several

So moved.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You have a motion? Have a second?

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any discussion? All in favor raise your card. All opposed. I figured... Note, let the record note that Jim Pahl voted against this.

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(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

So did Rich Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

I voted both ways!

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(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

My peripheral vision is not good enough to catch him out of the side here. Committee on Americanization and Education, Brad Schall.

Committee on Americanization and Education, D. Brad Schall

Brad Schall, Americanization Committee Chairman. Our recommendation that we had was and I hope that everybody read Gary's report that is included on that. The recommendation is that the Memorial University Program be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for recommendation because on that recommendation, there is a medal and a certificate.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That should actually probably be sent to the Constitution and Regulations because it affects the badges of the Order.

Committee on Americanization and Education, D. Brad Schall

It wasn't a badge. It's, an award for them completing the course.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right. Well it was something to affix to the ribbon of the badge, which is something that deals with the Regulations.

Committee on Americanization and Education, D. Brad Schall

We withdraw our recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

One thing I do want to point out. Brother Brad I want to thank you and all the Americanization and Education Committee. They have worked for two years. It started with the direction of Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, to the Memorial University, and they have developed a program for our Juniors that is just superb. They sent me a completed package along and it is just an amazing thing where our young Juniors will be able to study the lessons of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Study the Civil War and Citizenship and patriotism. It's just an amazing thing. It will be different things they have to accomplish and then they'll have a mentor that will sign off on it. It's completed now. Just has to be looked at by Programs and Policies, and then the recommendation for the award. That will be posted online and every Camp can download it and use it in their Junior Program because it is a superb package. It's just a lot of work and I think they deserve a round of applause for a super job.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Civil War Memorials, Kevin Tucker.

National Civil War Memorials Officer, Kevin P. Tucker

Nothing further to add.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Communications and Technologies. Is there anybody here from that? Both Ken and Keith are gone. Okay. Rich is here.

National Committee on Communications and Technology, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, there are three recommendations in the National Communications and Technology Committee's Report.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

What page is that?

National Committee on Communications and Technology, Richard D. Orr

The recommendations are on page sixty-eight. First recommendation, develop an in-house SUVCW membership data base. a) work with the Membership Committee and determine what type of information they are looking to put in, what data base fields. And I would add to that, what they want out of it. b) have the Communications and Technology Committee fully investigate this and report a recommendation to the 2009 National Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is there any objections to that?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I need a clarification, Commander-in-Chief. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. It was said an in-house data base. Is that one we're going to develop on our own, using a really funky system, or is this something we're going to use, like Access, and then use that to put in the field?

National Committee on Communications and Technology, Richard D. Orr

The Committee's discussion on this was that the membership data base from what information we had could be developed using Access. All we need do is use that software to actually write the input sheets, the inquiry pages, and design the data base.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Okay. I just want to make sure we weren't using some off-the-wall data base. Thanks, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Since I'm not going to consider that an objection, that was finding out information, are there any objections?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

National Committee on Communications and Technology, Richard D. Orr

Recommendation number two, continue the investigation of partnering with another group for the new data base system for Graves Registration Data Base and the Monuments and Memorials Data Base and the GAR Records Data Base. a) have the other Committees re-submit their business plans and data fields requirement. We have already received one. And b) present the results of this investigation and report our recommendations on this project at the 2009 National Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Question.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have another question from another Past Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl. Past Department Commander of Michigan. Past Camp Commander, Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17. SVR Major. Judge Advocate General.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

... and all around nice guy.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're out of order. Just read your ...

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(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

You said introduce yourself. It says "partnering with another group". What other group is my question?

National Committee on Communications and Technology, Richard D. Orr

Ken's looked at a number of them. Basically, I think the most promising one that he has looked at is extending the partnership we currently have with the one we have, Family Tree Maker. The problem in doing that, we make all that record public. They charge for it. We're giving it to them for nothing. Which is my objection when it came up in the Committee. But that's something that still can be worked out within the Committee.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

National Committee on Communications and Technology, Richard D. Orr

And the third and last one, continue to work on the interactive membership form project. Work with the appropriate committees to re-visit this project and work through some of the stumbling blocks that were encountered, and report back to the National Encampment with the Committee's recommendation. This is the online application system.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved. Moving right along. Constitution and Regulations. Gentlemen, sit down for a while. This is going to a while. Let me start by telling you that a lot of what you're going to hear here is going to be SVR related. Well, I'll let Bob tell you, but there were thirty—five pages on that report. And we did not publish it because it would have added an additional six hundred dollars to the cost of our producing your Officer's Reports. So what we're going to have to do is set here and Bob is going to go through them. And well, Bob, you have the floor.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio and Commander, I request permission to give this report from the dais.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You certainly may. Just don't steal my pen.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

On page forty-six of your reports, you find the C&R Committee's recommendations and report relating to changes to the Regulations. We've divided our proposals into two groups. Group number one starts on page forty-six. The first item in that group is a new addition to the Regulations which would rank officers at the Camp level. The Committee recommends approval of this. This would

change Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 4 by adding to the end of the existing Section 4, the list of the Camp Officers and the list that we have here. And I'll make a motion we accept this proposal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion on the floor to accept the proposal. Is there a second?

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There are multiple seconds. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your cards. All those opposed, same sign. So moved.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

On page forty-seven, we have item number two, proposal number two. This is an amendment to stop issuing the War Medal Bar. Now, it has nothing to do with changing the qualifications for receiving the War Medal. But we have a World War II, Korea, Viet Nam bar that goes on the Medal. People who have those would be allowed to keep them. We just wouldn't issue them again in the future because there are so many conflicts that the cost of making these things is getting prohibitive. And so what we would be doing is adding under Section F, here items one and two as you can see them. Effective January 1, 2009 the Gold Bars are obsolete. Those possessing the Gold Bars may continue to wear them. No further Gold Bars will be issued. And number two, any Brothers who served in more than one period of war, military conflict as defined by the Council of Administration, may wear a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to designate the second such period of service as defined by the Council of Administration. Additional Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters may be worn for additional periods of service as defined by the Council of Administration. A Silver Oak Leaf shall be worn in place of five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. And a Gold Oak Leaf Cluster shall be worn to indicate the awarding of ten Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. And on behalf of the Committee, we move that this proposal be accepted.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Do we have a second?

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have multiple seconds. Is there any discussion? Danny?

National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler

Gentlemen, Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of New York. As Quartermaster, I've seen this discussion before, but I've also answered a lot of phone calls. I've had a lot of notes and letters come to me from veterans. The last thing that we've done is just got bars for Iraq and Afghanistan. And these were wanted by members who came back after they put their lives on the line for us. We've had bars. And as you know, we've got World War II. But we also had War World I up until we don't need 'em any more. I don't see a reason for changing this. And if we need more bars, we need more bars. We have found a place where we can get them. Like fifty at a time on the first order. After that it's twenty-five. And I don't see any reason why this organization can't keep those bars so that our members who are veterans can wear that proudly on their War Badges. And we can look at it and say, thank you. And thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is there any further discussion on this? Alrighty. All those in favor of accepting the motion to eliminate the bars, please raise your cards. We have three, four, five. Okay. All those opposed to eliminating them. Almost unanimous, not quite, but almost. That motion is defeated.

Encampment

(applause)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

On page forty-seven, we have as item number three. This is a change to existing Regulations setting a time period in procedures for submitting proposed amendments to the Regulations. And if you go over to page forty-eight, you see the change in the bold print. Section 3 there. The Commander-in-Chief may waive the time constraints in Section 2. We are going to add a new Section 2, 3, and 4, and renumber the existing Section 2 as Section 5. The Section Number 2, paragraph A on page forty-seven, bottom of the page. All proposed amendments to these regulations must be submitted in writing or electronically through to the Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, and the National Counselor, and received by the aforementioned National Officers and Committee Chairman no later than thirty days prior to the National Encampment at which they are to be considered. Any proposed amendments received less than thirty days prior to a National Encampment cannot be considered until the next succeeding National Encampment. Paragraph B, amendments originated by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations shall not be subject to Sub-Section A. In Section 3, the Commander-in-Chief may waive the time constraints in section two if a change in law or the Constitution requires the Regulations to be amended. Section 4, the National Encampment may waive the time constraints in Section 2 by two-thirds majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at the National Encampment. And then of course Section 2 would be changed to Section 5 there. So the Committee recommends the adoption of this proposal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a second motion from Rich Orr. Is there any questions or discussion? All in favor, please raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. We have one person opposed back there. So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

On page forty-eight, item number four. This is a new section added to the Article dealing with membership discipline that requires the Brothers to exhaust all available remedies within the SUVCW before filing any legal action in Court. We would add a new Section 24 to Chapter 5, Article 6. Section 24: Any Brother of the Order having any type of dispute with another Brother of the Order concerning any matter involving the Order and not directly involving third parties who are not members of the Order shall not file any legal action in any Court anywhere unless he shall first exhaust all remedies within the Order. Including but not limited to the filing of charges under this Article. The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There is a second, a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Two opposed. So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Okay, on page forty-eight, we have item number five. This is a resolution from the Pennsylvania Department proposing the following change to the Constitution. The Committee recommends approval that Article 5, Section 2, the supreme power and authority. We would add Paragraph B. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, he may propose such General Orders or General Order to delay implementation of such action, or suspend such action if previously implemented until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order or Orders authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed. The Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. We move that we adopt this proposal.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Don Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Basically what this is doing is allowing the Council of Administration, well, I know what they're trying to say, but it's poorly worded. Two, I believe it should be not a majority vote, but a unanimous vote of the Council of Administration because I believe that this gives the Council of Administration the ability to overrule an Encampment and they do not have that authority at this time or have they ever had the authority to overrule the actions of an Encampment. And this allows them to do that with a majority vote. I think it should be voted down or re-worded because this is what I think it's doing. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

James B. Pahl.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I'm in favor of the concept. I don't have any objection to increasing the number of Council members that must approve such action. I would amend this to, if passed, that it be immediately effective as part of our Regulations and then at such time as it's replaced by a Constitutional amendment. If done so, that their Regulation be stricken. But that this be placed in immediate effect by amending the Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brad Schall.

Council of Administration, D. Brad Schall

Brad Schall, Council of Administration. Basically I agree with the concept but I don't agree with the simple majority vote. I think a minimum it should be two-thirds if not unanimous.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother David V. Medert.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

David V. Medert, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Could you give us any reason as to why we would want to put this in here? This has never been brought up before. So I'm just kind of curious as to why we would want it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, It's basically to codify what Charley had to do last year based on my opinion that I wrote. Because we had Regulations adopted at the Encampment which were inconsistent with the Constitution. This would codify his ability to then go to the Council of Administration and say, hey guys, the, the superior document says we can't do this. But we can't implement it until we resolve the conflict. That's all this is doing. With Don's objection too, again, this is a very limited circumstance. It's not a broad stroke of power for the Council of Administration just to set aside actions of the National Encampment. Only when an action taken by the National Encampment is in conflict with either the United States Law or Constitution or Charter and if it's not an amendment to the Regulations and some other action by the Encampment is inconsistent with the Regulations, then only under those circumstances would the Commander-in-Chief be able to even initiate this action.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Ed Krieser. Hang on. He has to write something down so he doesn't forget it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, my second time up. At this point, is it permissible to make a motion to amend this to say a unanimous vote of the Council of Administration?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You can make a motion to amend. Do you want to make a motion to amend that to read a unanimous decision?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

That is correct.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any discussion on that? Okay. Do we vote on that? The amendment first?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. First time on the amendment. To adopt the language that says unanimous, we may as well not adopt it at all because the probability of getting a unanimous vote within the Council of Administration is virtually nil. And it should be that way. So I would urge you not to approve this, but consider a lesser, greater than fifty but lesser than unanimous amendment to this proposed motion.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes, Brother.

Department of Michigan, Neal F. Breaugh

Neal Breaugh, Department of Michigan. I would like to amend the amendment to read seventy-five percent. Too high? Two-thirds is fine with me.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So, we have, a second on the two-thirds. For a point of discussion. Any discussion on the amendment on the amendment?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Don Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would state that if it is that important that we're going to overturn the ruling of a National Encampment, that it should be a unanimous choice. You're saying that six people, twelve people, whatever it is, will overrule a hundred and forty-three people and that I think it should be a unanimous choice.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Don, I just have one question on that statement. What happens if somebody doesn't vote at all, like they're out-of-town or something if we're doing electronically.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

It's my understanding of the voting, if the person abstains, it automatically goes to the majority. If you have five against and five for and there's an abstention, the abstention counts to, toward the majority.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

No, no, no it does not.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Check Robert's Rules of Order.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have it right here. Check it.

Department of Michigan, Neal F. Breaugh

Commander, I still support the two-thirds substitute.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Any further discussion? Yes, Jim Pahl.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Point of order. That's not a motion to amend a motion to amend. That is actually a motion to substitute language. So it's a substitute motion of the amendment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. It's a substitute motion then. What I got to deal with here.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes, Adam Gaines.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large. Can the language say two-thirds of those present?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No. If we're talking about the Council of Administration and we don't meet together. We only do that four times a year. We meet electronically, over the internet.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

Oh, okay. Well.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any further discussion? Ken Hershberger.

Department of Maryland, Kenneth D. Hershberger

Ken Hershberger, Past Department Commander, Department of Maryland. My question is, to Brother Darby. It sounds like he's saying this would be overturning the decision of the Encampment. It seems to me the intent is if the Encampment made an error, this would be allowing time for the error to be corrected.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That is correct.

Department of Maryland, Kenneth D. Hershberger

Not necessarily overturn. It sounds like we would work to try and bring the proposed amendment or whatever it is into line with our governing document, which is the Constitution as I understand it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. The one thing that I looked over briefly, there's no time frame to which this suspension can be in effect. So, if in fact you are suspending it because it's out of order or not in the Regulations, if you'll approve it for whatever you want, then you need to set a date that it has to be corrected within x amount of time. In other words, you can't suspend this for an entire year.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Now that's the whole purpose of it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

So we suspend it but it doesn't say it has to be taken care of by the next Encampment or corrected by the next Encampment. It's an open ended thing so you could do it for the next five Encampments.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Past Commander-in-Chief Darby, the intent of this, in addition to not letting something go forward which may be illegal, was to avoid the necessity of the expense, the cost, the hassle and everything else, of calling a special National Encampment as we had to do last year. And not getting everyone there from every Department represented, with a fair chance then to express their opinion on how we should resolve it. I think the assumption is that it would be proposals that would be put forth to be adopted at the succeeding National Encampment to resolve the difficulty. I don't think anybody's going to let this go beyond the next Encampment, either those who want to see it as worded, even if it was incorrectly done, or those that say okay, we've got it through x, y, z before we can do a, b, c. Which is what we had to do this past year.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Okay, but in your words it's an assumption and we all know what happens when we assume.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

I'm not Chairman, I'm part as a member of the Committee, I'm not opposed to saying that it's proposed to resolve the conflict must be presented no later than the next succeeding National Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

That's yet another amendment to this thing so do you need a motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

You have made an amendment. We have a substitution motion to your amendment. That's right now. Then we can come back and if you want to make another amendment to say it has to be done by the next Encampment, then we can do that because that's not a substitute motion.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Let's take care of what we have here now. I agree, Don. Anymore discussion on this substitute motion to the amendment? We're, we're voting on a two-thirds decision. This is what you're voting on now. Two-thirds as opposed to unanimous. If we approve the two-thirds, Don's motion dies and we go to the original motion. All in favor of the two-thirds, raise your cards. All opposed, raise your cards. That's too close. We're going to have a count. All in favor, raise your cards again. Brother Guide, do you want to count? And Brother Color Bearer, you want to assist? Brother Color Bearer, get this side of the room. Brother Guide, get this side of the room. Keep 'em up. Count 'em. We had sixty-six. Okay. All opposed to the two-thirds, raise your cards. Same thing. Left and right. Okay. Sixty-six to forty-six. It stands. Two-thirds is what it is. That's a hundred and twelve. This is just a simple majority here. Yes, Brother.

Department of Michigan, Neal F. Breaugh

Neal Breaugh, Michigan. Point of information. Now that we're voting on the original motion this automatically, if passed, becomes a part of old business at the next Encampment?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No. It goes into the Regulations.

Department of Michigan, Neal F. Breaugh

Then we do need Don's motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

This is an amendment to the Constitution.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah, that's right. It would have to go for ratification of each Department. This is a Constitution we're talking about here. Yes, Brother Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Now I'm coming up to make the motion that there be a time limit. That it be, whatever the problem is, be taken care of through this little thing by the next Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion to amend the original motion to set a time limit, by the next Encampment.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a second by Adam Gaines from Canada. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your voting cards. It is nearly unanimous. All opposed, same sign. We have two. So moved.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Now we're back to the original motion. Did you wish to read the new resolution as adopted, before we vote on it? Okay. This is what it's going to read in your Constitution.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Item B. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the National Encampment is in violation of or is in conflict with our Congressional Charter and/or the Constitution and/or National Regulations and/or United States Law, he may propose such General Order or Orders to delay implementation of such action, or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order or Orders authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed. The Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right. But if it means it requires us another Special National Encampment, it would mean that. But it does not eliminate that chance of that ever happening. It helps a long ways towards it. Any further discussion on this motion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed? So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Brother Commander-in-Chief?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I now move you that this language be immediately incorporated into the Regulations pending the ability of the Departments to review a Constitutional change.

Indistinguishable

Where at?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Where at? Under General Regulations, a new article.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion to incorporate this into the Regulations currently while the Departments vote on this at their respective Department Encampments ratifying it. Do we have a second? We have a second back here. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed? We have a majority in favor, so moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Okay. At the bottom of page forty-eight, we have item number six, deals with Annual Reports. This is a change to the existing Regulations that prohibits a Brother from serving as Commander of two Camps at the same time. Section 1 of Article 4 under Chapter 1. The Officers of a Camp shall be Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three members of Camp Council, Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard, Guide and Historian, Memorials Officer, and Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary/Treasurer. The Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council. So, we add to the end of this, no Brother may concurrently serve as the Commander of more than one Camp. And the Committee recommends its approval and I move that you adopt this proposal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on this? Yes?

Past Department Commander, Michigan, Gary Gibson

Commander, Gary Gibson, Department Commander, err Past Department Commander of Michigan. Question to the Committee. Does this include MAL Coordinators since they are considered Commanders of a Camp?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No. The Commander-in-Chief, is the Department Commander of National Membership-at-Large.

Past Department Commander, Michigan, Gary Gibson

Okay.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes. Any more discussion? Brother, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Will you take the Gavel? You got it. Okay. I do have an objection to this in one way. I would accept that motion provided that it states "in the same Department" at the end. Because you have Brothers that live near borders. They may belong to Camps in multiple Departments. And what their decisions are to make at one Camp in one Department has no bearing on what another Department is doing. I'm still opposed to it because I think that a Brother can serve as a Camp Commander in more than one Camp. I'm sorry, I just believe you can. If you're going to say that, then you're going to say, Department Commanders, you can't be a Camp Commander and serve on a Department Council somewhere else the Council of Administration. That takes away your time. Heaven forbid.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Actually that is an existing ruling by a Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I know, it was Arthur Spinks. Which is an illegal order in my mind and it is a propagation of a Regulation which I think it should be thrown out. Somebody behind you that wants to speak. That was my one time up, by the way.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Go ahead.

Department of Maryland, Michael Beard

Michael Beard, Department of Maryland. I speak in opposition. This is an excellent way to create new Camps. If you have a really good Camp going and a good organizer that's running a Camp. He gets another Camp started. He starts off as that new Camp's Commander. Get that thing on the road. It's a great way to get new Camps developed. So I oppose the motion.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Any further discussion? All those in favor of the motion up card. Down card. All opposed, up card. Down card. It's against.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

The, the motion was defeated and I return the gavel to you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Go to page forty-nine. In the second group of proposals that the Committee considered. At the 126th National Encampment the following motion was adopted. That our current Policies be incorporated into the C&R, where applicable, not to eliminate policies, not to eliminate the role of the Council of Administration to establish policies and so forth, but to take the policies that are already in or addressed in the C&R. Incorporate those policies into the language of the C&R as appropriate. The Committee was not unanimous in this recommendation, but the Committee recommends that some of those policies be adopted and some be considered for after being re-written, and others were not to be incorporated at all. If you look at the bottom of page forty-eight, one of the proposals that we make is

that the policy regarding the use of Veterans Charters should be placed in Section 3 and Article 1. This listed for you the way we want it to be written here. New Section 3 would be Charters issued by the old Sons of Veterans Organizations and issued prior to the Congressional Charter, the Order apparently is operating under, are still valid. Any Camp and/or Department possessing and conducting operations under such a Charter, have always and will continue to operate under the full authority of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And b), Charters of previous Camps and/or Departments no longer in existence may not be re-activated. Those seeking to re-activate an old Camp or an old Department must obtain a new Charter. Any such old Charter may be retained by the new Camp and/or Department for historical purposes. Now this is a policy that was adopted by the Council of Administration and we're proposing that it be incorporated into the Regulations here. And I move that we adopt it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion and a second on the floor. Is there any discussion? We do have a question or a discussion. I thought we had an easy one here.

Pennsylvania Department Commander, John M. McNulty

John M. McNulty, Pennsylvania Department Commander. You just put me in the hot seat, Charley. I've got a Camp that may want to re-activate an old Charter.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You cannot re-activate an old Charter.

Pennsylvania Department Commander, John M. McNulty

Well they want, they want to use the old name. Can we still use the old name?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

They can use the old name. But, they cannot use the Charter.

Pennsylvania Department Commander, John M. McNulty

Okay. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Don Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I do have one question. The 126th Encampment states that our current policies be incorporated in the C&R where applicable. Down in the verbiage on the third paragraph the majority of the C&R Committee should review the policies, insert only policies where appropriate. That was not what was sent to the C&R Committee. What was sent there was that these policies would be incorporated where applicable. Not that you would decide if it was appropriate or not. The 126th National Encampment basically said these were to be placed in the C&R. Our current policies be incorporated into the C&R where applicable. That's pretty straight forward.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Right, the Committee added what was applicable.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

No. It says where applicable. Not if applicable. Which means you are tasked to put them in the C&R. Not decide whether they're appropriate or not. That was the tasking of the 126th Encampment. So that kind of makes all of this, what we're doing right now, moot because the C&R Committee was told to put them in the Constitution and Regulations, period.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Don, what you're saying is, that your interpretation of where, is what Section of the Constitution. Our interpretation of where, is whether or not they were applicable to the Constitution and Regulations. So, it's a case of what does where mean.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Well, just growing up in Southern Ohio, I know what where is and I know what were is, minus an 'h' in the second word there, which is, to me, it says you were to incorporate them where applicable. Which means, put them in the spots, not if they were applicable.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That isn't my take on it. I would take it like Rich says. That you put it in where it applies to that. There are certain policies that we have that really have no bearing any place in the Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

National Parks and some of the awards we give. Why would they be listed in the Regulations?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Well, why are our medals listed in the Regulations?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Because that is a patented item. It contains the badges of the Order and it affects our Congressional Charter. And they are worn as representation of this Organization. Giving somebody an award you wouldn't have to put the awards in. You wouldn't have to put a lot of other things in. Commander-in-Chief can issue what, whatever awards he wants to order, issue.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

No you can't. It's in the policy.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah you can. I can create any award I want to create, I can create one.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

You have a policy, right now, that says what awards can be given out, how long they can be worn, and everything. Okay. I'll tell you what. I would move that this Encampment decide whether where, w-h-e-r-e, or were, w-e-r-e is inappropriate. Decide what the 126th Encampment meant by their reading. And it'll decide whether the rest of this page is a moot point or not.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion on the floor to decide what where means.

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(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There's a second to that motion over here, several there.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I'm saying where, you're saying were. Two different words.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

No I'm not.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No, he's saying where, where appropriate. W-h-e-r-e.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

No, not appropriate. Applicable.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Applicable. Okay. Where applicable. In other words, basically, where you can apply it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Yes. And this says where appropriate. Two different things.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. We have a motion on the floor and a second, to determine what the word where means. Is there any discussion on this? Yes, Jim Pahl. We're getting into the ground here. It's a waste of a lot of time, folks.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I was the presiding officer at the 126th National Encampment and I made very sure that everyone was very clear that this directive was not a mandate to the Committee to install every policy in the Regulations, but the Committee study the issue and where appropriate, i.e. deciding if it should be there or not, then insert policies and regulations. But if not appropriate for that particular policy, that it not be inserted. And I made very clear that the Brothers understood that was the purpose behind the wording at the time. I specified that. I made sure it was clear directly that it was not a mandate that every policy go into the regulations; that the Committee be charged to study and if appropriate for that policy, insert it in the appropriate place in the Regulations. So, that is what happened.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You heard it from the man who assigned this to the Committees. Brother, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Before I continue, Commander-in-Chief, are we voting on a definitions according to Funk and Wagnall, or are we back to the original motion?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a legitimate motion and a second on the floor to decide on what the word where is.

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable) motion to decide, not a motion (indistinguishable).

Encampment

(chatter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, what we're deciding on is what the interpretation of what is printed in the highlight or italics print here. Our current policies be incorporated into the C&R where applicable. That was what was ordered the Encampment. That's what your voting on, it's not were or where, it's what the intent was and what that statement says.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

And the intent was for what, and I took the same thing that Jim said. And the same thing Rich did. Because it's where one of our policies has an affect on the Regulations. That's where they dealt with it. Like for instance on the National Parks, our policy on supporting different things or whatever, it has no bearing on the Regulations. You only got to change it where it affects the Regulation. Where are you, which, which page, Rich? That our current Policies be incorporated into the C&R where applicable. Not to eliminate Polices. Not to eliminate the role of the C of A. To establish policies and so forth. But to take the policies that are already in and addressed in the C&R, incorporate those policies into the language of the C&R as appropriate. That's being pretty specific. That's saying where it doesn't affect it. Okay. Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert. This originated with me last year. The question I have is if these policies are this important, that they are going to govern this body, why are they not incorporated into the C&R as regulations? We are, at the time you're sworn in to any office, Camp Commander, Department Commander, or National Commander-in-Chief, you're giving the ritual and the C&R to govern this body. You're not given the ritual, the C&R, the digest, and the policies. The only thing is about these policies is, it gives the Council of Administration the ability to change that policy without this body's approval. Now if these policies that are not going into the Regulations as requested, and some of them are three, four, five, and six years old, why are they not made part of the Regulations? That's why if the thrust was to simplify this order as easy as we can without confusing ourselves constantly like we have been over the past fifteen, twenty years. So I just really need to know

why the policies that were not put in the into the Regulations as requested, are still being retained as policies which are going to govern this Order. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Jim Pahl.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

May I answer that question? James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. The answer to that question, I think, is very clear and simple, in my mind anyway. What are our Regulations? What is our Constitution? In corporate law, these are the equivalent of corporation by-laws. Corporation by-laws are designed to provide guidelines for the operation of the institution. Our Federal Charter authorizes and mandates the Council of Administration to create and enforce such policies as time to time calls for. Policies are not designed to help govern the organization. But statements, like he statement on Parks that has no place in the Regulations but it's a valid policy statement of the organization. So that has no place in the Regulations. And that's what we're saying, is some of these policies don't have a place in the Regulations, some do. And we should have put those in. But the Regulations, the purpose of that is, the governing document of the Order. And so you don't encumber the Regulations with a number of things that are really nothing more than policies and have nothing to do with how the Order operates.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Dave Medert, this is your second time up.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Second time up. Okay. I agree with exactly what he is saying. Because we have to have a regulation on our statement on National Parks. Yes, I agree with that. But we have got a policy in here about contracts that is not in the Regulation. That somebody is going to be able to go out and sign a contract, the Remembrance Day Committee, the Lincoln Tomb Committee, and so forth, and sign an obligation of our financial being on our behalf. That should be a Regulation. It's not. It's still a policy. There are other ones. The War Medal policy, the War Medal Regulation. There are others that are in conflict. So if you read one, then you read the other one, you're in conflict. So the ones that are paralleling, why aren't they in the Regulations? That's what my thrust is.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Anyhow, Rich is making a decision here. I think he wants to get up and say something, but he isn't sure if he wants to do it yet. Steve?

Past Department Commander, Maryland, Steven Hammond

Steve Hammond, Past Department Commander, Department of Maryland. Concerning Brother Darby's motion, before we vote on it, could someone tell us when we vote yea, what we're voting for. And when we vote nay, what we're voting for?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Basically what we're saying is, Brother Darby, will you remove your motion about the description of what where means? Or do you still want to have a vote on what the word where means? Let's get it out of the way. If you adopt his motion, we've got to go into a lengthy discussion on what where means.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Actually, I just want you to tell me what the italicized things, what they believe that the 126th Encampment wanted to happen.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The italicized is a transcript, Brothers, from the 126th National Encampment. That is exactly out of the National proceedings, as transcribed by a Court Reporter. The presiding officer already stated what that was for. At the time. What his intention was. And he made it very clear.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Well that was his intention, but what was the intention of the Encampment when they said that you will incorporate into the C&R where applicable?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, I would suggest to you, this body can't make that determination. Because, you would have to go to every delegate that was there and voted and ask them what they thought it meant in order to determine what they thought it meant. You can't in hindsight sit here and say what a hundred and fifty people thought they were voting on. The only person there with any authority to make that determination was the presiding officer at that time and he has told you what he told the Encampment. And we have the wording from the verbatim transcript that you had transcribed. I even though it's not worded that great, and it's not even in whole sentences.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

She just typed what you guys said.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

No, I didn't say it because I wasn't there. But still, that's Jim's interpretation as a presiding officer is the only thing we have to go on. Unless you're going to go back and get a list of everybody that was there, and survey them as to what they thought they were voting on.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Or that this National Encampment decides what they want in there and goes from there.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

You can do that, but then it's going to delay all of this another year. Because you'll have to send it back to the Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

All right. I'll withdraw my motion. It's not (indistinguishable).

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The original motion was withdrawn. Thank you, Don, I appreciate that. I owe you one. I'll buy you a beer tonight.

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(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Otherwise, we'd have been belaboring this. It is now. I want to get through this, Brothers. I know some of you may have full bladders, but we're going to try to get through this Committee Report which is another page and half, and then we're going to go ahead. So, is there any more discussion on this? This was to the Regulations, correct? This is on issuing the Charters, the Brothers still operate underneath the old SV Charters. All in favor, raise your card. All opposed, raise your card.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Let the record show that was unanimous in favor.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Might remind you that we're not throwing out all of the policies. We've incorporated some of them here. And some we're going to re-write. So on page fifty, the second one is the policy on the sale of extra National Encampment badges. Should be placed in Chapter 5, Article 3, as new Section 12. And this new Section 12 is paragraph a) the host Department of a National Encampment may sell to any Brother of the Order any such extra National Encampment badges that the host Department may possess at the conclusion of the Encampment. The sale shall not be made to anyone who is not a Brother of this order. Any such other Encampment badges shall first be offered to those Brothers in attendance at the National Encampment. And paragraph b) the Council of Administration may limit and/or prohibit the sale of any particular such badge, from time to time, in its sole discretion. And I move that we adopt this into the Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

A motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Walt?

Past Department Commander, Missouri, Walter E. Busch

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, Missouri. I recommend that the sentence sale shall not be made to anyone who is not a Brother to this order be stricken and this next sentence which says any such extra Encampment badges shall first be offered to those Brothers in attendance at a National Encampment be amended to say, after which time they can be sold to the people at large. All this does is prohibit the Department from making money. Versus me going in and buying them. I can go in and buy something from the Department at a cut-rate price and still go on e-Bay and sell every single one that I buy and make money instead of the Department. It hurts the Department and it doesn't necessarily prevent what we're trying to prevent. So I recommend either that we amend this first one or that we do away with it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Petrovic.

Council of Administration, Robert M. Petrovic

National Encampment Site Committee. I was in charge of the 2001 National Encampment and 2007 National Encampment. I've worked with these badges. Every year, the host Committee always has badges left over. There's no way that you can tell how many members are going to come. This year is much smaller than last year. They're going to end up with a lot of badges that they won't be able to sell if you approve this. This might be the only way that the host Committee and Department can come out and break even on this. And I think we should be able to sell to anybody after all the members have been given the opportunity to buy.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. I will point out that Brothers this is an existing policy, that all the Brothers of this Order, or all the Departments sponsoring Encampments already have. The meeting following of the C of A following the National Encampment, we always approve them to sell the remainder of their badges. Brother Don Darby, then you're next, Walt.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I agree with Brother Busch there in one regard, cannot be sold to who is not a Brother of the Order. I'm sure that's really going to upset the Ladies in the Relief Corp because they're not a Brother to the Order. They have a right to the Encampment badge just like everyone else does. So right now this says that you can't sell to them. Okay? I know what you're trying to do is, is keep it from the little medal collector type people, but you need to change the wording on that.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Busch, your second time up.

Past Department Commander, Missouri, Walter E. Busch

Walt Busch, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander. Just one bit of information. Since I just finished writing the checks for the last Department Encampment as Department Secretary, I know that our Encampment made all of about six hundred dollars for holding the National Encampment. And we still got plenty of items for sale if anybody wants to buy some.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

If you do, you do. Why not? Brother.

Past Department Commander, Massachusetts, John W. Bates III

Commander-in-Chief, John Bates, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts. I would echo Brother Busch's thoughts and, and say that this should be defeated because it does limit the host Committee in to what they can do and it's one of the major ways that we raise funds to pay for this Encampment. I would recommend that we defeat this.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Dave Medert.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Point of clarification. The motion is really to incorporate the existing policy into the Regulations. Now, if it's defeated, then it's going to remain as a policy. So I think what we probably want to do is go ahead and incorporate it into the Regulations, but amend the language to better reflect what we're trying to do. From what the discussion I'm hearing.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You have a motion a motion to amend?.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

I'd like to go ahead and amend the ...um...

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Well Brother Busch had a motion to amend. Did you make that motion?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Did you make that other motion?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

(Indistinguishable) suggestion.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

I second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Pardon me? Suggestion. Yeah. Go ahead.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Okay. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl Past Commander-in-Chief. As a member of the Committee and given what has been said, let me offer the following amendment. Sales shall not be made to anyone who is not a member of an Allied Order in attendance at said Encampment for a period of one year. After such time, extra medals may be offered to the public. Any such extra Encampment badges shall be first offered to those members of the Allied Orders in attendance at the National Encampment for a period of up to two weeks after the conclusion of that Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion on that? This is a question, it's not a objection.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Jim and I are going to have a discussion. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Jim, you're therefore authorizing the host Committee to sell something that has our name on it which may be contrary to the policy and the necessities to protect that name.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

No, I'm asking this body to approve that which then makes it an authorized sale because it's in our Regulations authorizing that particular circumstance.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

But you're giving carte blanche without the control of the Council of Administration over those badges to use the name of the Order on something they're selling to the public.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Because they've already been, that's the whole point of the article is to give that permission, so that accomplishes the goals and this Encampment keeps affirmative control over that by affirmatively voting to do that. That this is the Regulation of the Order that when those ...

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Except currently each badge has to be approved post Encampment by the Council of Administration and this is just open.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Yes. Well, you've always got paragraph B, that if the Council needs to step in for some reason, they can.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Okay.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Paragraph B, I think, addresses that.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

And you know what my concern is loosing control over protected symbols, emblems, and badges, and therefore they fall into the public domain.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I understand that concern. I think by granting affirmative permission through our Regulations that specifies the exact circumstance where it maybe happen.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Don Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I agree with Brother Pahl. Every Encampment, the Council of Administration gives the host Committee permission to use and sell that to the members. This just lets them be able to get rid of it. If we feel that it's being abused or misused, the Council can yank it back.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Absolutely. Yes, Brother Max Newman.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

Department of Michigan, National Treasurer. I have one comment to make about that in regards to the issue where the IRS is looking at us. If we start selling this stuff to the public at a profit, is that not getting us in trouble? They're going to look at it as excess income.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

That is correct. If it's sold at anything above actual cost, that would be a taxable event to the Organization, to the Host Committee. It's a taxable event to the Host Committee. And so the Host Committee would have to take appropriate action to file the appropriate forms of the IRS and pay the applicable tax. Including applicable sales tax to the state.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Now, if we sell them to the open public.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

That applies also. If you sell them to the open public, anything above actual costs anything will open that host Committee to applicable sales tax to the state government and income tax to state and federal government.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

But that doesn't mean a Brother couldn't buy all the badges that are left over. One Brother buy them and then sell them privately over e-Bay and then turn around and donate the money back to the Sons.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Sure.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah, but he would have a write-off because he's giving the money back to the Sons, which would off-set his income.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

The Brother would have the income tax things on his own shoulders, but yes.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right. Absolutely. That could be done. Okay. Brother Bates.

Past Department Commander, Massachusetts, John W. Bates III

John Bates, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts. I might point out, as probably most Encampments do, we're going to be on the losing end of this financial part of the Encampment and we are probably not going to make a profit. So I think the issue becomes when and if we make a profit.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes. Like National Counselor said, it's an issue of whether you sell the badge to the general public for more than what you've paid for it. Yes, Brother.

Department of Florida, James G. Ward

James Ward, Department of Florida, JVC. I'm simply giving you some technical insight from another source. The Form 990 that's filled out every year for the IRS is a communication from this Organization to the IRS. You can have large amounts of excess income. All the IRS cares is that whatever income you have, it is used for the purposes for which you're... they are recognizing an exemption. So there's no problem with making excess income. Second point regarding the state tax, which is a different issue, the goal here should be to get a tax exempt status recognized by the state, and then that problem goes away as well. I'm just offering those as an insight.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We are on the verge, Brother, of having a 501(C)(3), which would help us immensely with the state, so we're, we're that close. So, yes, Brother Jim.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I have to disagree with the Brother. This is not income as contemplated by a non-profit corporation which is donations or dues. When we sell an item, that is moving beyond the non-profit status into a profit category, and that is taxable. That does not fall into income that can be attributable to a non-profit that is not taxable. There's two separate things. If I make a donation I can deduct that donation and it's not taxable to the organization receiving. If the organization sells me an item that is not tax deductible to me and the organization has to pay applicable sales tax. And declare the income if that is a taxable event.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I'm ending debate on this right now. We beat this horse 'till it's blue. Let's vote on the amendment, what, Jim, you want to re-state your amendment one more time? So that everybody knows what we're voting on. This is what amends this motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

It's a motion to amend. And so, what I am proposing is a method by which the host Department of a National Encampment may sell any such extra. The Host Department of a National Encampment may sell any extra National Encampment badges that the host Department may possess at the conclusion of the Encampment. Sales shall be limited to members of the Allied Orders in attendance at the National Encampment for a period of two weeks. Thereafter the extra badges shall be made available to any member of the Allied Orders for one year. At the end of one year any remaining badges may be made available to the general public.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Do you hear that? All in favor of that, raise your cards. Opposed to it, raise your card. We've got a majority in favor of that.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

There is one clarification where the word member is used that may be deemed to exclude associates, and that was not the intent. The intent, and maybe we need to re-phrase it slightly was so that it includes associates. It's got Allied Orders. Those in attendance of the Allied Orders.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Those in attendance. Okay. Do we have to go back to the original motion? No. The restriction for only those in attendance is for a period of two weeks. Correct?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Correct.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Then those, who have to be a Brothers of the Sons, or a member of the Allied Orders for a year.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Correct.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

The intent is that sales be to any Brother of the Order or any Sister of the Allied Orders for a period of one year. You have to be a member or an associate of one of the Allied Orders in attendance. There are currently three.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Okay, what I wrote down was, that sales shall not be made to anyone who is not a member of the Allied Orders and in attendance at the Encampment for one year. Meaning, you can only sell to those who attended the Encampment for a year.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

That's a miss-statement and it may be what I said, but the intent is, if you personally attended the Encampment, you're the only ones that can buy a badge for a period of two weeks after the conclusion. Then, for the remainder of that year you have to be part of an Allied Order that was in attendance. Sons of Union Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veteran, or Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. That is the intent. Now, however we need to phrase it and I might not have said that, but that's the intent. So, we may need to revise this again.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

... I have it straight down here so I can give it to Bob. Shall not be made to anyone who is not a member of the Allied Orders in attendance at the Encampment for a period of two weeks. Thereafter, for a period of one year, they may be sold to any member of the Allied Order.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's correct. That's what you said.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

And then after that, they're available to anybody.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I would say Allied Orders that were in attendance at the National Encampment. Limit the three Orders. Not the two that do not attend with us.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Okay.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

If the members of the Daughters or the Relief Corp want to buy one, they have to either come to the Encampment as part of their organization ...The Orders participating in the Encampment. That would work. Not that I want to exclude the Daughters 'cause I love 'em, but, if they want to be part of it, they've got to join us.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That was actually, that would actually replaced the amendment, wouldn't it? Yes. But something actually replaced the amendment.

Indistinguishable

No, that was an amendment to the regular motion. Okay. All in favor of the motion as amended, raise your cards. All opposed, raise your cards.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. So moved. It passed.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Okay. On page fifty, Item 3, the policy on unused GAR and SUVCW graves should be placed in Chapter 5 as Article 7, and renumber the existing Article 7 and the remaining Articles accordingly. So the new Article 7, Section 1, where unused graves exist in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, GAR, or Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War grave plots, these graves shall be made available for indigent veterans or indigent SUVCW members. Member burial with an appropriate marker consistent with the markers used in the burial plot. The usage of these graves does not extend to spouses or other family members of the veteran or the SUVCW member. Section 2, each Camp and Department should take action to secure any unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots within their area as previously directed by the National Encampment. Section 3, each Camp and Department possessing unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots shall forward to the National Graves Registration Officer a description of the plots, including location. Section 4, the SUVCW will notify the Department of Veterans Affairs in each state regarding this policy. Keep in mind, this is a policy. It already exists. We're just asking you to add this to the Regulations. And I make the motion to do that.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Brother Darby, you must not want any nicotine because you better get it wrapped up quick here.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

This one's simple, I believe, in Section 1, where we get down to made available for indigent veterans or indigent SUVCW member burial, I think there should be a period there and the rest of the sentence deleted inasmuch as the way I read it, is that we'll make it available to them and pay for an appropriate marker consistent with the markers used for burial plot. That's the way it sounds. It says we're going to make it available to the SUVCW indigent member, burial with appropriate marker consistent. I just think that, there needs to be a period after burial and the rest of that sentence deleted. So I would make a motion that there these graves shall be made available for indigent veterans or indigent SUVCW member burial, period. And the rest of the sentence be deleted.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion to amend. And there is a second. All right. Discussion. Dave Medert.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Dave Medert, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This is just semantics, but since it was discussed so much at the last Encampment, I move that the language be changed to say, if you're using members, you're excluding associates.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

This is out of order. There's already a motion on the floor. We cannot amend it. Well, you can amend it after we get, take care of this. Okay. Save your thought. Yes?

Department of Rhode Island Commander, William Vieira

Commander-in-Chief, Bill Vieira, Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island. A point of clarification in regards to who would be eligible to be buried in a GAR plot. I don't feel it is adequately addressed by this. For instance if an SUVCW plot does not exist, a GAR plot does and there's available graves there, what would prevent an indigent SUVCW member who is not a veteran from being buried in a GAR plot.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There's nothing, not according to this. That's what, the current policy says.

Department of Rhode Island Commander, William Vieira

So, we are saying then, if we vote for this, that we equate a Brother who is an SUVCW member, of course, who is not a veteran as having the same rights and privileges as our ancestors who are buried in a Grand Army of the Republic plot.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's what it's basically says.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Again, reminder, we are voting to incorporating an existing policy into a regulation. That's what we're voting.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. You've heard discussion. All in favor ...

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past, Past Commander-in-Chief. I arise to make a substitute motion to Don's motion. I know what he's trying to say, Don, and I agree with it, but part of this, when the policy was written, if you recall, was the phrase was put in there to assure the same type of marker was used for any veteran who may be buried in that plot, so that the marker was consistent with the other veterans markers which are free from the Federal Government. So, the only cost to be borne by anyone was the setting of the marker. So what I was offering is that we reword this to read these graves shall be made available for indigent veterans, with an appropriate marker consistent with the markers used in the burial plot, or indigent SUVCW member, and, or SUVCW Brother, period. I'm reordering the sentence so it changes the meaning. It already attaches the marker consistent with the other markers on the where the marker can be obtained free of charge from the Federal Government.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

But, if he's an indigent SUVCW member who was not a veteran

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

He would go into an unmarked grave. But at least he would have a burial site.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

The way it's worded now it sounds like we're going let him be buried there and we're going to pay for a marker.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Right. But if change the wording around to, these graves shall be made available for indigent veterans with an appropriate marker consistent with markers used in the burial plot, or indigent SUVCW Brothers, period. The marker consistent with is not attached to the SUVCW Brother. It's only attached to the veteran, and those markers are free from the Federal Government.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Point of order.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

So, that's my substitute motion for his motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. We're now engaged in discussion on a motion on the floor that has not been seconded and they launched immediately into discussion. So for the purpose of the record, I offer a second to the substitute motion.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Discussion on the second substitute.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, would it clean it up if I just take my motion off the floor and we adopt Rich's motion?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes it would. Withdraw your motion, Brother Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Done.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

And we are having thunder and lightening. Okay. I do want to go. As soon as we finish this report. I want to finish this. We've got a page and a half to go. We have to vote on this motion. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Okay. On page fifty, at the bottom of the page. Item 4, the policy on the records retention schedule for SUVCW, which includes some revisions by this Committee, should be placed in Chapter 5, Article 1, as a new Section number 9. For the sake of expediency, I won't read that whole Section 9. It's a whole page. You've got them there. Take a look at it. You can see what it is. I move that we adopt it as presented.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That motion is seconded. Brothers, no discussion on this. This is what the IRS says we have to have. All right? That came from Max Newman who's been in contact with the IRS. This whole thing came out of this 990 business. Correct, Max?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah. We don't have a choice in this. This is one of those things if we voted against this, the incoming Commander-in-Chief would have to put it on abeyance. So in favor, raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. We have two people opposed back there, just for the point of opposing. So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Okay. It's not in your reports, but the change relating to Junior Associates at the Special Encampment, there's a few places in the Regulations where we need to adjust the wording from Junior to Junior Associate. And rather than go through each of those little things, it's a housekeeping thing, we would like that you approve the motion granting the C&R Committee authority to make those grammatical adjustments.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion and a second to make those changes. I thought we handled those at the Special Encampment? Oh, there were a couple more missed. Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Now, good news and bad news. We, we have a change to the Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations. It's not your packet. The Regulations are about twenty some pages long and it was going to cost an extra three or four hundred dollars to print those. So we saved you three or four hundred dollars by not doing that. The bad part is that you don't have them to look at, but the changes were approved by the Military Affairs Committee. They were approved by the C&R Committee. And basically what they amount to is we added a Military Naval Unit authorization to the Regulations and a Marine Unit authorization. We made some adjustments in the discipline code as far as time frames for filing charges and making appeals. And we made some changes in the language where it used to be called the SOP, we now call it the SVR Regulations. In the C&R there is a section that relates to the SVR, Chapter 4, and we want to incorporate that into the SVR Regulations so that when you read the SVR Regulations, you also got the C&R Regulation right there with you. And we have two options. I can read all twenty-five pages and sort out the science or I can ask you to vote on this, taking the good word and judgment of the C&R Committee and the Military Affairs Committee. Now, I move that we adopt it based on what the Committees recommend.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

I second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? This affects only the SVR. All in favor, raise your card. Opposed, same sign. Okay. We have two people opposing back there. You guys want to oppose everything, don't you, back there?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I trained 'em well.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, guys. We're going to take a break. Fifteen minutes. I need it.

[three raps ***]

BREAK

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, Brothers. Everybody, take your voting cards out. Right now. And take a pen out. And write on the top of that card, your name. If you lose it, or drop it, when somebody finds it, we will turn it over to you. Well, yeah. You can put my name on there. That way I can vote for everybody. We'll be done here in a minute. Okay. Encampment Site Committee, Jim Houston.

Past Department Commander, Ohio, James H. Houston, Jr.

Jim Houston, Department of Ohio, Past Commander, Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee. On page sixty-nine. I just want to call your attention to two Encampments that are officially scheduled by the Committee. Next year's Encampment, and we'll have a flyer tomorrow which will have on the seats about this. This is about the 2009 Encampment, which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. At the what's now Executive West Hotel. And in a couple months, they're re-branding it as Crowne Plaza. On the flyer that you get tomorrow you can see the information on there. But you can currently make room reservations on an 800 number. They're looking forward to having us down there August 13th to the 16th of next year. You have further questions, you can ask me. Unfortunately the folks from the Department of Kentucky were unable to make it to this Encampment. But it will have information as far as contacts. If you have any other questions as far as getting to the Department. Or as I say, ask me. The 2010 Encampment will be in Overland Park, Kansas, hosted by the Department of Kansas, from August 12th to 15th, 2010. The representatives of the Department of Kansas are here. So you can ask them for further information. They have an advertisement in the program booklet which has some information on that as well as the Department of Kentucky also has that kind of information. As always, we encourage Departments to talk to us. To talk to the Committee about hosting a future Encampment because at this point, 2011 we don't have a written proposal from anyone yet. Although we have interest from a lot of Departments for various years, all the way through 2014. So if there's any questions as I say, when you see myself or other members of the Committee, which are Charles Corfman and Robert Petrovic, you can ask us and we'll try to meet with you. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Jim, one thing to point out. I think Pennsylvania put a resolution in last year about 2013.

Past Department Commander, Ohio, James H. Houston, Jr.

We'll be glad to talk with the Department of Pennsylvania. I have not received anything in writing or verbally from the Department of Pennsylvania, at this point. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. You didn't have any recommendations, did you, Jim?

Past Department Commander, Ohio, James H. Houston, Jr.

No.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Fraternal Relations, Brad Schall.

Council of Administration, D. Brad Schall

I have nothing to add.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Nothing. What page is your report on? You don't know what page your report's on.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No additional information. On page sixty-five I'm told. Graves Registration, Jim Davenport. Nobody's here. Brothers, I want to say something here. I had a bit of a problem this morning when we had the memorial service for Bob Lowe. I got a little bit teary eyed. Bob's done a lot of work for this organization. He received the Cornelius Whitehouse Award. He received Meritorious Service Award, with Gold Star. We lost a great Brother.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Amen to that.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

He's leaving tough shoes to fill. Jim Davenport stepped into the position and I think he's going to do a great job for us. I just wanted to make it clear so it's in the National records here how this Commander-in-Chief felt about Bob Lowe. National History, Bob Wolz, he's not here. Legislation Committee, Daniel Earl. Lincoln Tomb Observance, Ed Krieser.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Krieser

I have nothing to add and no recommendations.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Nothing to add. No recommendations. National Committee on Memberships. Leo? Or is yours covered in your Officer's Report? It was covered in the Officer's Report which went to Committee. Military Affairs, Bud Atkinson. No changes and you guys just addressed the Regulations changes. Programs and Policy. Addressed in the Senior Vice Report. Remembrance Day Committee, Bud.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson

On Remembrance Day, everything seems to be pretty well set up, thanks to the Commander-in-Chief. And living up at Gettysburg and he's been taking care of all the permits and all up there. And as far as I know from the last time I talked with Charley, there's no changes in the parade route or anything else, is there Charley?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No. We have the parade permit already from the Borough of Gettysburg. It's already set up for this year. I've already filed the permits for the National Park for the service to the Wilson Monument. And I sent a letter to the school requesting use of their grounds there at the school for the formation of the parade. I've not heard back from them yet, but they usually grant it. You going to tell five thousand men with muskets and bayonets that they are not going to meet there.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson

Only one thing we got to worry about is whether the merchants are going to support us again this year. Have we heard anything on that, Charley?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Not yet. I will call her as we get closer to the date.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Elmer F. “Bud” Atkinson

We’ve been running this now for over twenty some years, and we got everything running good and we’re on a good schedule.. Everything’s more or less the same as it was last year. Where there was no problem occurred at all. So I hope this year’s going to be the same way.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I hope so, too. Jerry, you had something?

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

Yes, Commander-in-Chief, I’d like to make the Encampment aware of the fact that the Lincoln Tomb Committee is seriously considering having a ball following the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony that evening. It’s also anticipating inviting all of the re-enacting units in the Midwest to attend our parade. The parade will begin the ceremony. It will be followed by the traditional ceremony, followed by the luncheon, the Petersburg observance of the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic Dr. Benjamin Stevenson. And then early in the evening, so that people who are within driving distance and don’t want to spend the night the ball would start at 7:00 and end at probably 10:00. These are tentative plans that I’d like to make the Encampment aware that the Committee is going along those lines. For the purpose of raising money for the Tomb. The State of Illinois feels that it’s politicians should be rewarded handsomely, and so in order to do that, they’re cutting back the funding of the Tomb. And it’s closed on Sundays and Mondays now. So in order to do some of the things necessary at the Tomb, the Sons and MOLLUS would like very much to have a fund raising ball as they do in Gettysburg.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Very good. Thank you Jerry. National Committee on GAR Records, Dean Sergeant, anything new?

National Committee on GAR Records, A. Dean Sergeant

No change.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No change, nothing new. Civil War Heritage Defense Fund. I believe we had an increase, didn’t we, Max, on that? I thought we had an increase in the fund. It was only two or three hundred bucks or something.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

There’s an additional three thousand forty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents in the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. An additional three thousand dollars. It was a little over three thousand dollars. So that’s a good thing.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

A couple of years ago, the Council of Administration authorized me to go ahead and put fifty cents of your per capita dues to National into that fund so that we could start building it. Because it was rather stagnant for a couple of years and it was not growing anything beyond three hundred dollars that we started with. So at this time, there’s probably, maybe sixty-five hundred dollars in there. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brothers, for those of you who do not know what that’s for. I hope we never need it. But if we have to go to Court to get the cannon tubes returned or defend a monument or something that our ancestors put there, that’s what this money’s for. To pay for legal fees. So we’ve been involved in a number of fights. We’ve been fortunate that we’ve had a lot of good folks come forward, attorneys and so forth, that have worked pro bono and defended this Organization in the past. But there will come a day and time when their charity will run short. So that’s what that money’s for. Civil War Memorials Grant Fund. Brad Schall. Nothing more on that fund. e-Bay surveillance. Yes? Okay. We’re back to Civil War Memorials Grant Fund.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

There are some awards that I got late, and I have them in my hand. Is Jim Houston here?

Past Department Commander, Ohio, James H. Houston, Jr.

Yeah.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

Come on up, if you want it. Otherwise, I'm going on a trip.

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(laughter)

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

Anyone from the Ezra Griffin Camp in Pennsylvania?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

He can get it. Department Commander can get it for you. Save you a postage stamp.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

Okay. It's already got the stamp on it. All you got to do is peel the stamp off. These are for monument restoration. Or if there was a new monument. Joseph Hutchinson from John Bryer, is it Bainter?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Bryner.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

Bryner Camp 67 in Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You guys from Illinois?

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

From the Henry Harnden Camp in Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You'd better mail it.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

Okay. March To The Sea, I know they're not here. I can take it to Abraham Lincoln Camp in New York.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No, it's in Michigan.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

No, excuse me.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Camp Six in Michigan. Anybody here from that? It says Rochester, Michigan.

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

You still have those letters there? A copy of 'em?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Danny, is there an Abraham Lincoln Camp at Six in New York?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah, it's Rochester. I didn't, well, I mean that's every city ...

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

I might have put the wrong state on it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Here. Do you want to change that on there so you don't forget and mail it?

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

I want double check it.

Encampment

(laughter)

National Treasurer, Max L. Newman

Anybody from the Governor Henry Crapo Camp here? In Michigan? Let me double check that letter. And that'll be the last one. Is there somebody from Michigan? Other than me? That's my home Camp.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Thank you, Max. E-Bay Surveillance. Max, you've got my pen.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It's funny. I had three pens in my pocket and none of them work except for this one. Nobody here from e-Bay Surveillance? Okay. National Committee on Scholarships. John Ertell? Brothers, we did grant two scholarships this year. I'll let you know who they are tomorrow in my General Order 35. That's another thing I want to point out. General Order 36 came out before 35. That's only because I found out that the real son had passed away after I had already written 35. And 35 was already at Ken Freshley and he had posted it to automatically appear on the website on Saturday morning. So, that's why they're out of order. So tomorrow if you look you'll see 35 in its right place, so. That concludes the Standing Committees. Special Committees. Real Sons and Daughters. Is anybody here from that? Did Jerry Orton make it? Jerry didn't come up. National Committee on Fort Donelson. Anybody here from that? Registration Study Committee? George? Nothing. That was continued? Brothers, these special Committees, with the exception of the Civil War Sequa-centennial and the Grand Army of the Republic Sequa-centennial will expire at the end of this Encampment. The other one was the Canadian Monument Committee, So those Committees will not exist any more unless you accept my suggestion to continue that until we have a monument. But all these other ones will expire at the end of this Encampment unless the incoming Commander-in-Chief so appoints new members. Canadian Monument Committee, Adam Gaines.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

My report, and there is a correction to the report, I am not the chairman of the Committee. I'm just the guy who sends in the report. There is an amendment to it. Sorry I'm a little bit nervous. The National Grants Committee has offered us a five hundred dollar grant. And it is recommended that we continue this Committee after this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a recommendation on the floor to continue the Committee until there is a proper monument. It's under my Officer's Report. But if we deal with it here, then the Officer's Report Committee, it's one less thing they have to deal with. Right? The recommendation is to continue the Canadian Monument Committee. And this is something I had in my Officer's Report. Until such time that there is a proper monument dedicated to the Canadian men who came down here, fifty thousand of 'em or more, and served this country, fighting for the Union Army. Twenty-nine of them receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor and four of them becoming Generals in the U. S. Army. Any objections to that? It's like the Real Sons. We've continued that Committee until the last Real Son dies, or real child dies. There is a finite end to it. For those of you who don't know, a little bit of background, the Canadians came down here and placed a monument dedicated to American Soldiers. It sets in Arlington National Cemetery. It's a beautiful, the Victorian Cross. Is that what it's called?

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

It's called the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right. And it, it contains on there three plaques. One initially was placed on there for World War I. And then they came along and placed one for World War II. And then they came along and placed one for Korea. So, the Canadians have done this. I have written both my Senator's asking for support of this in the U. S. Government and we have written letters to the U. S. Government asking for

their support of a one and a half million dollars to place a proper memorial. There is no memorial to Canadians who came down here and served. Fifty thousand Canadians came and served and you have to consider, at the time of the Civil War, you're looking at a huge percentage of their population that came down here. Right now, they're probably a third of the population of the United States.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

I've read that up to five thousand Canadians gave their life during the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah. Five thousand Canadians died during the Civil War, so. Rich has an objection.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

No, I'm not really objecting. I'm just pointing something out. Richard Orr, National Counselor. Commander-in-Chief, Chapter 3, Article 7, Committees, Section 2, Special Committees may be created by action of the National Encampment and shall be for a period of time designated in the creation thereof. Their duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined. What you're doing is, you're trying now to amend the creation of the Committee. When the Committee was created, the time had to be specified how long it would exist. And unless you go back and actually see what the language was when the Committee was created. Now you can let it expire and re-authorize it with a different end date.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right. Yes. Brother, I believe Brother John McNulty's next.

Department of Pennsylvania Commander, John M. McNulty

John M. McNulty, Commander of Pennsylvania Department. There was a motion approved at our 128th Encampment at Ligonier, Pennsylvania, asking for a continuation of this Committee. somewhere in the communication between myself and my Secretary/Treasurer, and the National Secretary, it didn't get through. Our Secretary/Treasurer has it, but cannot print it out because he couldn't get to a computer here in the hotel to actually print it. Basically what is said is we requested that this be completed. You have it? Okay. Can you get it sent to George's printer? Okay. We can get that, but basically what it comes down to, is we requested a continuation of this Committee until the work was completed. So, I would be willing to make a motion to that affect in the name of my Brothers from Pennsylvania if that would be helpful, to get this thing straightened out.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. What was the original wording on it?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. The original wording would be in last year's proceedings, because that was continued over for a year. It was continued over for at least a year. Brother Don?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, since I was the one that made the motions that we, last year that we had to put dates on each Committee that was formed. When this Committee was formed I made the motion that it expire at this Encampment. Now, going back to precedence, we have had Special Committees, the Real Sons and Daughters was a Special Committee. Up until last year in it's formation, it was until the last Real Son or Daughter passed away.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's correct. And you set an end date on that. Then whenever they die, it's the end date, when they're gone.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Right. I think that this Encampment could entertain the motion by the Department of Pennsylvania that we have make a change to have that from what I said last year, you could vote this in and say it's going to go away this year. You redo the Committee and say that it's in existence until the monument is done.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right. Okay. So we have Pennsylvania Department is making a motion to establish a Canadian Monument Committee until expiration date that the monument is actually there. Do we have a second on that? We have multiple seconds. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your voting cards. Opposed?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Department of Pennsylvania Commander, John M. McNulty

And I thank you all because one of my great, great, great uncles was from Ontario and served in the 118th Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes. Adam. Go ahead.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

Okay. My own ancestor was Canadian and fought in the 10th Michigan Calvary and he went back after the war and oddly enough, my ancestor served along side Pat Campbell's ancestor. And also, during the Revolutionary War, there were two Canadian Regiments that were formed up in Quebec. And went and fought with the American side during the Battle of Quebec. During the War of 1812, I know of at last one descendent of a man who was hanged by the British for helping the Americans. And that's all I can think of up at the top, and actually, does anybody in here know of a General John Franklin Farnsworth?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah. Farnsworth was in his fatal ride at Gettysburg.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

He, he was a Canadian.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

I'm, I'm sorry I'm shaking a little bit. I'm really nervous.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Why are you nervous? These are all your Brothers in here.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

Okay.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

I just wanted to tell the Brothers that so they'd know a little bit about, about what Canadians have done.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, so, we approved the monument. We're good, we're good with the Monument Committee. The motion from Pennsylvania carried. We have a Committee now until the monument exists in Canada.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

GAR Sequa-Centennial Committee, Rich Orr. Here. Let me see if I can get this out of here so you can sit. Here. You don't want to sit for a while? Okay. You said your knees are shot.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Well they are..

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're getting to be an old man.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

I like it here to steal your papers again and you won't know where you're at. GAR Sequa-Centennial Committee. Richard Orr for the Committee. We have a number of recommendations that are in your packet. They're composed of two parts. Because one of the things that we felt that we needed to do was to get the GAR Records Project done by the Sequa-centennial of the Grand Army. It was one of the best things that we could do to keep alive their memory and celebrate the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. To that end, we have incorporated two recommendations. One rather lengthy. Page sixty-one. So this is the first part and the first recommendation of that part is that we rework the structure of the GAR Records page on the National Website so that the map link that is provided provides additional options rather than just the list that was developed by Brother Henningfield. So that if you click on the state, it will bring up the option of going to his list, a list developed by another organization and the Department website which hopefully will have additional information. Someone looking for information on a GAR Post in a given state would be directed to every resource we know out there from one location. Presently, they can look at our page and move to a large, basically Excel spreadsheet on our website. And they have to browse through it. Then they have to go to other links. There is a bar listed under links. And it becomes a rather laborious effort to find the information or to find that the information doesn't exist. The materials generated and posted on Department sites should stay there. But it should be linked to the National site. Again, making it one stop shopping. you can go to our website, go to that interactive map, and instead of just going to another page, bring up every site that we know of that has information about the GAR Posts in that Department and linking directly to the pages on their website. To that end we are suggesting that a three member sub-committee of the of website specialists be appointed to scour cyberspace and do the updating of the site working with the National Webmaster so that everything can be placed in one position. That's the first recommendation. Well that's the second. This is all one recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Hear the recommendation. Any opposition?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

What's the word scour mean, just so there's no misunderstanding.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Sit down.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

You get a Brillo pad and you start on your screen, your monitor ...

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

All right. The second part or the other recommendations besides the GAR Records the Committee is draft legislation asking to authorize the United State's Mint to issue commemorative platinum, gold, and sliver coins. The first recommendation is that we continue to pursue this where it's not quite known where we need to get some federal legislators to sponsor this.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Moved.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

That we continue the pursuit with the Comparative Stamp Advisory Committee and the Postmaster General to have a stamp issued in honoring the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the GAR.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

So we asked the other Allied Orders to join us in a commemorative event on or about 6 April 2016, the actual 150th Anniversary date of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic to celebrate this event.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, that concludes the recommendations of this Committee for this year.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you, Rich. Civil War Sequa-Centennial Committee. This is my pet. One of my pet projects. James Hanby.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Commander-in-Chief, James Hanby for the Committee. Just one update that's not in the report but it is in Dan Earl's legislative report. Deals with HR1131 which is the effort to establish a National Commission for the Civil War Sequa-centennial, much like the Lincoln Bi-Centennial Commission. Unfortunately it's doing nothing but treading water. In fact, as I was looking at it the other day the Representative that originally sponsored that act, Representative Baker from Louisiana, has resigned from Congress and is no longer a member of Congress. In addition, out of the twelve co-sponsors that he had managed to bring in on that, Bobbie Jindal from Louisiana has resigned in order to become Governor of Louisiana. And Joanne Davis from Virginia has died. So, two of the twelve are no longer in Congress in addition to the original sponsor. So I doubt very seriously that it is going to move out of the sub-committee on Federal Workforce, Post Office in the District of Columbia in this Congress, if in fact it still exists as a Bill, since the sponsoring Congressman is no longer in Congress. So, it will take a sustained effort when the new Congress goes in, in January to get someone to introduce a bill and get it through Congress if we're going to have a Commission. There are four recommendations in the report. First, that the public perception of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is that the Sequa-centennial commemorates the most important war for human liberty and freedom in the 19th century. That the Civil War confirmed and expanded upon the foundation laid by the revolution and set in motion the events that would result in the 20th century being called America's Century. That because of the actions of the Union Army in preserving for us one nation, under God, the United States of America has gone on to bring more freedom and liberty to the human race than any other nation in the history of the world. First recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

His first recommendation. Is there any objections?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved, and thank God the Sons of Confederate Veterans representative was not here to hear that.

Encampment

(laughter)

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Second that Dr. James McPherson's book, This Mighty Scourge, should be endorsed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a must read for anyone who wants to understand the meaning of the Civil War. It's a collection of essays that Dr. McPherson wrote. Very easy reading to pick up and put down.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is there any objection? Is there any objection? Steve, this is your turn.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

He wants to object on the next one.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Three, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War accept Dr. McPherson's offer to reprint parts of his essays in The Banner, leading up to and including, and during the Sequa-centennial.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have an objection. Steve Michaels.

The Banner Editor, Stephen Michaels

Got five different items. First of all, I think the Brothers here should be mindful that The Banner is the official journal of the SUVCW. And this is a recurring theme through the four points I'm going to make in succession here. As such, this magazine has a unique mission which reflects the activities and the missions of this Organization. Number one, excerpts of any commercially published work, whether well intentioned or not, constitutes an advertisement. And each year, I turn down several requests to publish reviews of books. Because of this and because of the next point, space considerations. We discussed policies earlier. There's a policy on the editorial material that goes into The Banner. The Banner is required, as the official journal of the SUVCW, to publish general orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Council Minutes, official opinions, the SVR Guidon, News of the Auxiliary. In addition, Brothers have expressed the highest approval for Camp and Department news. So there is a space consideration. If book excerpts are to be published, what would you like to be eliminated? Number three, it sets a precedence of not only for our Order endorsing a single author and his work above all others, but it also takes the editorial responsibility away from The Banner Editor and places it elsewhere. And number four, The Banner is not the Poor Man's Civil War Times Illustrated, The Poor Man's Civil War News, or Camp Chase. The Banner is the official journal of the SUVCW. And as such, The Banner's mission should be to help chronicle its events, the Order's activities, during the centennial. Not re-publish someone else's work. I would move you that we do not accept the recommendation of the Committee, number three on your program.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Now we got a motion on the floor. Is, there is a second.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, now, discussion. Yes. Brother Beard, Department of Maryland, formerly Department of Texas.

Department of Maryland, D. Michael Beard

Former Past Department Commander.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Former Department Commander of the Department of Texas.

Department of Maryland, D. Michael Beard

The Department of Southwest, which is not a Department.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The Department no longer exists. All right.

Department of Maryland, D. Michael Beard

I am also a member of the Virginia Sequa-Centennial Commission appointed by the House of Delegates. I'm also a member of this Committee and it was I and Mr. Hanby that approached Mr. McPherson. The Sequa-centennial is a chance for all of us to re-examine what we know about the Civil War. Its causes, its legacy, and how it continues to influence the world and the way we live. That's from the State of Virginia. Mr. McPherson's book lays out the Civil War as no one else has done in our particular time. He has offered to us, at our request, we approached him, to take those essays and republish them as we approach the Sequa-centennial and during the Sequa-centennial. Because our primary purpose, gentlemen, is to promote the Grand Army of the Republic and the Boys in Blue. And Mr. McPherson does that extremely well. One of the points to his book is that we have not done that job in the last one hundred and fifty years. In fact, he picks no bones about it. He says in one chapter that the Grand Army of the Republic and its successors, us, left the field and we left the field to the Confederate Veterans and the Daughter of the Confederacy and they define Civil War legacy. We need to turn that around. He does that in his essays. And we need to push these essays. We need to embrace these essays. This should be our mission during the next six years, seven years. That's why we put this recommendation in. And that's why we want it.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Darby. Again.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. I would point out that, that Brother Michaels is in error. There is no policy on The Banner. If you check the website, it says this policy has been withdrawn and is being re-written. Second, and he brought this up, this is the journal of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. There is nothing in the policy that says we have to report on the Auxiliary. So if there is a space limitation, that page on the Auxiliary needs to be replaced with Sons information. This is not the journal of the Allied Orders.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

How much would it cost to put two extra pages in? Well, okay, well, you're right. Four pages.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

But the point is, it's the journal of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Whether you put two pages or fifty pages, it should be related with that and I personally support the Sequa-centennial's view. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother John M. McNulty.

Department of Pennsylvania Commander, John M. McNulty,

John M. McNulty, Pennsylvania Department Commander. I object to endorsing any work by any particular author. Especially if he says that our ancestors didn't do anything to define the Civil War. That is nothing but pure hog wash. They invented the history of the Civil War as it is now. They invented Abraham Lincoln. They invented Memorial Day. There are so many things that they did that the United Confederate Veterans did not. The United Confederate Veterans helped invent the Ku Klux

Klan. Oh big whoop. Anybody who says that our ancestors did nothing, we should tell him to take his book and trash it. Besides, I think Dr. McPherson's books stink personally.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you for that commentary. Brother Mabie from the California and Pacific.

Department of California & Pacific, Charles W. Mabie

You know, sometimes, maybe as a first time in here, I see that battle of semantics going on. But to me if we publish something under the guise of Patriotic Instructor, which is now instructing the Camps and the membership, to go out and instruct the public and those around us, I don't know what the issue is. I know it's six and one half dozen of another. We're not advertising a book if we're excerpting from it. And it's under the guise of Patriotic Instruction and we're teaching people. What's the difference? Are we going to start saying now it has to be only original thoughts, thought up in the last ten minutes and approved by a Committee before we put it in The Banner. We actually quoted patriotic songs and poetry, and those different things. I've seen that and previous things referred to by people, and this copyrights and stuff on that. If we quote Walt Whitman, are we endorsing Walt Whitman's family and his heirs who are making millions of dollars to this day more than Walt ever did in his life? So I don't know where the battle is here or what the issue is. I think if it's for the good of the Order, and it's for the good of this nation, we should be doing it.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any more contention?

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Hanby.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

The members of the Committee each received a copy of the book. Either that they had previously purchased on their own or that they purchased from me, or that I gave to them for them to read. Dr. McPherson's essays, a collection of essays that he wrote that were published in various other forms. They all released their copyrights for them to be able to put them in the book and he has agreed to do the same for us. It's a collection of essays. It's a recommendation that they be published in The Banner over a period of time. The Banner Editor, the Sequa-Centennial Committee, whoever, can pick and choose what essays to put in there in the form of, as Brother Charles says, Patriotic Instruction during the time of our Sequa-centennial of the Civil War. And that was the idea of the Committee. Not publish the whole book. There's some in there that you may or may not agree with. But there are central themes in several of those essays that would benefit the Order.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. Brother Darby. It's your last time up on this. Hope it's your last time up today.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

His brother-in-law's down here clapping.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, and when I was Commander-in-Chief, I thought the same thing of yours.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah, I must admit, I gave you a hard time, didn't I?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, I would just like to, and I may be able to do it now or later. I would like to make a motion that the C and R ...

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There, there's a motion on the floor right now, unless you're going to amend that motion ...

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I'll stand down.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Yes, Brother McMillin from Gettysburg Camp One-Twelve. My Brother.

Department of Pennsylvania, Douglas P. McMillin

Doug McMillin, Gettysburg One-Twelve, National Color Bearer. Perhaps I don't know what the proper form would be to put this in, but perhaps a suggestion or just a question. If it might not be possible, since we're talking about adding or providing these essays as a way of educating the Brothers of the Order about the Civil War history so that we can go out and help spread that word to the public, if there is a conflict adding that into The Banner, if there's any concern about adding that to The Banner, might it not be possible to arrange a special supplemental addition of The Banner devoted to this educational topic as a one-time thing? And provide it to the Brotherhood?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The opportunity to do what now?

Department of Pennsylvania, Douglas P. McMillin

To provide a, a supplemental edition of The Banner, or not necessarily The Banner, but print a one edition that contains the essays and any other works of historical, education material.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

If you can figure out how to fund that..

Department of Pennsylvania, Douglas P. McMillin

Okay. I'll give it some thought. But that was my only thought.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Yes, Brother.

Department of Maryland, Mark Day

Mark Day, Department of Maryland. I'm a professional educator. I teach high school history. And I'd like to say that this is really wonderful, that we would provide instruction for ourselves. But I'm looking at this and thinking, what we're trying to do is instruct the rest of the country. And how could we go about it if we put it in The Banner, and I'm not against putting it in The Banner, I don't want to say I'm against that, but is there a way that we could provide this via the website, other means different things. Well, I just wanted to see if there's a way we could put this into our educational program, which I'm dying to hear more about. Because we need to get this into the hands of educator people who could actually instruct the students and the people that we're trying to reach.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right now The Banner is published online at our website, Brother. Anybody can go on that website and read The Banner, so if the articles were in there, then they could read them. Brother Jerry.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

Your tax dollars pay for your libraries. The book is in the library. Let The Banner Editor edit The Banner and put in it what he wants. I would much rather say no to McPherson than to try to find another Banner editor.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Amen. Amen. Friends right now I will tell you this. The Banner has never looked so good. I thoroughly enjoy every time I look forward to getting that article every time.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah. You did a super job. This is the most smartest thing we ever did was to make a permanent Banner editor. And he's got the job for life if he wants it. I'm quite sure. Any more discussion on this? All in favor of Brother Michaels motion to not accept the recommendation number three, all in favor, raise your cards. Any opposed, raise your cards. It's overwhelming, the motion carries.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Next.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

And the fourth and last one, that the Council of Administration create a fund to be used by the Sequa-Centennial Committee to assist Camps and Departments in creating and funding events commemorating the Civil War and for sponsorships of public events honoring the Union during the period of 2009 through 2015. As it goes through in my report, that there are already options on the table for events the Camps may want to host, for Departments may want to put together, but the issue is cost. And some small funds to assist in postage and other things like that would be well enhanced.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. We have an objection.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I do object because there's nothing in here to indicate where this money will come from to fund this. And having reviewed in detail the financial condition of our Order and the budget that will be presented tomorrow, I don't think we have money to fund this. And so if this is to fly, there also has to be an income source to fund it. Until that's identified, I stand in objection. I therefore move you that this Encampment not accept this recommendation at this time.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a second. Any discussion? Rich.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, I am going to support Brother Pahl's motion because I have an objection on different grounds, and that is the Council of Administration can't create a fund that would require an amendment to the Regulations in order to satisfy our auditors.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You hear the objection. Any more discussion on the objection? All in favor, raise your card. Opposed?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

And Commander-in-Chief as I said, about the Bill, the Committee will be looking to get information out after the first of the year. We'd like to see that the Bill that Representative Baker had originally introduced be re-introduced in the next Congress and passed.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Hanby. If we need somebody to sponsor, Casey's a member of Griffith Camp Eight in Pennsylvania. So if you need somebody to sponsor, Bob Casey, U. S. Senator, may do so.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Well there was a question. Actually, Senator Landrieu from Louisiana has sponsored a companion Bill but because the original Bill called for spending some funds, I'm not sure that Bill does not have to originally be in the House first. Okay. I was hoping that Brother Orr would be here to give some light on that, but that's fine, either way.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Gene.

Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Commander-in-Chief, if I can interrupt this love fest just for a second to allow us, you know that our Confederate friend is aboard and is properly ensconced in his room. And when you get a chance we'll talk about his plans for the day.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Very good. Is he going to be with us tomorrow?

Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

He will be all day tomorrow.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Very good. Yes, Brother, Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. Since we've brought up The Banner, I would like to make a motion that the Council of Administration write a policy concerning The Banner and have it forwarded to the C&R Committee to be taken care of within the next ninety days.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Got that Leo? That's going to be your job.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion and a second on the floor. Any further discussion? Yes, Brother, Senior Vice Commander ...

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Dave Medert. Past Commander-in-Chief Michaels has forwarded to the current Programs and Policy Committee a revised job description and policy on the Banner and the Editor of The Banner. We did not get an opportunity to take that to further action after they provided us with that, so that will be turned over to the incoming Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. However, since that is going to be a dual responsibility, it should be assigned both to C&R and to Programs and Policy as it does deal with job description as well as policy.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is that what he said, C of A? Why do you say the C of A? Why don't you just send it to the Programs and Policy? Okay. All right. C of A's going to do this. Any further discussion on this? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed? We have Jim opposing. Okay. Again. He opposes for the fun of it, I think. Carried. Long Range Planning Committee, Lee Walters. You guys stole my pen so often it's out of ink now.

Long Range Planning Committee, Lee F. Walters

Brothers, our Committee report begins on page fifty-three. And runs into page fifty-four. There are recommendations here. I'd like to say, Brothers, that the Committee had a lot of discussion about this. I know that this is a controversial subject. I ask that you look at this from the standpoint of the future of this Organization and think about it in that regard. I suggest to you that this is something that we need to do and that we need to do it sooner rather than later. The first recommendation is that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War commit to the establishment of a permanent facility, either existing or newly constructed, as our National Headquarters.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Long Range Planning Committee, Lee F. Walters

Second recommendation, that a Committee be appointed to explore the availability of funding, through private or public grants and/or other sources.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Long Range Planning Committee, Lee F. Walters

Third recommendation, that any Department wishing to have the National Headquarters located within its geographical boundaries submit a proposal to the Council of Administration detailing what is available encompassing the following requirements. And there are several. a) type and cost of construction or renovation; b) projected maintenance cost; c) security systems; d) fire detection suppression systems; e) temperature/humidity control systems; f) safe adequate expandable parking space; g) ADA accessibility; h) room for future expansion; i) availability of membership pool, from which to draw staffing; j) accessibility by various means of transportation; k) accessibility to the majority of the membership, centrality of location; and l) proximity to other attractions, especially Civil War related, which draw public visitation and will result in greater exposure of our Organization.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved. Okay, Brothers, you heard it. We have an intention now to have a permanent facility that we own. That each Departments are going to need to put in bids of how to do it, whether it's working with a private contractor or whatever. I encourage all Departments that are willing to take this project on to come up with a bid and get it in. I would entertain a motion that we have the bids in by when?

Long Range Planning Committee, Lee F. Walters

Commander-in-Chief, in the last paragraph here, if you read the last paragraph says we believe the current conditions of the real estate market make this an idea time to negotiate the purchase or construction of a suitable facility. We believe that action should be initiated immediately to ensure the greatest benefit to the organization in terms of cost and availability of suitable real estate and that the matter be diligently pursued with the goal of having a new facility in place and ready for a grand opening in April 2011, current with the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Folks, we've got to move if we're going to do this by that date. That's part of the recommendation. So, I will direct as Commander-in-Chief that any Department interested in having this in their Departmental boundaries, submit something in writing to the National Organization at the next Encampment. With a design, cost of everything that's in there. Maintenance and all that thing. Cost of construction, cost of maintenance, cost of purchase, whatever. Pardon me? That's what they'll propose.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, I think you've altered the deal after you asked for objections and didn't hear any. And then you added additional items onto it. And that's setting a time limit, or a time frame.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're correct. I did do that.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

And to that, I will object.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. He objects to setting a time limit.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

We're setting up exploratory Committees. We're setting up the availability. What is the availability of grants and financing? We've got an express goal that this is something we want to see in the future. But to set now without knowing what monies may be available, what sites are potentially available, at what cost, it's impossible to set a definitive date of when this is going to be done by. You set the Committee in place, you empower them to explore, find out what the answers to some of those preliminary questions are to see if it's even feasible to do that. But to set definitive dates now, I think is unreasonable. And so I will object to the add-on.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All right. Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Sir.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Would you make a motion then as to, that we have some type of a feasible design concept so that these Departments can go out and look for something, within a given period of time?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I decline to do that. I think the first three items define the parameters of what we want to do. And to go any farther than that at this point is premature. Until you find out what is available, what can we do, how can we fund it, what grants might be available, can the foundation help. There's a lot of unknowns that until those questions are answered, I don't think you can go any farther than what we've done with these first three recommendations.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Darby, again.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, Department of Ohio. There is some confusion on items one and two on this. One, there is a the setting up of a Committee and then number three, it says report to the Council of Administration. Where do they need to be going to? If you're going to set up a Committee, should not inputs from the Department go to that Committee rather than have the Committee looking for stuff and then the answers, or the requests, or whatever you want to call it from the Departments, saying we have a room goes to the Council of Administration. Should it not in turn go just strictly to the Committee?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Rich Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Brother Don, the way I read this is two different things. Is a Committee to explore the availability of funding and then the Council of Administration will receive the proposals from the Departments to host. So you're two different entities.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

So the Departments are sending their, we've got a building to the Council of Administration. Is that correct?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

They're sending their proposal that includes all of these, what is it, twelve items to the Council of Administration. The Committee is exploring if it's feasible or how we will pay for this, which is a major concern to me.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Well that, you know, when you're coming up, if you're looking at one of these Department coming in saying we've got a building but it's going to cost a million bucks to refurbish it. That needs to be passed from the C of A over to the Committee so they know what kind of a budget they need to come up with.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So basically what we're saying, we're creating Committee here again. What is the time line on this Committee?

Encampment

(chatter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No, it's to be open and operating by 2011.

Encampment

(chatter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Pardon me?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

That's the objection.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's the objection. I will, okay, well the Brothers of this organization have voted to establish a Committee with the ad-seriatim. All right? I will pass this on to the incoming Commander-in-Chief to appoint a Committee to act in this manner. Brother, hold on, Brother Darby, this is your third time up. You're out of order.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Don's recommendation is out of order. They want to re-word it and bring it back, that's fine.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Will you re-word it and bring it back with a date on there? Your recommendation needs to have a date on when this Committee needs to be established and a decision needs to be made by that, what I'm understanding here, Rich?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Item number two, a Special Committee, so there has to be a time frame of which that Committee will exist..

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I say, bring it back tomorrow under new business. Okay. So we'll rule that original one out of order until they can bring it back.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes sir.

Department of Texas Commander, Stephen D. Schulze

I'm Steve Schulze, Department Commander, Department of Texas. Just a point of information on this discussion here as it applies to dates here. One thing I have not heard in all of this is as a professional engineer, I was listening for, before you can really define any dates and anything about how much money it's going cost, rigging a fund income, you need to know what it is they're going to be bidding on. How many square feet, what sort of features you have, how many people, how many offices, the rest of it, and my question or point of information or whatever would be proper here, is someone, Council of Administration, someone, you'd have to, to, to draft a drawing or design who has got to give some sort of guidelines and basic specifications before you can any farther on this.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's correct. That's what this, that's what this Committee is supposed to do. We need an end date for that Committee though.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. That Committee does not to do that. The Committee's appointment under number two is to explore availability of funding. That's their function. Funding.

That's what it says. Now if he wants to change it tomorrow and make it an overall study Committee, that's something different. It's just the desire to establish. Then paragraph two only sets up a Committee to study funding. Then paragraph three appears to assign this to the Council of Administration. But I agree with this Brother.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You need to have some type of a plan.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

That's why it's too premature to set a date.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right. Okay. Brother in the back.

Department of Michigan, Paul D. Arnold

Yes, Paul Arnold, Department of Michigan. I agree with the Brother that spoke before Brother Pahl. I think it's very important to determine is this building going to include storage for records and so on. And by addressing that, I think you would possibly have to poll the different Departments to get an idea on records as far as what Departments had and how much space that that might encompass.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. What was the motion? The motion was not to have a time constraint. I rule the whole thing out of order. That's right. The whole, the whole recommendation is out of order until he redoes it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

There was never a recommendation presented to the Brothers to that point. I pointed out that you added on to recommendation after the Brothers were asked whether there's an objection or not. So basically I've asked you to rule yourself out of order.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I rule you out of order for ruling the Commander-in-Chief out of order.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There. How's that? Okay. I ruled that out of order so that he will come back tomorrow under new business with a date for the Committee to study. We're, we're almost done with Committee Reports. Life Membership Committee, Brad Schall. This is a verbal report.

Life Membership Committee, D. Brad Schall

Brad Schall, Life Membership Committee. We were assigned the task of determining whether our current Membership Committee, compared to other organization's membership committees, were as basically, our Membership Committee only deals with National. Doesn't deal with either the Departments or the Camps.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're talking about life members.

Life Membership Committee, D. Brad Schall

Life members, yes. Basically, why Life, let me clear this up, Brothers. Why Life Members still have to pay dues to Camps and Departments. That's what we're talking about here. Now, a lot of things exist. One is, we don't have an organization that has a lot of people in place to do all the fancy things that the VFW and all these organizations do at escrowing money and they determine memberships to send money out. Almost every one of our Departments have a different fee for our membership that they charge. Our Camps have a different membership that they charge. The five hundred dollars in which our life memberships are, there are ways of which you could take that into the National Treasurer who has all kinds of time to do things that the currently escrow that out and then determine the amount of which could go out to each Department and each Camp. In some of the discussions, we thought maybe it would be fairly easy to take it and put it out to the Department level and that way you could divide it up number of members and, and do it. But then what would happen at

the Camp level? Most Camps that we surveyed have from five to eight dollars out of their membership dues that go to doing their work in the Camp. If you were to take this life membership money away from those Camps, you basically would dry up the fees. So the only way to do that would be to send it to the Department level and have the Department level then bring it down to the Camp level. We didn't think that that was feasible.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Good idea.

Life Membership Committee, D. Brad Schall

So what our, our final recommendation is just to do nothing.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is, is there any objection to that recommendation?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved. We don't do a daggone thing. Okay. Alright Brothers, I want to take a little fifteen minute break here. We'll come back and we'll have nominations for the various offices and then we'll call it a day.

[three raps***]

[one rap *]

BREAK

[three raps]

[one rap]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, Brothers, a couple of announcements here. Announcement number one. Past Commander-in-Chiefs and Past National President Banquet is now at 5:30 this evening. It is in the Constitutional Room. You sure that's correct? I don't remember seeing a room named that. That's where? Okay. Where I had breakfast this morning. That's right down here past the tables. All right? Second announcement, the sales room is not seeing any traffic here and they have to be out of there by 1:00 tomorrow. So if you want to buy something from one the Camps or Departments that have stuff for sale here, you need to go visit that. I guess that's down that same hall, isn't it? It's down that same hall. So make sure you get over and see them. All right. We're going to move to nominations right now. The nominations for the office of Commander-in-Chief is now open.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It will be by roll call. That's correct. I forgot about that. I will turn this over to Don.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

Okay. Nominations for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific, Jerry Sayer, Commander

The Department of California and Pacific defers to our Brothers in the Department of Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. We'd like to place in nomination a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Like to give to you a Brother who has served our Order with great distinction and honor for many years. A man who has served as Commander of the Department of Ohio, Secretary and Treasurer of the Department of Ohio. A man who has served more than ten years as the Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. During his administration as Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the membership more than doubled. A man who has served as Junior Vice Commander. A man who is now serving as Senior Vice Commander. A man who completed more than twenty years of military service in the United States Navy. Retired from the Naval

Intelligence. Man who was a Senior Chief Petty Officer at the time he retired. A man who is a Past District Deputy Grand Master, for those who are Masonic Brothers. A man who is a Knight of the York Cross of Honor. It's my privilege and honor to place in nomination the name of David V. Medert for the office of the Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah, that's true. Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, if elected, will you serve?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

I will.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

And do you hold any other offices?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Except Chief Cook and Bottle Washer at home? Oh, and I thought I'd tell you, Gene doesn't hold that against you that you spent twenty years in the Navy.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I want to point out that the Coast Guard does not have an intelligence Department.

Encampment

(laughter)

(National Secretary completed roll of Departments with no other nominations)

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

I'd like to congratulate Georgia and South Carolina and North Carolina for this being the first roll call with their Department.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Next is nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific, Jerry Sayer, Commander

The Department of California and Pacific defers to our Brothers in the Department of Ohio.

Department of Rhode Island, Joseph Hall, Jr.

Joe Hall, as Department Commander for the Department of Rhode Island. Last year, Brother Leo Kennedy said I did not use enough yeah, panache finesse. So, it is with the greatest, greatest pleasure you could ever imagine that the membership of the Department of Rhode Island at its Annual Encampment held this past April moved its support for the nomination of Brother Leo Kennedy for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held in Peabody, Massachusetts. Brother Leo Kennedy is a descendant of Steven Kettle and George Kettle, who both served in the Civil war from the State of Rhode Island. Brother Kennedy is a life member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, having joined our organization in 1988. He has held every position within Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp 12 and in the Department of Rhode Island, where he served two terms and Department Commander. Brother Kennedy also serves in the Sons of Veterans Reserve and was commissioned a Captain in 2003, serving as the Public Relations Officer for the general staff. Brother Kennedy has served our Order with distinction on the National Graves Registration Committee, the National Communication and Technology Committee, as an elected member of the Council of Administration, and lastly, as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Kennedy has twice received recognition for his duty and loyalty to the Order. In 1998, the Department of Rhode Island named Leo F. Kennedy as an outstanding member of the year and in 2001 Brother Leo Kennedy received the Meritorious Service with Gold Star from then

Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser. Brother Kennedy continues to serve his community. He is a twenty-seven year veteran of the City of Cranston Fire Department, where he holds the rank of Deputy Chief. He is a member of the Rhode Island's Critical Incidents Stress Management Team, a Communications Specialist with the Department of Homeland Security, and the Operations Officer of the town of Smithfield Emergency Management Agency. He is a member of the International Association of Firefighters, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Rhode Island Urban Search and Rescue Team. Brother Kennedy received three commendations for service at the World Trade Center from September 11, 2001 to September 26, 2001. Brother Kennedy is a graduate of the Providence College where he holds two degrees and where he was inducted into Eta Lambda National Honor Society. He is currently in the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy. Elected in 2006, Brother Kennedy is on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Gathering of the Scottish Clans which hosts the largest Highland Games in New England. Since 1988, Brother Kennedy has been a member and serves as a Gun Sergeant of Battery B, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, a living history organization, and part of the Rhode Island State Militia. He currently sits on the Board of Directors. Sergeant Kennedy received the State Militia Meritorious Service Award in 1998, Fifteen Year Service Award from the Rhode Island State Militia and the Military Order of Saint Barbara. Brother Leo is a man that knows how to get things done. Therefore, it is with my pleasure and privilege to place into nomination for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Leo F. Kennedy. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Leo, if elected, will you serve?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Leo F. Kennedy

Yes, I will.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Do you hold any other offices currently?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Very good.

(National Secretary completed roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The nominations for the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is now open.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

The Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific, Jerry Sayer, Commander

The Golden State, Silver State, and Aloha State passes to the Department of Maryland.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

My thanks to the Golden State. Brother Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Order, I'm Past Commander-in-Chief Johnson and I rise to nominate Brother James R. Hanby of the Maryland Department for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Hanby's best known to you as a twice elected member of the National Council of Administration, where he's served this Order for the past three years. He's an active, participating member of the C of A, who analyzes the issues, and in my opinion, always has good answers. He also serves on three National Committees and is a member of the Board of Directors of our own Charitable Foundation. He came to National office after serving two terms as Commander of the Maryland Department. And as you know, that's the place where you manage Camps in four states and the District of Columbia. He's a native of Delaware, where he served six terms as Commander of the more than century old Appomattox Camp. In his spare time, Brother Hanby is a husband, a father, Delaware Judge, Officer in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, a Mason, an American Legionnaire, active in his church in Wilmington, Delaware, and a leader in many other

community and historical organizations. James Hanby is a Brother of many and proven talent. He will serve the Order well as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and I urge you to support him for that position. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Hanby, if elected, will you serve?

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Yes, I will.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Do you hold any other offices currently? Very good. He's on the Council of Administration. He has another year yet to serve. Brother Hanby, if you're elected, will you resign from the Council of Administration?

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

I will.

(National Secretary read roll of Departments to New Hampshire with a nominations)

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

We'd like to nominate Daniel Murray, Past Department Commander. Brother Murray is a descendant of Sergeant Andrew J. Kelly of the First United States, not too sure what that is. And also Private James Tilton of the 5th New Hampshire Volunteers. Both of whom came from the State of New Hampshire. Brother Murray also has served in every elected position at Camp level, except Treasurer. He has served four terms as Department Commander in New Hampshire. And is currently on the Department Council. He also serves on the National Council of Administration. He was elected for a three year term in 2005. And he's a member of the SVR. Brother Murray has also served in the United States totaling twenty-six years as a U.S. Army Artillery Man, a Registered Nurse at the Veterans Administration and for the U.S. Postal Service. And Brother Murray has served on the National Military Affairs Committee of the Sons, the Memorial Grant Committee, and since 2002, on the State of New Hampshire's Civil War Memorials Commission. Brother Murray has served his community on several committees in town including three years on the town of Allenstown Budget Committee. The town's History and Culture Committee. The Building Space and Needs Committee. The Old Home Day Committee. And he's a member of the Jewel Lodge 94 of the Free and Accepted Masons. He's also an American Legionnaire Post 28. And the Sons of the American Revolution. So, I recommend to you, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Daniel Murray. A good family man from New Hampshire.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Dan, where you at? If elected, will you serve?

Council of Administration, Daniel Murray

I will.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

And do you serve on any other position currently?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

He's on Department Council and he's on the National Council of Administration. Your term expires this year?

Council of Administration, Daniel Murray

That is correct.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, thank you.

(National Secretary completed roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All right, Brothers. Since we elected our Secretary and Treasurer last year they have two more years to serve. So the only thing left is one seat available on the Council of Administration. Quartermaster was elected last year also. So, one seat on the Council of Administration right now. I want everybody to be aware of the fact that if Brother James Hanby is elected tomorrow, his chair will be available on the Council of Administration for one year. Don't?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, if, if that in fact happens, are we accepting nominations for that one year term at, at this point? Or will we deal with that tomorrow?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have two nominees for Council. Nominations will open tomorrow for that same seat. Okay. We'll accept the nominations contingent on his election. If not, then he will continue to serve another year on the Council. So, the first one is for a three year term.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Okay. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Nominations are now open for the three year seat on Council of Administration.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

Okay. This is for the three year term on the Council of Administration. Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California & Pacific

California and Pacific passes to Massachusetts.

Department of Massachusetts, Peter N. Rotando

Good afternoon. On behalf of the Willie Grout Camp 25, Wooster, Massachusetts, my honor to place in nomination for this position for three years on the Council of Administration, our current Department Commander, Perley Mellor, who has served two terms as our Department Commander, two terms as the Camp Commander of Willie Grout Camp 25. He has served forty-six years in this organization. His father, Clark Mellor, served in 1988 as our National Commander of this Organization. Perley's been very active in all the Committees of the Department plus in our Camp. He helped revive Camp 25 that was in tough straits when we took it over. He has also provided leadership as one term for the New England Regional Association. Member of the 2008 National Encampment Committee. and also he is currently the Camp Council at Camp 25. Perley is a veteran, serving twenty years in the United State Air Force. Retiring in 1984. Currently a member of American Legion Post Number 48 in Hudson, New Hampshire. And a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter Number 13. He is also recording Secretary for the New Hampshire Chapter of AS/IS International four years. And is retired from the Lockheed Company in security recently. Therefore we support of his nomination for this position. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Perley, if elected, will you serve?

Department of Massachusetts Commander, Perley E. Mellor

Yes, I will.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Do you hold any other positions currently? This is Department Commander which will expire when? Next April.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

Okay. Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

(National Secretary read roll of Departments to Michigan with a nomination)

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

Department of Michigan?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl speaking on behalf of the Department of Michigan. We would like to place into nomination for the Council of Administration the name of Don Shaw. Don is currently a member of the Michigan Bar. And as such, a Trial Attorney, has a client in Court today that the Judge would not release him from trial. So he's not able to be with us at this Encampment, but he is here in spirit and still desires to serve on the Council. So I ask for a ruling, Commander-in-Chief, the Regulations are silent as to this issue that Don Shaw may be put in nomination while he is not physically present.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief so rules that you must be present to be elected, based upon the fact that they must be asked personally if they will serve and announce as per Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl's ruling, what offices they hold. So they must be present here to give those answers. So ruled.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I appeal to the decision of the chair.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have an appeal with a decision of the chair, Brothers, I will give the floor to Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl to why he feels that this Brother who is not here should be allowed to be nominated to that office. We don't know that he'll be elected.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Don Shaw has declared his intention to be a candidate for this office. He appeared at the Michigan Department Encampment where he received the endorsement of the Department Encampment, and that was forwarded on to the other Departments and to the office of the National Secretary. His intent has been made clear. He was a candidate and present at last year's National Encampment, where he did accept. He has authorized me to convey to the Encampment that he would serve if elected. That he does currently serve as the Department Junior Vice Commander. Due to the obligations of his employment, at the last minute and the obligations that he has to represent his client as a member of the Bar, the Judge would not release him. I think we're all aware of the need of employment and how the job and family care comes ahead of this and it was unavoidable that he could not be here. This is something totally beyond his control. The Regulations are totally silent as to this. It is only the intent Policy that was to make sure that the person would accept if elected. And that, I can assure the Encampment he will. Also to inform the Brothers what other elected offices that he holds. And I can do that. That he holds the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. The other intent, I believe, was to not tag someone with something that they did not know about. And so that intent has been fulfilled, even if not the letter, the spirit has done. And so because of the unavoidable nature his clear intent and expression to be a candidate and his past experience as National Counselor under my administration as Commander-in-Chief, he is very familiar with the Constitution and Regulations of this Order and would do a very fine job.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brothers, I already stated my decision. My decision was based upon a former Commander-in-Chief's decision that said that you must be present to be elected. Obviously, he's not going to be here unless he can fly in here tonight. That's what I based my decision on. It's up to you. If you want to allow him to run for the office, then it's your decision. If you don't, it's your decision too. So those in

favor of allowing him to run raise your card. Those against him running, raise your card. I think that him running carries the weight, so the decision of the chair has been overturned. Congratulations, Jim.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You just had great pleasure in doing that, though, didn't ya?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I took extreme pleasure.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Rich Orr has an objection.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

No, I just want to note that if this gets in the proceedings, that by action of this Encampment. I am no way opposed to Brother Shaw's being nominated. But by action of this Encampment and allowing Brother Shaw to be nominated, they have vacated the previous decision of the Commander-in-Chief that you must be present to be nominated. And that needs to be reflected in the proceedings because it'll cause, result in a change of the digest.

(National Secretary complete roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Next nominations will be open for contingency in case there are two seats available on the National Council of Administration. This is contingent. If Brother Hanby is not elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, there will only be one seat available on the Council of Administration. We'll address it as it occurs. I like that idea. If it would happen to occur, then we'll address it tomorrow.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, Brothers, we're going to stand in recess. Tomorrow morning. Hold on, Gene has an announcement. I have two other announcements here, too.

National Aide de Camp, Eugene G. Mortorff

It's just a friendly reminder that the Rituals and Ceremonies Committee will be meeting over here at the sound of the gavel.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

And if I may, Commander-in-Chief, the Officers Report Committee will meet over there at the sound of the gavel.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels

And the Resolutions Committee will meet over in this corner, at the sound of the gavel.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Perley, come on up here and tell everybody where the Campfire is tonight, what time it starts, what's going on.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Point of order.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

We don't need a meeting to make a fool out you

Encampment

(laughter)

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're out of order for making that statement.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Thank you.

Department of Massachusetts Commander, Perley E. Mellor

Campfire tonight at 7:00. The roast, or whatever you want to call it, immediately following.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Make sure you bring lots of forks. I'm a big person to roast.

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(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

And then following the roast, the hospitality room at the Patriot Room will be open. Correct?

Department of Massachusetts Commander, Perley E. Mellor

During.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

During, so you all can get liquored up and then come down and roast me some more.

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(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. They're building a real campfire here to roast me. Okay. We stand adjourned until tomorrow morning.

[three raps ***]

[one rap]

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[three raps ***]

[one rap]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

This year Meritorious Service Awards are presented to Brother Larry Green of the New York Department, Brother Phil Soring of the New York Department, Brother Will Tisch of the California & Pacific Department, Brother Kevin Motter of the North Carolina Department, Eric Peterson of the Georgia and South Carolina Department, Gene Turner of the Oklahoma Department, Carl Fallen of the Oklahoma Department and John "Tucker" McHugh of the Oklahoma Department.

Brother Ken Freshley is unable to be here with us this weekend. Ken wears many hats but I want to tell you that there were times I was up in the wee hours of the morning working on General Orders and when done and sent the e-mail to him. Before I even go back to bed, I get a reply back at 3:00 in the morning, it's done. And I look at the website and sure enough it was done, so, the man got a meritorious service Award with Gold Star. Also, James Davenport, from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. James has done a tremendous amount of work in Graves Registration. He's also done a lot for the replacement of head stones of Union Soldiers that are buried in that area. I think personally he's responsible for over sixty headstones, that he's personally gone out, secured the headstones, and replaced them himself. So he got a Meritorious Service with Gold Star for that.

We had two Scholarships we gave out. We gave one to James Michael Rasch, of James A. Garfield Camp Number One Forty-Two, Department of Ohio. And we gave one to Sister Rachel Diane Johnson, Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary Number Three, Department of Maryland. Both those young people are going on to college. One of 'em going to Virginia Tech and the other one's going to, I can't quite remember which school it is. But they're very qualified people.

I have some Certificates of Appreciation to hand out right now, if you would please. May I ask my Chief of Staff to come up? I'll hand them down to him and then he can present them to you. I'm going to do this from down here on the floor, that way Cher Petrovic can get pictures. We'll do them from right here in front. The first Certificate of Appreciation, the Commander-in-Chief proudly presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Denis LaPoint, for providing two years dedicated work resulting in the successful completion of Memorial University project. Given this 8th day of August, 2008, during the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Peabody, Massachusetts. Is he here? Brad, do you want to take care of these then since they were working with you on the Americanization Education Committee? Gary Gibson, Michael Stone, for the same thing. For working that project Steven R. Ressio, PCC, same work. Michael B. Cault, PCC, same project. And of course, the man who's standing here receiving these awards, Gary Gibson. Brothers, I again say that project is an amazing thing. It will be online very shortly. I encourage all the Brothers of all the Camps to please, download that from line and work with your Juniors on that. It's great. It teaches us the three great charges that we have from the Grand Army, fraternity, charity, and loyalty. It teaches patriotism and Americanism. And it also teaches Civil War history. Those are things that are simple projects for the kids to complete and each individual step there will be seven items and the child will complete four. Then he'll do those four and check them off then whoever is his mentor will sign off on them. And you'll see other business coming up here on the floor today. We'll prepare an award for him that he can get after he completes the program.

The rest of these awards are National Aides, for recruiting a minimum of five Brothers. Okay. So I'm going to just read their names, and then we'll have them all come up front and then we'll take pictures up here. Raymond LaMay, III from Willard Camp Number One Fifty-Four, Bruce Glaser from Lincoln Camp Six, Joe Hervan from Baldwin Camp Five Forty-Four, Tilton Camp Twenty-Six George

Weinmann. Jeffrey French from Camp Seventeen. I know at least two of those Brothers are here. I say them.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

For the period of a year they're authorized to wear a piece of National Gold Ribbon for a period of a year. Perley Mellor, where are you at? You had an announcement about banquet tickets.

Department of Massachusetts Commander, Perley E. Mellor

Banquet tickets are right here in my hand.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby came to me with our little motion on semantics on what is where yesterday. And he happened to find something. This is where.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Almost sounds like Bill Clinton's impeachment, you know, what 'is' is? Oh, he got that from the cross-dressers last night. Okay. That was a scary thought. All right. Well, I know I wore the cups that were too small. What can I say? I'm going to jump out of place here a little bit and we're going to start. Does anybody have any New Business? Okay. We have a Brother coming up for New Business. We will open New Business back up after awards and after the Officers Reports then, so. Sir, go ahead.

Department of Maryland, Robert D. Pollock

Sir, Robert Pollock, Delegate from the Department of Maryland. Brother Commander-in-Chief, Brother Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The National Lincoln Bi-Centennial Commission has requested that the GAR or its heirs provide the Color Guard at the 30 May 2009 re-dedication of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D. C. This will be one of four national events held in the District of Columbia during Abraham's birth year bi-centennial. Currently the re-dedication is on the official calendars of and will be attended by the President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the United States, the President Pro-Tem of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. It'll be nationally televised. In order to honor the National Lincoln Bi-Centennial Commission's request for a Color Guard, request that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, through the Sons of Veterans Reserve, identify, select, and send a Color Guard befitting this high visibility National Re-Dedication Ceremony on 30 May 2009 in Washington D. C.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Very good. That is a motion.

Department of Maryland, Robert D. Pollock

That is a request that can be made into a motion.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It's a motion.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a second, multiple seconds. Is there any discussion on this? Should be none. Seeing none, all in favor, raise your voting cards. That's not a voting card, Todd.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There, okay. All opposed? So moved.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Next piece of New Business. I'm just doing this to fill time until we get his Credentials Report. I'm actually trying to, to not kill time, but to save time in the future. Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I had presented a, a request from a Camp in the Department of Ohio. It's Townsend Camp One-0-Eight. There are four GAR Halls left in the State of Ohio. I believe this GAR Hall in Frost, Ohio is the only clapboard two story. In Frost, Ohio, if you blink you've already walked through the town. But it's the only GAR Hall that doesn't belong to a major city. I presented as per the Commander-in-Chief's instructions, a flyer from that Camp requesting that the one thousand dollars of the GAR Special Projects Fund be allotted to that request. It has a tin roof on it, which is letting water in. The entire first floor is made out of buckeye wood. The stations are still there, the banner, there are three charters there. The Camp uses it for meetings, the Auxiliary uses it for meetings. And just to repair the roof, is going to be over probably three to five thousand dollars. We have requested money from the Foundation. I just want to be up front with that. And they'll talk to you about that later. But I would make a motion, that the one thousand dollars in the GAR Special Projects Fund be allotted to Townsend One-O-Eight for the refurbishment of a GAR Hall. If you're wondering why they didn't ask for Monuments and Memorials, this does not fall under the Monuments and Memorials criteria.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. We have a motion on the floor. Is there a second?

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a multiple second. Oh, by the way Don, I know a Confederate that does roofing.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

But the per diem for him to come up to do it would be cost prohibitive.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I called Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Givens what was it, Monday? Oh, a couple weeks ago. And he says, right now I'm putting a tin roof on a building. I said, oh really? He was out doing some mission work for his church and got that done. So any discussion? Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl. For a point of information, did this request get properly forwarded to the Treasurer in writing prior to the deadline?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes it did. It was handed to him in writing on Thursday night.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I wanted to make sure. We're talking about the same thing.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

And had you been at the C of A meeting on time, you would have known that.

Encampment

(laughter) Ooooh.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I knew that, but I wanted to make sure the body was aware of that.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

It, it's your story. Tell it any way you want.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Now we're aware that you were not at the C of A on time, too.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm changing hats. I'm now up here as the Assistant National Treasurer. I request Don, that contrary to the last part of your statement. This has been reviewed. The National Treasurer, myself as the Assistant National Treasurer, with the Chairman of the GAR Memorials Committee and we have concluded that this can be considered a GAR Memorial as it is a GAR Hall. And because of how we have to finance this, request that you modify your motion to take the money out of the Civil War Memorials Reserve Fund. As opposed to what's currently on the budget. We have six thousand dollars in reserve that has not been spent in previous years and that's where we would prefer to take the money out of there.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Does that mean you're going to give me six grand?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

No, it means we're going to give you the thousand.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I will, whatever he said, I'll change my motion to that.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Is the second happy with that? That we take the money from that? I'm sure it is. Okay. Any more discussion on that monument? All in favor, raise your card. Opposed?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You got it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Thanks very much, Brothers. I appreciate it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Danny.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York. Yesterday something was brought up. I'm going to bring it up under new business. Something very short and sweet. I sat back there and I heard that Abraham Lincoln's Tomb is closed on Sunday and Monday because of financial problems within their State. I would like to suggest that we have our next Commander-in-Chief write a letter on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans, letting them know the reasons that we feel it should be open seven days a week. Abraham Lincoln deserves better. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're requesting it from the incoming Commander-in-Chief. Was it a motion, Danny?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler

Yes it was.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There's a motion. We have a second. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved. Gene?

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff National Chief of Staff, for a few more minutes. Also the Department of Maryland. First off, I want to thank you for allowing me the honor of picking up at the airport and bringing to us my Confederate Brother Mr. Givens there. I just wanted to share one little anecdote that happened on the way up here yesterday. We were having a great conversation and he asked me, does this car have a temperature gage on it? So I say, yeah. He says, what's the temperature outside? So I relayed to him that the temperature was 73 degrees. And he started almost shivery and wondering when the snow was going to start.

Encampment

(laughter)

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

So, I thought that was kind of interesting. Coming from the deep south as he has. And I also want to invite him, if things get too chilly in the room here today, you can always join the Virginians in the Department of Maryland.

Encampment

(laughter)

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Always warm there.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Or he could join the Department of Georgia and South Carolina, which is his own home state.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I've been informed by the Charitable Foundation that they wanted to make their presentations now which could speed up some of the down time.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That will speed up their time. I have one more presentation to make. I was going to do it later, but I do that, then you can do it right after this. Brothers, it is with extreme pleasure, I introduce Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

[three raps ***]

Encampment

(applause)

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Some of you folks might have seen him last night out wandering around here and he was up in the hospitality room and he was laughing at the Commander-in-Chief making a fool of himself here at the Campfire Program. So, I'd like to present to him a couple of things. One, I had these Badges struck, for my National Officers this year. You'll see some of these floating around on people's shirts in here. They are National Officers here, our administration. So I'd like you to have this one. and I hope this makes a good target at a hundred yards. There, there's a couple of other things here I want him to have. Santa Clause with a kepi, I know. Here's an Encampment packet. I think you really should have one of those to remember this event by. And here's a little gift of my appreciation. These are all Yankee goods, so they ought to be pretty good. The supply line's been running well up here.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

They're, they're all from Pennsylvania.

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens

Thank you very kindly.

Encampment

(applause)

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens

I must say, when I look out at this crowd, it does remind me a lot of when I go to one of my own conventions. There's something missing though. There's usually a lot more Confederate Flags.

Encampment

(laughter)

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens

It's kinda' creepy. In fact, you know, when Commander Kuhn came to our convention, and as he walked up onto the stage in our banquet and I looked at him and he had that big wonderful beard, which I wish that I could grow, which I just didn't get that in my genes. But I saw that and said, hey, he's one of us.

Encampment

(laughter)

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens

But I want to tell you that it's been a very wonderful experience to be here with you gentlemen and to share this time with you and the fellowship, and to get to know some of you. I realize that our ancestors had some differences, but it seems that we have a lot that we can agree on. And it's awfully good to be here with you. I appreciate it. I come to you bringing greetings from my organization. We got a little better than thirty-two thousand members right now. The Commander-in-Chief sends his regrets that he can't be here with you, but I'm very happy to be here. Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause)

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens

And one other thing. Before he challenges me to a challenge coin, I'm going to give him one of ours.

Encampment

(laughter)

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens

Now, this one, the SCV doesn't actually have one for the whole organization, because they're just not as clever about it as ya'll. And I'm not doggin my people, but I tell ya, I went on line and I looked at ya'll stuff. You got some good stuff.

Encampment

(laughter)

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, Michael Givens

There's a Camp in Greenville, South Carolina called the Sixteenth South Carolina Regiment, and I've got twenty-four ancestors that fought in that Regiment. They make a challenge coin and that's the one that I'd like your Commander-in-Chief to have.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I hope he's carrying one tonight. I'm going to slam it down in the bar. He'd better be ready to buy if doesn't have one in his pocket.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. We have the Charitable Foundation. They're going to make a few presentations. They said about fifteen minutes worth. So I'll turn this over to them. They may, did you want to use the stand up here? Okay. Just don't steal my pen. I already lost one.

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Secretary / Treasurer, James H. Houston

Thank you, Commander. I'd like to present the report from the Board of Directors. First of all the Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation activities of the past year. I am pleased to also note that on August the 4th of this year, the Foundation reached its 5th Anniversary of its founding. So we've come a long ways in five years. The Foundation held several meetings during the year. I won't get into all the details of it. It's in the report here. We always have an annual meeting at the National Encampment and we had done so last year in St. Louis. And of course we had one yesterday here in Peabody. The Board continues to develop ways of communicating our objectives and through these mechanisms, encourage contributions and generate merchandise sales to provide resources needed to support the Foundation's donations in line with objectives. And you'll see, along with the Quartermaster's table here, we have a Foundation table with a number of items that you can purchase and that will help us out. During the year, Chairman Krieser represented the Foundation at the opening ceremonies of the Lincoln Bicentennial in Louisville, Kentucky on February the 12th and presented the Foundation's Abraham Lincoln medallions to the Commissioners of the Abraham Lincoln Bi-Centennial Commission. The medallion is available for purchase at this Encampment, as I said, back on our table and is the only medallion endorsed by the Commission. Also Departments and Camps can purchase the medallions in bulk from the Foundation for resale, as a money making activity. We continue to offer a broad line of that merchandise for sale and it can be by direct mail order through our website and at many Department Encampments. Also purchases can be made by credit card by PayPal on the website. And incidentally, our website is suvcw-cf.org or [.com](http://suvcw-cf.com) or [.net](http://suvcw-cf.net), we have all those listed. Last year we initiated the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund, as many of you know, spearheaded by Director James Hanby, to provide funds to establish a significant permanent fund as a financial base for the Foundation. As well as to provide funds for current projects and activities. I am happy to report that this program has been a definite success. By the end of this Encampment, we expect pledges to this program to reach over twenty-six thousand dollars. Of which over twenty thousand has already been received from forty-two individuals and organizations. The contributors to this funds are designated as Lincoln Fellows on three levels. Gold, thousand dollar contribution; Silver, five hundred; and Bronze, two-fifty. They are presented with a medal or streamer and certificate. Lincoln Fellows will be recognized in a few minutes here at our Encampment. We encourage all of you who have not joined this program to consider it either from an individual, a Camp, or Department basis. Donations by the Foundation, from the Board's review, and we've have a number of requests for that today for applications for our donations to various projects. That form is also available on our Website. So you can download it from there and see what the requirements are and send it in to us. This year, we funded the primary funding was for a new GAR Monument, the largest and I think the only GAR Monument in the State of Oklahoma, in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the Rose Hill Cemetery. It was placed by the Indian Nation Camp Number Three of Tulsa. And you can see pictures of the monument and some of our other projects on our Website. In conclusion, I want to say that the Foundation thanks the many members, Camps, and Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who have made purchases or made contributions during the past year. We plan to soon be able to expand our donations to beneficial projects as funds from your support become available. And we again encourage you to visit our Website to learn more about our objectives, our projects, and of course, our contributors. In addition, our directors are available at this Encampment to answer any of your questions that you may have on our Foundation. And at this time, I would like to introduce Director James Hanby to present the Certificates and Medals for those contributors who participated during the past year.

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

This year we had, as Jim mentioned, quite a number of new Brothers and Camps and Departments that took part. And the first that we would like to award is to the new Chairman, Bob Petrovic. Bob. Come get your Lincoln Fellow. And Cher, don't wonder, because the Board, without Bob knowing, has voted to award Cher also a Bronze Fellow because Cher did for saving us a lot money and we appreciate it and we want to honor her as well.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

You'll have to do your own Certificate when you get home.

Encampment

(laughter)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Well, there was only so much we could do without you knowing it. Next, we'd like to call the Department of Ohio up who has joined in the Bronze level. They'll get a Bronze Streamer and the Certificate.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Next will be the Sergeant William Pittinger Camp Number Twenty-One, Department of California and Pacific. Their Certificate is not ready yet, but they will get a Streamer for that. They'll get the Certificate later.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

From the Department of Maryland, Michael Paquette gets the Bronze level.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

From the Department of Florida, 1st Sgt. Fred R. Jackson, Camp Number Seven. We have Brother Custer, if you could come receive it on behalf of Camp Seven. Yes, Bronze.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Webmaster from the Department of Ohio and, and fellow Director who couldn't be here, Ken Freshley, also has joined as a Bronze level and over the last year he's already received his award. Walter and Susanna Weart? Oh, they're here. They've already received theirs. Ronald Kirchgessner Whitehurst Camp Number One in Florida. They also joined us last year. They've already received theirs. Robert E. Graves, also at the Bronze level. Edward C. Hackney at the Bronze level. If you're here, if you'd just come up even if you received yours so we can take a group picture. Brother Mark Day from the Department of Maryland. He was previously a Bronze Fellow. He's elevated to Silver.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Brother Brad Schall, Department of California and Pacific. Director of the Foundation. Silver Fellow.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

And Brother Custer, if you would come back and receive your personal Silver Medal. For you. Department Commander of the Department of Florida.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Brother Custer also had been a Bronze Fellow and elevated to Silver, so we thank him as well. Some of the ones that already received their awards. John Stinson from Department of Maryland. Gettysburg Camp Number One Twelve from Department of Pennsylvania. Kimber D. Smith, Department of Pennsylvania. Alan Petit, Department of Wisconsin. All at the Silver level. Okay. Now we move on to the Gold. Department of California and Pacific. Jerry, if you would and when you receive the award, if you would come to the podium and describe what your Gold Fellow is in honor of.

Department of California & Pacific Commander, Jerry R. Sayre

The Department of California and Pacific, would like to do this in the name of our dear Brother, Bob Lowe. So that his name will be permanently attached to this award. Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

And that will be so reflected on the Website, as well as the previous Bronze from the Pittenger Camp as well will be in honor of Brother Bob. The next Gold Fellow is from the Department of Massachusetts, Brother Robert Knight. Brother Bob last year at the Encampment in St. Louis said I'm going to join as a Fellow. And a lot of people say they're going to do something, but, around the first of the year I get a note from Bob with a thousand dollar check. He said Happy New Year.

Encampment

(laughter)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

I said, thanks. And with that he sent a little write up about his ancestor, who won the Medal of Honor at the Battle of the Crater in Virginia. And he is the only Medal of Honor winner from the Civil War from Cheshire County. We thank him for his service and that it also will be reflected on the Website in honor of his memory. Bob would challenge the other Camps and individuals in the Department of Massachusetts to become Lincoln Fellows as well.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Brother Alfred C. Carty, Gold. The James A. Garfield Camp Number One Forty-Two of Ohio, Department of Ohio, Gold Fellow. The Department of Maryland.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Department of Maryland, Gold Fellow. Department Commander Neil Hanlon.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

And Brother Custer, I'll have to ask you to come back across again to receive the Streamer for the Department of Florida, who went from Silver to Gold. I want to say, from the Department of Florida, for the size of the Department and the number of Camps, the number of individuals that have participated in this, it's impressive. In addition, they have already received their awards, Brother Tim Graham. If he's here. If he would come up. David D. Porter Camp Number One-Sixteen in Indiana. A representative from that Camp is here, they can come up and join the picture as well. And Brother

James T. Crane can come join the picture. Okay. And that's all of the new Fellows for this year. At this time, would all of the other Lincoln Fellows that are in the room please just stand in your place so you can be recognized as Lincoln Fellows, all the Lincoln Fellows that are present.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

Thank you gentlemen. You may be seated. As Jim alluded to we did have a couple of applications for grants that came in, and the Committee met and has awarded two awards. First goes to Henry Harnden Camp Number Two in the Department of Wisconsin. They are renovating three cannon carriages at the cost of some thirty-six thousand dollars. And the Foundation will be sending them a check for a thousand dollars toward their efforts. And the second one is Townsend Camp Number One-0-Eight in Ohio. As Brother Darby was going over earlier they are renovating their GAR Hall. And Brother Darby, would you accept the check on behalf of the Camp and take it back to them? The application for grants is on the Foundation Website. You can download it and, and send it in to the Chairman of the Grant Committee, which is Past Commander-in-Chief Bob Grim. At this time, I would also like to ... Where did Bob go? Bob, Bob Petrovic. Come up here please. Yesterday the members of the Masonic Order that are members of this Order met at breakfast and last year, we had discussed that one of the great principles of Masonic Order is charity. We thought that we should do something charitable as well. And so we took up contributions from all of the Brothers that attended breakfast and we would like to present a donation of one hundred dollars to the Charitable Foundation on behalf of all of the Masons who are members of the Sons as well.

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Chairman, Robert M. Petrovic

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

SUVCW Charitable Foundation Director, James R. Hanby, Sr.

I'd like to thank everybody.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay Brothers, Credentials Report is ready. Brother George Powell, come on up.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

As soon as elections are over, we're all going to take a break.

Encampment

(applause)

Past Commander-In-Chief, George L. Powell

Good morning, Brothers.

Encampment

Morning.

Past Commander-In-Chief, George L. Powell

Okay. Here we go. The, if you want, it's page sixty-nine in your program book, if you want to write these numbers down. Starting with California and Pacific. They are allowed eighteen Delegates. That's just Delegates. They have five Brothers present as Delegates. They have a Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, for a total voting strength of nine. Colorado and Wyoming is entitled to three Delegates. They don't have any Delegates present. They do have the Department Commander, so they have a voting strength of one. Connecticut is entitled to three Delegates. They have two Delegates present. They have their Department Commander and two Past Department Commanders to give them a voting strength of five. Florida is allowed seven Delegates. They have three present. They have their Department Commander and one PDC, so they have a total

voting strength of five. Georgia and South Carolina is entitled to three Delegates. They have one Delegate present plus a Department Commander for a total voting strength of two. Illinois is allowed nine Delegates. They have one present along with one PDC for a voting strength of two. Indiana is allowed nine Delegates. They have one present. They have the Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, one Past Commander-in-Chief, for a total voting strength of five. Iowa is allowed eight Delegates. They have one Delegate present. Voting strength of one. Kansas is allowed seven Delegates. They have no Delegates present, but they have three Past Department Commanders, for a total voting strength of three. Kentucky is not represented. Maine is allowed six Delegates. They have no Delegates present. They have the Department Commander, they have six PDC's one Past Commander-in-Chief, oh, I'm sorry. Reading you the wrong line. They have the Department Commander, two PDC's and a Past Commander-in-Chief for a total of four.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That can't be. There's no Past Commander-in-Chiefs from Maine.

Past Commander-In-Chief, George L. Powell

No, sorry about that. I've got to get my glasses checked. I went from the wrong columns. Go back to Indiana, one Delegates present, a Department Commander, two PDC's, one Past Commander-in-Chief, total voting strength is five. Okay. Iowa is allowed eight Delegates. They have one Delegate present. Thank you. Oh, all right. It's what the Commander-in-Chief is reading. No, we didn't decide that yesterday, No, I'm on top of wear, upper, outerwear. Kansas, they are entitled to seven Delegates. They have three PDC's present for a voting strength of three. Maine, so we get this one right this time. One Delegate, one Department Commander, two PDC's, voting strength of four. Michigan, they're allotted seventeen Delegates. they have nine present, one Department Commander, six Past Department Commanders, one Past Commander-in-Chief, total voting strength, seventeen. Maryland, they have eight Delegates present. I'm not giving Alternate counts. This is just for people who can vote. Massachusetts has, I believe, twenty-two Brothers present. So that's eight Delegates, the Department Commander, three PDC's for a total voting strength of twelve. Michigan. Not Maryland, right? Okay. They're entitled to twenty-one Delegates. They have five Delegates present, and they have one PDC, and one Past Commander-in-Chief. Voting strength of seven. Missouri is entitled to eight Delegates. They have the Department Commander and four Past Department Commanders for a total voting strength of five. Nebraska is allowed four Delegates. They have no Delegates present. They do have one PDC for a voting strength of one. New Hampshire is allowed five Delegates. They have five Delegates present. They also have three PDC's for a voting strength of eight. New Jersey is allowed fourteen Delegates. They have one Delegate present, three PDC's, for a voting strength of four. New York is entitled to twenty-two Delegates. They have seven present along with the Department Commander, two PDC's, one Past Commander-in-Chief for a voting strength of eleven. North Carolina is entitled to three Delegates, the Department Commander is present so they have a voting strength of one. Ohio is entitled to eighteen Delegates, there are seven Delegates present, the Department Commander, three PDC's, four PCinC's giving them a voting strength of fifteen. Pennsylvania is entitled to thirty-two Delegates, there are eight present along with the Department Commander, one PDC, the Commander-in-Chief and three PCinC's for a total of fourteen. Rhode Island is entitled to five Delegates, they have five Delegates present along with the Department Commander and five PDC's for a voting strength of eleven. Tennessee is entitled to five Delegates, one Delegate present and two PDC's for a voting strength of three. Texas is entitled to five Delegates, they have the Department Commander present, voting strength of one. Vermont is entitled to three Delegates, they have one Delegate present along with the Department Commander for a voting strength of two. Wisconsin is entitled to ten delegates, they have one delegate present and one PCinC for a voting strength of two. National Membership-at-Large is entitled to four Delegates , they have one Delegate present for a voting strength of one. Now, going down the columns, I hope I got this right, starting with Delegates in the room is seventy-three. Total Department Commanders present, seventeen. Total Past Department

Commanders, forty-six. One Commander-in-Chief, fourteen Past Commanders-in-Chief for a total of one hundred fifty-one.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. The Chair will entertain a motion where any seat is unopposed that the Secretary casts a single ballot. So moved. We have multiple have multiple seconds. All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Please, no applause till we get this done. Okay? We have two seats contested. The first seat is the seat of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I'm going to give the Departments three minutes to caucus for both the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the Council seat that's open. Yes, Brother Darby. Come on, buddy, let's make 'er quick. My bladder's ready to burst.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I believe it is protocol that since one vote was cast for Brother Medert, that he at least be introduced as the new Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War before we do anything else. Because of the historical significance, this is the first time in a hundred and twenty-seven years that a father and a son have been Commander-in-Chief. Gentlemen, I give you David V. Medert.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Well, thank you very much, Brother Darby. I had planned to do that after we're done here, but ... Have your seat, gentlemen.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. I'm going to give every Department three minutes to caucus. You will caucus for both the seat of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the one three-year Council seat. Okay. we're going to call, hold on. Danny, what's up?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler

Commander, Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. I do believe you should read the names off for those positions, so that every Department understands who they are. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother, thank you Brother Danny. Running for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for Leo's position over here is James Hanby and Dan Murray. Two Brothers stand up. These two Brothers right here. One's from the Department of Maryland, the other's from the Department of New Hampshire. Running for the Council of Administration seat, we have Perley Mellor and Don Shaw. Three minutes to caucus. I'm going to set the timer. Everybody be back here.

[Three raps***]

[one rap *]

CAUCUS IN MEETING ROOM

Editors note:

(The vote was taken and Brother James R. Hanby, Sr. of the Department of Maryland was elected Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Perley Mellor of the Department of Massachusetts was elected to the Council of Administration three year term. Henry E. Shaw, Jr. of the Department of Ohio was elected to the Council of Administration one year term.)

BREAK

Editors note:

(A motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl. It was seconded and passed without discussion as follows:

“Whereas, the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War gathered for the 116th National Encampment between August 7 and August 10, 1997 in Utica, New York, and

Whereas, the proceedings of that Encampment were recently published by the Order, and

Whereas, during that Encampment, National Treasurer Charles W. Corfman, PCinC, tendered his resignation as National Treasurer, which was accepted, and

Whereas, upon affirmative election by the delegates at the 116th National Encampment assembled, James B. Pahl, PDC, was elected to the office of National Treasurer, to complete the unexpired term, and

Whereas, the official proceedings of the 116th National Encampment fail to report or make mention of these circumstances,

THEREFORE, I request this Encampment approve an amendment to the official proceedings of the 116th National Encampment, to reflect the resignation of Charles W. Corfman, PCinC from the office of National Treasurer and the election of James B. Pahl, PDC, as National Treasurer of the Order, and

FURTHER, such correction be published in the proceedings of this, the 127th National Encampment of the Order and that if approved, this motion be certified by the National Secretary and appended to the electronic copies of 116th National Encampment, as posted on the Order’s web site.)

LUNCH BREAK

127th National Encampment Forth Session, Saturday Afternoon, August 9, 2008

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I can give out some of these here today. Okay. My General Orders were out of order because I had already published General Order Thirty-Five and sent it to Ken Freshley to be posted online. And he had posted it online so it would appear this morning. So if you look at our website this morning, General Order Thirty-Five is there announcing all the awards. And then all of a sudden that Real Brother died and I had to produce another order. So, Thirty-Five is missing so you’re getting Thirty-Five right now. The following awards are hereby presented to the following Brothers, Camps, and Departments. Meritorious Service Awards have been presented to the following Brothers. Some of these have already received them. Larry Green, Department of New York. Phil Sorring, Department of New York. Will Tish, Department of California and Pacific. John Tucker, Department of Oklahoma. Kevin Motter, Department of North Carolina. And Eric Peterson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. I have two more Meritorious Certificates to hand out. They go to Gene Turner, Department of Oklahoma, and Carl Thawen, Department of Oklahoma. We’ll have to mail those. We presented two Meritorious Service Awards with Gold Star this past year. Brother Ken Freshley, Department of Ohio received it for his work on the website. He made a heck of a transition last year. We found a new web host and we had tons of space for a lot less money and he made the transition seamlessly, which was a major operation.

The Abraham Lincoln Award goes to E. D. Baker, Camp Number Six in Oregon for raising over twenty thousand dollars for the construction of a replacement bronze statue that was stolen from a

cemetery. And the replacement of over thirty-five gravestones in a GAR plot where they were where the monument stood. So E. D. Baker Camp Number Six in the Department of Oregon, Camp at Large.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The Marshall Hope Award goes to C. K. Pier Badger Camp Number One for their newsletter, Camp Orders, for the best newsletter in the nation.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The Joseph S. Rippey Award goes to John A. Logan Camp Four, Department of North Carolina, for the best new Camp during the proceeding calendar year.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award goes to the Department of New York with fifty-four new members.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

U. S. Grant Cup Award goes to the Department of Nebraska for the greatest percentage gain in membership. They had fourteen percent gain in membership.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The Founders Award this year goes to a man who I do not even need to tell you what he has done to aid the remembrance of veterans. With his landmark documentary series, The Civil War, and his new documentary of The War, which is a study on World War II. The award goes to Mr. Ken Burns.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We tried to get Ken to come this weekend since he lives up here in New England, but he was already previously engaged elsewhere. This award will be presented to him at the 19th of November ceremony in Gettysburg when he will be the main speaker at the National cemetery there. So this will be presented to him then. Dave, did you want to take that for now. Next award is what every brother in this room ought to vie for and try and get is the B. F. Stevenson Award. It goes to the Brother who has recruited the most new Brothers. The award we'll get the awards straightened out here and we'll get it to the Brother. It was one that was overlooked here. But I will announce who it is so it's in the National records and he will receive the award when it comes. It is Brother Jeff French from the Department of Maryland.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Where is Jeff at? Come on up here. Come up here. Need to take a picture and shake your hand. He recruited ten members on his own, but right now he's got eight more in the works.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That was as of the date of this report. So we've had more since then. I want to point out something. He's also built two brand new Camps within the past year. Two Camps. He's working on two more. He built one in New York and one in Maryland. So, he's a man of many talents.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Now, the epitome of all awards in my mind. Not because I have it, but it is a very prestigious award. The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Outstanding Brother-Of-The-Year Award goes to a man who has worked for the past two years researching a burial list of more than seventy-five souls exhumed during construction of a roadway and preparing, planning, and organizing a proper military burial. One of them that was a Civil War veteran. He still continues to research many more that are still buried under the roadway where Private Michael McElroy was unearthed. The possibility is that fifty-two more Civil War veterans remain there. The award goes to Brother Bruce Frail, the Department of Rhode Island.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's the last of the awards. Now, moving along to Reports of the Encampment Committees. First up is Officer's Reports. Brothers, I want to remind you that we are working under ad-seriatim, sound of the gavel.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Thank you Commander-in-Chief. The Committee considering the recommendations made by the National Officers only, met yesterday. And I will read the recommendations, sometimes summarize it, and tell you whether we recommend it for passage or not. Don't take any umbrage, Charles. Commander-in-Chief's recommendations. It should be required that every Department of this Order be visited at their Department Encampment by the seated Commander-in-Chief at least one time within a five year period. We do not recommend that for your approval. We thought we were placing an impossible burden on future Commanders-in-Chief, who of course have no control over the steps that their predecessors make.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Are there any objections to this?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

That a mentor program be established within the Order to help Departments that are weak, new, or having problems. An experienced Brother of the Order who is included in the loop and knows his way around the Order, who resides within close proximity to the troubled or new Department should be assigned to help the Department to get things squared away. I summarize, these mentors would answer to the seated Commander-in-Chief who would keep the CoA informed as to what was going on. We recommend that for your approval.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objections?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

All annual reporting of Camps and Departments should be done on a snapshot report basis. That being said, all Camps should report their strength as of 1 January. A report along with the per capita for said members to the Department by 15 January. And all Department reports should be in to National Headquarters no later than 31 January. All Brothers not included with that report would then be handled

by a Form 30 and all new members would also be handled by a Form 30. In the words of the recommender, Brothers, we have made the first step in going from a quarterly reporting to an annual reporting. Let's make the next step. The Committee thought that we have not given this sufficient reading and we couldn't recommend it to you without further study.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, will you take the gavel please? Rest of this report. He can give it back to me as soon as we're done with, with my report.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I'm not giving the gavel up. I can't voice my opinion on though being that way. So you're saying you could not come to a decision on the recommendation?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

We recommend against.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would move you that this be referred to the Program and Policy Committee and then subsequently to the C&R Committee if the Program and Policy Committee sees fit to move forward with this, because it will require extensive changes to the C&R.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There's a motion on the floor. A second. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed? So moved. It goes to the Program and Policies Committee.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Next recommendation, the decisions of the Commander-in-Chief annually should be either ratified or rejected by the National Encampment. And the language of the Regulations be modified to reflect that change. Current Digest of decisions should be investigated and language changed to modify the current Regulation to be drafted and either adopted or rejected at next year's Encampment, thus making the Digest of Decisions a historical document. We recommend your approval.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objections?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Objection.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have multiple objections. I heard the objection from Rich first. He may go first. Okay. Both of you object to this. All right. You, so you're going to defer to Jim, for now, unless he forgets something I'm sure. Jim.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I'll probably forget something. Commander-in-Chief, I'm James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief and currently the Assistant National Counselor for Digest. This is an important document in the history of our Order. This is a laudable goal, but not doable within the next year. There's a lot more work involved in going through, researching the amount of work necessary to reach the point of making this a truly historical document and not a binding document. Having put together the modern version of the Digest, it took me six or seven years of work to get it where it's at. To change it in that short of time is not possible.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Well you started this. You going to make a motion or what? You have to have a motion, something to replace this. It, they're saying they concur, and you're saying you do not.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I move this Encampment that we reject this recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion on the floor. And a second to reject the recommendation of the Committee. Which means this would not happen. Brother Darby, discussion.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

You already have a motion on the floor. I'll hold mine until after that vote to make another motion.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Medert, did you want to do something?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Yes, Commander-in-Chief. Through you to Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl. Is what you're saying is the time line? Is this just too restrictive? Are you in agreement to the Digest being whatever material needs to be taken out of it and put into the Regulation?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

In the long run, it's not workable. There's going to be opinions that will be binding on the Order and once we get the work done, the next opinion of the Commander-in-Chief, and we start all over again. It's a laudable goal and it's something I'm working on now and trying to accomplish that. But it's going to be a long road.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, based on this, it looks like a never ending situation. I would ask Brother Pahl to take a friendly amendment that the Digest and all of the articles which are now four years behind, that that entity, whatever you want to call the Digest of Decisions, that those be held in abeyance until such time as a Committee can 1) get it up to date, and 2) decide whether it's going to be a historical document or not, and put it in abeyance so that we're not tripping over it for the next five or six years.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I, I do not accept the friendly amendment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Gene Mortorff.

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Gene Mortorff, National Chief of Staff. I just rise to indicate my support for the decision made by the Committee. I don't know if this is talking to the friendly amendment or the amendment or whatever. I'm just telling you right now, that we have a document here. Many organizations that are much larger than us, if you ask them to go find out what the rule was on something, they can go to a book, get the book out, and they come to that section and they know what the rule is and then they can take action on it. But not this organization. This organization, if you're trying to find out what the rules are and how it works and what's right and what's wrong, you go to the Regulations and you go to the Constitution, and when you think you got it, boom. You get an e-mail or you get some communication from one or two people saying no, you can't do that because, this Digest says you can't. And these decisions can be anywhere from one Commander-in-Chief, to twenty Commanders-in-Chief, to thirty Commanders. It is just something that needs to go away and we can't keep keeping this thing any longer. There is no reason that a Committee cannot sit down and go through this section by section and say this applies to us in the year 2008 and this doesn't. As a matter of fact, I know that I've had many communications with, this was over the course of this year. I keep saying, where is it that this is a guiding document of this Order. You can go to the Constitution, it says the Constitution and the Regulations are the two documents which we do our business by. And it doesn't say anything in there about a Digest. So I say, this is the time that we take action on this and stop messing around. If this

Digest is worth its weight, let's get out of there. Who's worth what out and let's ditch the rest and make it a historical document. And let's not hear any more about the Digest. That's how I feel.

Encampment

(applause)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I think, from what I'm hearing here, first, there's a misunderstanding as to what the Digest is. The Digest is a compilation of opinions of Judge Advocate Generals, National Counselors, and rulings of Commanders-in-Chief when they were in office. It is a guiding document. It is a document that is there to interpret what the Constitution and Regulations say. Not to replace, not to supplant. If someone comes up and asks, what does this mean, how do we apply it? That is what is in the Digest. It is nothing more or less. It is the equivalent in, under the laws of this county, you have statues, which are the equivalent of our Constitution. You have regulations, which are adopted pursuant to statute, which are the equivalent of our Regulations. You have case law. The Digest is the equivalent of case law. It is guidance in interpreting what is written in the other two documents, and we're totally forgetting about our Charter, which is the over arching controlling document. To get rid of the Digest, you are throwing out a hundred and twenty-seven years of guidance. That is what it is. It is not the law of the land. Something used to interpret what the law of the land is.

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff, National Chief of Staff. I believe that's all fine and good. Except this is interpretation of things that happened a long time ago. These interpretations were made years and years and years ago. I have faith that this Encampment right here can very well interpret what's going on in the year 2008. And the documents that apply to us now, as anyone could have thirty years or forty years ago. I'm just saying, let's take this Digest, which was at one time; many a things in it was relevant and pertinent. And let's reinterpret it right now. Lets put a Committee of members together to look at it and say, well, we interpret that this is worth our while to incorporate into our guide, to what I consider to be our legally guiding documents, our Constitution and Regulations, which says this is the documents that guide what we do. Or else, add the Digest into the Constitution as being a guiding document. And I wouldn't have a problem with that either. But right now the way it stands is, any member of this Order should be able to go to a book and find out how we run. Go to a book and find out what's right, what's wrong, what they're doing wrong, what they're doing right, and what the rules are. And you cannot do it right now. Unless you check with one or two other people in this Order. And I just think that's too much power for one or two people in the Order to have. It's like secret information folks.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

The book is published. Anyone can read it. The book is published. It's out there. Brothers, don't even read the Regulations. It's not that big.

Indistinguishable

Point of order.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's enough. Fraternity Brothers, fraternity. I know we're all hot over this subject and that this room is probably split down the middle over this. But, well, I think it's split a little more the way I'm leaning, but that's, because I'm leaning that way. Any more discussion? Brother Darby, this is your, this your second (indistinguishable)?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Yes, sir, it is.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief in, in response to Brother Orr, if the Regulations as I understood from the back of the room, are basically the statues and law. Right? In the great State of Ohio, the home of Xavier, the Musketeers, number four in the NCAA, when you look in our laws, the regulation is there. Right beside of it is the case law that goes with that law. So in that case, combine the two, do away with it, I don't care what you do, but the way we have it now is worthless. And I have read the Digest. One of the things in the Digest is that the Sons are not required to honor Memorial Day. That's in the Digest. Now there is a caveat written by the Editor that says we think this was overturned by an Encampment, but you haven't found it so that is in the Digest. And if you have things like that in there,for this Order is to remember Memorial Day. We need to get rid of it. I agree with Charley and Gene. This needs to go to a Committee and be done with it. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. What was the motion this time? We do not agree with the recommendation. Is there any more discussion on this Brothers? Okay. Since there was an objection, there was a motion and a second, we have to vote on this. All in favor of not concurring with the recommendation of the Committee which would be to leave the Digest in place, raise your cards. All those opposed to leaving the Digest in place and not incorporating them into our Regulations, raise your cards. It's almost unanimous. No, it's well, overwhelming. It's not unanimous, just overwhelming though. It's so

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I think the way you just phrased that, I'm confused now as to what we were voting on 'cause I think you rephrased things and I think you did it a little incorrectly. It made it not clear. I would ask you to re-vote. I'd be happy to state my motion again.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

State your motion, Brother Pahl.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Okay. The recommendation of the Committee was to next year, incorporate the Digest into the Regulations, making it a historical document.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

That's essentially it. I objected to that and moved that we not adopt that as a policy.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is that what everybody understood?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Now the way you phrased it though, in calling for the vote, I think confused it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I said to allow the Digest to stand.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

But you said that in voting for, you've made that statement in asking for no votes.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, if you agree with Brother Pahl, raise your cards. If you agree with my recommendation, raise your cards. It is again almost overwhelming. My recommendation stands.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Good time to take a break, but we're not going to do that. Next recommendation, that the Commander-in-Chief be required to suspend any Department if they are delinquent for more than fifteen days in their annual reporting to the National Order. Reasonable extensions on filing may be granted to Departments due to extenuating circumstances by a simple majority vote of the Council of Administration, as long as the request for extension was made in advance of the due date. The Committee does not concur feeling that this infringes on the present authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Are there any objections?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Matters of the Canadian Monument were handled yesterday.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The long range planning is the one that had to come back with a date. The Canadian Monument we voted on yesterday to keep it in place. It was the long range planning that was going to re-write.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Thank you. The next recommendation from the Commander-in-Chief, with a little preface. With the fact that fuel costs have doubled since I took office as Commander-in-Chief, two recommendations, I recommend that the stipend for the incoming Commander-in-Chief be increased to ten thousand dollars and visitation of various Department Encampments for representation of the Commander-in-Chief by other Officers of the Order be made non or un reimbursable. And then it goes on to talk about costs. We do not concur in that recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is there any objections?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

The Brochures of the National Quartermaster's store should be free of charge to all Brothers, Camps and Departments desiring to recruit members for the Order. There is no reason why this organization charges a fee to its Brothers for materials to help it grow. The cost of the brochures is just a cost of doing business. The Committee agrees.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I know there's an objection here. He already called me and told me that he's going to have an objection.

National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York. Gentlemen, as your Quartermaster, I agree with him in a lot of ways. Whatever we can do for the Order, it is your Order, it is your money. But I believe we're not looking at the whole picture. To have these printed at four to five thousand at a time, the cost is twenty-five cents a piece. They could be cheaper, but our fellow Brothers wanted a red, white, and blue colored badge on the cover, which is really nice, but you got to remember that costs more money. Now, looking at this and knowing how much it costs, now we're going to look at the copy cost if you were to go get it done, and believe me, it would be a lot more than that. And then, if I ship you out brochures for free, we got to remember that the cost of that would be, if you sent out five hundred of them, I can tell you now, the cost would be six dollars postage plus thirty-nine cents to eighty cents for an envelope. Five hundred won't fit in a number 4 envelope. It's got to go in a number seven, and that's eighty cents. Okay. So you take that total cost and you can figure out what it's going to be. Now the other thing I think we need to look at, is we're saying Camps and Departments can get 'em for free. What I see is a lot of Camps that are going to say, hey, they're free. and we are going to an event so lets get five hundred of them, well, maybe we need a thousand. Okay. Now what happens is

your cost factors really went up on your printing, let alone the postage. And I believe a lot of these would get ruined. I believe a lot of them would be put in someone's home and maybe be there when you needed them. And I don't think that would work. I have a suggestion. My suggestion is that we put it on the internet and you can print them off as you need them. The other thing I have a suggestion for, and I do believe that the organization could afford to buy a few of them for free. So every package that would come into the Quartermaster's store would have two to three of these free of charge, put in the package, for you to give to your relatives or friends and bring in members. That's my suggestion and thank you, Commander.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Wheeler, in your suggestion, would you consider not having any more of those printed since we're putting them online?

National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler

Well, I believe we would have to have more printed if we're going to put two or three in each package. I do have about a thousand to two thousand left in the Quartermaster store. I'm saying we could print them. Another thing you might want to look at is, if they were printing them off a printer, you may want to do it in color or you may want to do it in black and white. That front cover only. And it's a two color eight and a half by eleven and its got to be folded. So remember that, too.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Danny, why don't you put that in a motion?

National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler

I would put that in a motion, sir.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

He puts that in a motion. Is there a second? There's a second. Is there any more discussion on it? All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed? So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Last of the Commander-in-Chief's recommendations. That all National Aides for recruiting be allowed to remain as a National Aide during the following administration. I ask this because in many cases, the Commander-in-Chief does not even find out that they have recruited five Brothers till the last month of his administration. This would allow the Brothers to wear the Gold Ribbon in recognition for at least one year. The Committee thinks this is laudable but that it is an infringement on the authority of the following Commander-in-Chief and does not recommend concurrence.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. That is already in the Policy on Awards and Decorations that permit the guy to have it for twelve months after he's assigned, so, I would ask that you....

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I'm going to rule my own recommendation out of order.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

It's about time.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

From the Council of Administration, that the missing proceedings that are currently being finished be printed in the eight and a half by eleven, spiral bound version rather than the smaller bound version, in order to reduce costs. We recommend your approval.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Objection?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

From the Patriotic Instructor. Our reporting system is broken and recommendation number one will be to study our current system with next year's Committee. We are under reporting in all our activities. Most Departments and many Camps participate in Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities, numerous Lincoln Day and other activities. I'm looking for the recommendation that I saw in there earlier. The recommendation really is that the issue will be studied. The current system for reporting to the Patriotic Instructor will be studied by next year's Committee. We concur.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

And also from the Patriotic Instructor, last year's Committee of Gary Gibson, Michael Stone, Dennis LaPonte, Michael Culp, and Steve Russo, proposed an educational program based around the Memorial University which should be submitted to the new Patriotic Instructor for review and enhancements, and then submitted to the Program and Policy Committee for review and implementation. Patriotic Instructor would like to thank the Committee who sagely handled and worked on this project, so submission to Policy, Program and Policy Committee.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Objection. Go ahead.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert. I think that this really should go to the C&R Committee because it is going to deal with a change in the Regulations for the award.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Was there an award mentioned in there? Was that in another report? It's mentioned in there? Or was that in another report? Do I need a motion or can I just forward it? Brother Pahl.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I object to the recommendation of the Committee. I move you sir that the program be given immediate effect. Secondly, part of the program is to allow the successful student to wear a device on the member badge and my motion is to refer that portion only to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations to report back on this at the next Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

They concur with that and, and I will tell you this. I've seen the program. It is a great program, folks.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Amen.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any more discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed? Moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

The National GAR Highway Officer recommends that the information concerning texts of laws, photographs of highway signs, etc., be incorporated into the SUVCW website at a future date so that the history of the GAR Highway will be available to all. We concur, although I'm not sure it takes a, vote of this body.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

From the National Counselor, that the SUVCW secure the rights to domain names, which we do not currently hold, and that we continue to monitor the use of domain names SUVCW.com, rather than org, and it, should it become available immediately, that we take action to secure this domain name for our own use. Recommend yes.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Objection?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

That the job description of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee be amended to add under activities, signs all contracts on behalf of the Order with the Encampment hotel and other businesses necessary to fix the Encampment site, etc. the committee believes that this is already incorporated.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, this is where I had noted in my report that there was a change that should be sign all contracts on behalf of the order with the local hotel, rather than the Encampment hotel, and other business as necessary to fix the ceremony site and provide copies of all contracts to the National Secretary. And you concurred with that? They concurred with that.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert. I arise to a point of order. That is already in the existing Policy, number four, on the policy on contracts. That the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony may sign contracts on behalf of the Order for that ceremony.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. This is why we wanted all this stuff in the Regulations. Tell you what. I'm going to take a break here. We're going to stop this discussion. We'll come back to that. We'll let you guys have the chance to look for it. And when we come back we'll take this recommendation. We're going to receive the visiting Committee. If you guys can't find it right off hand, that's fine.

[three raps ***]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Ladies, I want to welcome you to our organization meeting today, and I apologize for taking so long, but we had quite a bit of business here and we were right in the middle of them and we got a long way to go yet this afternoon. And I hope we don't run past the banquet tonight. Ladies, would you like to come up front, one of you, two of you, all of you?

National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Phyllis Houston

Commander, we are happy to bring greetings to your Organization and I hope you're having a great Encampment. We've had a great one. And here's a little gift from you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Well, thank you.

National Jr. Vice President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Nancy Conaway

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn, we're very happy to be able to come into your meeting today and bring you the greetings of our Organization. I'm very pleased to see what a large turnout you have here today. And I realize that you have a lot of business to conduct yet. So we will be brief. I do want to mention, I think everybody in the Allied Orders organizations knew Elizabeth B. Koch, our beloved Past National President from Pennsylvania. And we lost Betty recently. So this is a sad occasion for us. Our first convention without Betty. And I know that many of you knew Betty and respected her and loved her as we did. And we thank you for this opportunity to come in here today and extend our congratulations and best wishes to you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. Brother Chuck Corfman.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Corfman

It's always a pleasure to have the ladies visiting us. And I feel that it's an important part of our Encampment, that we honor each other in the Allied Orders. And it is good that we have the Ladies to brighten up our day. It's a very important part. And we thank you much for coming here.

Encampment

(applause)

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All right. I'm not starting anything until they come in, so just get a load off your legs, fellows.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

I arise to a point of back pain.

Encampment

(laughter)

[three raps ***]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Sisters, I want to apologize for making you wait so long in the hall. We were in the midst of some business and it still isn't done yet, and we've got a long way to go, so I appreciate your patience. Would you like to come up and address the Brethren here?

National President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Judy Trepanier

It is wonderful to see so many of the familiar faces out here. Some of you I don't know, but a good many I do. I hope you're having a very productive Encampment and I would like to present Commander-in-Chief Charley with a small gift. He's been absolutely fabulous to work with all year.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I'm glad you think so.

Encampment

(laughter)

National President, Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Judy Trepanier

Well that's because he can't tell me what to do.

Encampment

(laughter)

Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Barbara Indan

I just want to say Pennsylvania is so very proud of you. You've done a wonderful job and thank you very much. Congratulations to your new member, Steven Indan. I thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's right, Steve. I'm kissing your wife. That's the best part of the whole job. Getting to kiss the Ladies and make them cry

Past Commander-in-Chief, Stephen A. Michaels

Yes, Brother Commander. Welcome Ladies and thank you for taking time to visit with us this afternoon. Each year the Auxiliary shares with us a responsibility that's so important to carry on the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. And each year, many of our Auxiliaries work side by side with our Camps to raise money and to support our Camps and our Sons in support roles that many are not aware of. Sometimes helping a struggling Camps survive. Sometimes helping with important projects, monuments, and other fundraising activities. We appreciate your help and we're so glad that you're able to be with us in spirit and also in body. With your hard work and your efforts, we could not do many of the projects and be successful without you. We are privileged and fortunate to have you as Sisters in our family of Allied Orders. Thank you so much. And much success to you this weekend and also in the coming year. God bless you.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you Brothers. Back to business. Rich, did you find it?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

The language regarding the ability of the Lincoln Tomb Committee Chairman to sign contracts is in the policy. This recommendation was made at the request of Past Commander-in-Chief Al Loomis, who Commander-in-Chief Elect Medert has reassigned to be the Chairman of the Committee for this coming year. Because he wanted it to be in the job description, which is part of the C&R by reference, and therefore carries more force. So, that was why the request was made. At least my understanding why he was requesting it. I simply put it there because he was unable to attend to make the request for himself.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is there any objection to that? No, it was a point of order. So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Last of the job descriptions. The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee be amended by adding, the Ceremony shall be held on Saturday, closest to April 15th, the date of Lincoln's death in 1865. Except it shall be, the following Saturday, if Saturday closest to April 15th falls on Easter or Passover weekend. We concur.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objections?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

We have what we considered not to be a recommendation from the Civil War Memorials Officer and, and permit me to say that, it's a conditional recommendation. The conditions for the recommendation have not been met, but I will read part of it. The past winter, I was informed that the Council of Administration was looking into development of a new data base software. And if that is done, I paraphrase, if that goes forward, I'm in full support of it. And then he recommends certain File Maker Pro, etc. and we thought this was premature.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Objections.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

From the Junior Vice, the incoming Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief develop a questionnaire for each Department as to how best to handle new applications that are received at the National level. From the questionnaire, the best and most recommended procedures could be used to get our new Brothers in an active Department. The Committee recommends that while questionnaires are useful, many have been done and that we take action on earlier studies would be more advisable. So we're recommending against.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

They do not concur. Does anybody object?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

From the National Chief of Staff, and you've heard some of this before. Most of the activities above have more to do with the Aide de Camp job than the Chief of Staff.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

He's withdrawing that one.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Sorry. That one has been withdrawn. Thank you. The War Medal was originally intended ...

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yeah, that was, War Medal was referred to C&R.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Recommendation two has already been referred. Recommendation three, that a Committee be formed to review documents such as the Digest of Decisions, and retrieve from such documents any rules, ideas, or wisdom that they believe should be incorporated in our Constitution and Regulation.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All right. I'm going to rule that out of order because we just had that debate two minutes ago and got it done, so.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Sorry Gene, I've got to rule you out of order.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

That such recommendations be approved or not approved at the next National Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I think that was in my recommendation. So that's out of order also.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

That those that are approved within two months of the closing of the National Encampment be included in the Constitution and Regulations, and that any documents other than the Constitution or Regulation be considered as historical only.

Indistinguishable

Objection.

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

I agree to removing the time limitation. My problem with the time limitation there to how quickly, how urgent it was going to have the change made.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It, it's going to be a major project. I will tell you that.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

My objection's based on two things. One, the Constitution and Regulations; when a change to the Regulations, is adopted here, it is effective immediately. And two, this totally ignores the Charter, which is the overarching controlling document of everything that we do. Therefore under the basic premise, if you go back to the very top, to the very basic premise of all of three is faulty on its face because it only includes the Constitution and Regulations as the only guiding documents, and there are other guiding documents and there are other controlling documents which this totally ignores.

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

The reason that recommendation was made, was that this would only have to do with changes to the Constitution and Regulations. Of course, they have nothing to do with the Charter. In other words, if all we're doing is changing something that would not be having any affect on the Charter itself, then it's not an issue. We're just changing our Regulations. We do it all the time.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Well, I don't understand where I'm seeing Charter anywhere, Rich.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, as the Constitution and Regulations are the ONLY, in capital letters, guiding documents of the Order. The basic premise of everything that follows is faulty because they are not the only controlling documents.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Would you agree Gene, to remove the word only from your recommendation?

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

I agree, I accept that as a friendly amendment, or a friendly change. We then go ahead and put Charter in there. I don't have a problem with that.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We can't change the Charter. The Charter's granted by act of Congress.

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Then just put in there, within the limitations of the Charter. I mean, we're only talking here about making changes that we already made. We're just talking about when they go in.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. This Encampment has already basically ruled on this.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Assign the task to the Committee and assigned to do the rest and they can report back next year with everything else.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right. So I'm going to rule that out of order.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I will leave that to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Does that include the decisions also of the Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration? That's the next part that's on there.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson

Last recommendation from the Chief of Staff, that any decision that the Council of Administration or the Commander-in-Chief made over the year of their service, those changes amplifies or in any way alters the Constitution or Regulations of the Order be approved by vote of the immediately following National Encampment. And if approved, the Constitution and Regulation must be changed within two months of the closing of that Encampment.

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

The thing I take away from that is, of course, the time limitation again.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We can't do that. I'm ruling that out of order because we can't change the Constitution without the ratification of the Departments, fifty-one percent of them. So, the Constitution can't be changed.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Very good. It's 2:10. Ten minute break.

[three raps ***]

[one rap*]

BREAK

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Constitution and Regulations Committee. Before we start this, a couple of things. There were two things that I forwarded to the C&R Committee that got kicked back to me. One of them was on a proposed flyer for next year for the celebration of the Lincoln's Birthday. I'm going to forward this to Programs and Policies Committee. Leo, it's yours so that you can work on this. Also, I'd like to present some Charters right now before we go to this. That'll give you a little more time, Rich. The Department of Massachusetts Camp of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Camp Number 5, known as the Lynn, Massachusetts. Is anybody here from that to receive it?

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(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Camp Number 9, Lebanon, New Hampshire. Anybody here from that Camp? Anybody here from the Department of New Hampshire to accept this for Lebanon Camp? Dan? Camp Number 501, from the Department of Pennsylvania in Mt. Jackson, PA. Summerset County, Pennsylvania, Camp Number 502. The calligraphy's so good it blends right in to the script. Department of Maryland, Camp Number 38, California, Maryland. Anybody here from that Camp? Come on up. Is this one that Jeff French did? That's the man that received the award today it's one of his Camps right here. The only other one we have here is from Oregon, but there's nobody here from that, so. You ready, Rich? Just remember, this is what where is.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief. Just a point of order. We had just done the Officer Reports and the Report given by National Counselor Richard Orr was not addressed. And I do take objection to one item. I refer the membership, if they have the book, to page thirty-one. This is opinion two, which deals with religion and politics.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

That's Rituals.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

This is not part of the rituals. This is part of an Officer's Report.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's an Officer's Report. So you're challenging the decision of the National Counselor on number 2.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Not only am I challenging it as, I'm sorry, page thirty-one, sir, top of the page. Article four. Do you want me to read it or just ...

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You can go ahead and read it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Okay. It says, "~~Article four, religion and politics, the order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan. The introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited. We do not vi..., do we not violate this clause by adding the words Jesus Christ to some of our prayers and the ritual. Is that not the introduction of a particular religion? Would this not be better to pray in using the word God instead since all religions believe. Recognize some of the type of the creator, architect of the universe, that in and of itself is incorrect because the atheist don't belong in it, believe in anything. However, while this is not readily the opinion is, while this is not readily accepted by many of our Brothers, it is my opinion that the reference to Jesus Christ in prayers and in other forms in the Ritual and our meetings is not in keeping with the above provision of Constitution. Further, it is contrary to the principals of fraternity inasmuch as we have Brothers of the Jewish faith and other faiths who do not~~

recognize Jesus Christ as the son of God.” I take objection, strong objection to this to the point not only should this be overturned by this Encampment, but this opinion should be stricken, never to appear, in anything published by the SUVCW. Thank you, sir.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Krieser

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a challenge to the decision of the National Counselor and it is a motion, I guess, and seconded. Is there any discussion on this?

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

Commander-in-Chief as the Chairman of the Rituals and Ceremonies, we also talked this up and we want to go on record as supporting the last speaker. We also protest this.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large. Go ahead.

National Membership-at-Large Member, Adam Gaines

Okay. I hereby protest the second opinion, too. I say this for the following reasons. One, the Grand Army of the Republic was founded upon the principals of Christianity. And we are here to honor those men. And I also say that if we accept this opinion, we are disrespecting those men we are here to honor.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any more objections? Any more statements?

Department of Pennsylvania Chaplain, David R. Acheson

Dave Acheson, Chaplain, Department of Pennsylvania. I also object to this. I submit to you that I was just at a luncheon for the Department of Pennsylvania where they do a Pennsylvania closing. And Jesus Christ is in the song. I also submit to you that our Memorial Service, we will not have this on the cover. It is Christianly, Christian. We will not sing, Our Fathers, because that’s from God. We are on a slippery slope if we accept this. You cannot be everything to everyone. I submit to you when I joined this organization, I came home, my wife said what was it like? I said I was initiated with my hand on the Holy Word. And I was proud of that. Maybe we can substitute the Holy Word. Maybe we can put Robert’s Rules up there. Maybe we can get rid of a Chaplain because he represents God. I submit to you, I am dead set against this. And if this would pass, I will pray for the Brother that will send this down to the Allied Orders, to those women for their discernment.

Encampment

(laughter & applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brothers, Brothers, Brother Steve Hammond.

Department of Maryland, Steve Hammond

Steve Hammond, Past Department Commander, Department of Maryland. I’d like to say, I don’t believe in organized religion. I’m an Episcopalian.

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(laughter)

Department of Maryland, Steve Hammond

But I take my lineage back to the founding Colonel of the 27th Pennsylvania by the name of Mack Einstein. So I don’t vehemently disagree with it, but I do feel that I have my own personal reason to agree with the decision only because I feel it may be dishonoring my ancestor.

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(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Thank you. James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. From a legal point of view, I understand Rich's statement. However, if this were to stand, I stood before these Brothers two years ago, accepting the job of Commander-in-Chief. My speech would be ruled out of order. By this ruling because that was the first words out of my mouth. That I accepted this job in honor of my Lord and Savior. And so while I find the idea of putting the Roberts Rule of Order on the alter intriguing, I stand in agreement with Don Darby.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

And you've been ruled out of order many times before, so it's Danny's turn.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York. I have a problem with it for one reason. Are we going to take "for the grace of God" out of everything the Sons of Union Veterans stand for?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Jerry Kowalski, National Chaplain.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

There are people who might be offended because there's a cross in the Chaplain's insignia down my hat. Some people may be offended because the body of Christ is on the cross that I wear. Some people may be offended by the way I pray. And quite frankly, I don't care.

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(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Neither, neither do we, Jerry. That's why you have that job.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

I am not offended when people wear the Star of David. I am not offended when people wear a turban or cover their wives faces with veils. I am not offended by people who don't believe in the almighty. Are they going to be surprised later.

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(laughter)

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

However, I do conduct Memorial Day services in a cemetery that is surrounded by a Jewish population. I use Old Testament material in that case. If you were at the SVR breakfast this morning, you may have noticed that both of the references for the invocation and benediction came from the Old Testament and I didn't mention Jesus Christ at all. That does not mean I do not love Jesus Christ. That does not mean I put down the Lord because the Lord who appeared to Abraham was indeed Jesus Christ with two angels. But I don't have to say it. It's obvious as all get out. This is something that Richard Orr had to do, a Past Commander-in-Chief, respected by some, hated by others. But I know why he had to do it. And remember Brothers, it's fraternity, charity, and loyalty. This is something that we need to practice. We need to be kind to one another. We don't need to beat each other on the head. Jesus Christ is the Lord and God no matter what you think. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

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Amen.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You want to add anything to that, Rich?

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(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

I want to say a few things. First, the first paragraph in there is the questions that were posed to me. That was not what I wrote. My response begins with, while this will not be readily accepted by many of the Brothers, which is obvious and I expect it not to be openly accepted. My opinion was

rendered to the Commander-in-Chief at his request as it is written for two reasons. One, as I stated, we do have a number of Brothers of the Jewish faith. Out of fraternity and respect for their faith and their right to practice their faith, it was my opinion that we needed to be open and inclusive, not exclusive. And the other part of the reasoning is because since the time that the GAR existed, we have become a Congressionally chartered corporation. The laws that apply to us are different than what applied to the Grand Army. We have to comply with the federal laws regarding the introduction of sectarian, meaning religious, or partisan, meaning politics, issues into anything we do. Whether you sustain the opinion or not, doesn't really matter to me personally because it's not an expression of my own personal beliefs by any means. Of anyone who really knows me, they know that that is not my own personal belief. But as the National Counselor, I have to look at the entire organization. I have to look at what is good for all the Brothers and what is fair to all the Brothers, and what impacts by, from federal law because we are Congressionally chartered. And as I told someone yesterday, while we are proud of that Congressional Charter, there are times when it is a millstone around our neck and this happens to be one of them.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you, Rich. Brother John.

National Guide, John T. McNulty

John T. McNulty, National Guide. On this I do not agree with Richard. What is seen in this is a hundred and thirty, a hundred and forty years ago, the GAR used these phrases throughout the years. It has been in the past twenty, twenty-five years that we have seen a condition that nothing is right that is old. We have to change. Yes, we have to change. But we are going to the dark side instead of light. We must not forget that the GAR was content to use these phrases and I think, though I'll be corrected, that we should do the same. Thank you.

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(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert.

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

What I want to say about it is this. We have a fraternal organization. That means we should be friendly and have love, love in a mind amongst ourselves. We do not need instances like this to spearhead between us and to divide us, and divide our opinions. Since the Sons has been in existence, we've never had this brought up. It's never been brought up since we obtained this Charter. And all the sudden now, it's brought up to create a diversion, to create a problem to bother our minds when it should not been done. I'm going to agree with the last speaker. We've changed so much and we're told every day we have to change. And every time some minority, a one out of ten people comes up with something, that one person has his choice heard all over the United States. And I'm sick and tired of it. And I don't want to hear it here. I don't want to hear this any more. And I wished Orr would keep this stuff to himself. That's all I got to say.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion to call the question. We can't do anything, any more discussion. We have a motion to call the question. Is there a second?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There is a second. Is there any discussion on whether to vote?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

We can't have discussion. You have to vote. Immediately.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The motion is to end debate and vote on the issue, the original issue. Correct?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Correct. And that is not debatable.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All in favor of taking a vote right now, raise your card. All opposed? Okay. The original question was an objection to the opinion of the National Counselor that we have that stricken from the records.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Don, you want to repeat your original motion?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Yes, sir. Commander-in-Chief, I proposed the motion that we have this ruling overturned. Not only overturned, but stricken from any reference to it in any item published in the SUVCW. That was my, and that was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All in favor of that motion, raise your cards. All opposed to that motion, raise your cards. So moved.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It's published and struck through. Okay. So whenever, what, what's your transcriptionist's name?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Donna.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Donna. Whenever you publish this, strike all that stuff through. All right. Constitution and Regulations. Okay. Bob Grim. There's one item in here that I know is going to take a while. And I'm going to limit the debate on it. I can assure you.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

These are the items that were presented to the Constitution and Regulations Committee. One from the Department of New Jersey said resolve that a member of more than one Camp pay the National per capita tax only for the Camp that the member originally joined. In other words, basically, we're saying if you belong to two Camps, you only pay the National per capita on your original Camp. The Committee did not agree with this and recommends that you not accept it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

This was from the Department of Michigan. It says the following resolution was proposed whereas it does not seem just that an honorably discharged Brother who is reinstated be treated as a Brother dropped for non-payment required to pay the entire annual capita, per capita tax when he rejoins. The Committee recommends not accepting this since the rule is that he has to join as a new Member and if he joins during the year, he gets pro-rated anyway.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

This one is from the Department of Tennessee asking that we create a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Boy Scouts of America Volunteer Award. The Committee recommends not accepting this since those people who are doing Boy Scout work can receive Letters of Appreciation, Meritorious Service Awards, and that sort of thing from Commanders already.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Douglas K. Fidler

Just because other organizations do things, do not necessarily mean that we should do them. The thing is though is that at last count, they were approximately a dozen of the National organizations of which some of you probably belong. Masons, Rotary Club, and many other ones. Basically the BSA because it recognizes that there are many organizations within the community that actually help it have a program in which they will recognize the award given by the individual organizations for work of its members with the BSA that it then further recognizes it. This is a tool that can be very, very useful in bringing knowledge of the Order to the local community and serve as a recruitment tool. What I would like, if it's actually referred for future study, and then to be looked at thoroughly, and then to decide whether it will be accepted or not. That's all.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, again, tying us up.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. As is my right as a member of this Order. However, sir ...

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(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're correct. It is your right.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I would suggest to this Order that if this is not overturned, then we're going to end up providing the volunteer to the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the subterranean alien scouts. This can go on infinitum. And the second is, if this award comes out, where's the money going to come from to pay for it? Okay? This can go on, I mean, it, it can, what he says is, is true to some what, but it's going to blossom into this thing that's going to be uncontrollable because everybody in the free world that volunteers for an organization is going want their little thing. So I concur with the Committee's Report that we need to not approve this.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There's not been any motion on it yet. There's an objection. Brother, did you want to make a motion?

National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Douglas K. Fidler

Yes, sir. I would like to move that this proposal be forwarded to the appropriate Committee, just to look at it. Look at what is entailed, the costs, which of course could be almost nothing because a nice certificate you know, can be printed. But anyway, just to look at it and then if it is decided that it is not worth pursuing, then to nix it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. That's the motion on the floor. Is there a second? You have several seconds. Any discussion on this? Brother Mabie. I'm going to limit this to two up in favor of. Two up in negative of.

Department of California & Pacific, Charles W. Mabie

I would hate to disagree as a Boy Scout leader. I think genuinely our Order should be developing a uniform certificate, period, that could be, once again in the electronic age, that could be down loaded, filled in, printed appropriately, and sent out for volunteers for all kinds of organizations that are helping to benefit our community and our Order. We can cover one base with one movement and just take care of everything instead of signifying one group and alienating others.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief, George L. Powell

George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Pennsylvania. The Brother's objection, he says he wants this referred to the appropriate Committee. It was referred to the appropriate Committee this year. Constitution and Regulations. We debated it. We discussed it. And this is our report. We reported that we do not agree with this. But it was already sent to the appropriate Committee. The appropriate Committee decided. And we're asking you to verify our decision.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Danny Wheeler, are you in favor of or against?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler

I'm against.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York. Gentlemen, I've been hearing some complaints about the Boy Scout Certificate. And the complaint is because they cost forty cents. They are very expensive to print. They're in color. And then, you ship them out. And then the Camps have to pay postage for each one that they ship out. And I'm hearing from a lot of Camps that it's getting very hard on their treasury because of the price of postage. So let's keep that in mind. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Thank you. Any more discussion? Rich Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Brothers, I stand before you not only as the National Counselor, Past Commander-in-Chief, and a member of the Committee that reviewed this, but as an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow, recipient of the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver, and the Saint George Award, and a forty-nine year volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America. We will be opening up ourselves as was stated to creating an award for every youth group that exists. This is not our mission. To do this, is also contrary to our Charter, which specifically states we cannot do activities that honor us. Our mission is to honor the Civil War Veterans in particular, and Veterans in general. And the Veterans in general under which we have created the War Medal and the Military Service Medal. To create the additional medals, such as this proposes, is a violation of our Federal Charter. Straight, pure, and simple. That is just my opinion. When we had a previous issue come up regarding this and Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl was the National Counselor, he went to a professor at, Jim, I don't recall which university it was, anyway, in Michigan who was an expert in non-profit law, who looked at our Congressional Charter, and concurred that we cannot create medals which pat ourselves on the back. We're doing the things we should do as good citizens.

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(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

This Brother back here. This is the last person that will speak on this subject. We're wasting a lot of time here.

Donald R. Holtz, Department of New York

Donald R. Holtz, Camp 44, New York. I can just see the headline now. Civil War Union Vets defeats Boy Scouts. Now that's the way it's going to read. And my understanding is this program is voluntary. You can do it, you don't have to do it. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay, Brothers. The question is now time to be voted on. What was the motion that we, that we forward it to another committee. It was in the Committee, but he's asking it to be forwarded to another Committee. Well, he wants it forwarded to a committee with study. All in favor, raise your cards, of

forwarding this to another committee. All opposed, raise your cards. It will not be forwarded to another Committee.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The Committee's recommendation stands.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Next recommendation is also from the Department of Michigan. And it has to do with the numerals for years of service in the Sons. And they would like to add additional numbers for ten years, fifteen years, and twenty years and the Committee recommends approval of this.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, that cannot be done at the sound of the gavel. It is affirmatively amending the Regulations. It requires an affirmative vote.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I thank you Jim for pointing that out. That's why I appointed you as my co-parliamentarian and Co-National Counselor. Okay. All in favor of that, raise your cards. All opposed? Moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

One more remark on this proposal. The resolution did not include Junior Associates and the Committee would like to amend the proposal as presented to include the numbers for Junior Associates. In other words, the time that you've been a Junior Associate counts toward your ten years or fifteen years.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is there any objection? Dave, why do you have to object to this?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

I'm not. I'm just getting a clarification. My understand is a Junior and a Junior Associate are not members until they become the age of fourteen.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That's correct. But what, what this, this thing is saying, that their years of service in the Order will add towards the number they're allowed to carry on there.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Oh. I'll withdraw the question.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So, the thing that was forgotten is Junior Associates were not included. So all those in favor of including Junior Associates on that, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Okay, well the item that we considered came from Tennessee. This was that the Council reconsider the exclusion of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal from the list of Medals and Ribbons recognized by the War Medal in light of changes made by the Department of Defense, and include the Armed Forces Reserve Medal when awarded with the M Device. The Committee did not agree with this and recommend that you not accept this proposal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objections?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

By God, that got through.

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(chatter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Oh, we have another one yet?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

It's probably chicken-scratch and Bob's having a hard time reading it. There were recommendations from several sources regarding the War Medal. What the Committee decided was to retain the requirement for the Campaign Ribbon or Campaign Medal in order to be qualified for the War Medal. And that all others would continue to be eligible for the Military Service Medal. This was in keeping with the history of the War Medal and its purpose, that actually required that those recipients of the War Medal have been in, have been in theatre. The language of this proposed is in Article 3, Section 1, paragraph G, be reworded to read, War Medal authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the United States Armed Forces and received one or more Campaign Ribbon / Medal as defined by the Council of Administration. A Form DD214 or a Form DD 214 and 215 must accompany any application for the War Medal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That is a motion. I need a second before we have discussion. We have a second. Okay. Now. Brother Medert.

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

Of course, no one's going to do it, but I still want to say it. We've had discussions over this War Medal now for years. Seems like every time we have an Encampment it's argued over the Encampment in some form or another. Fine. It looks to me like it's time to solve the whole problem, if we would grandfather the War Medal and everybody that has it, retains it, but in the future, anyone that was in the military service receive a medal acknowledging the fact that he served, and forget all of this argument back and forth year after year. That's all I want to say.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any more discussion? We have somebody else? Okay. Todd.

National Aide to National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Todd A. Shillington

Commander-in-Chief. Would that language preclude active duty members from receiving a War Medal?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

If they already received one of the things we recognize ...

National Aide to National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Todd A. Shillington

The DD214, I understand, is a separation document.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Right, well it says 215 also ...

National Aide to National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Todd A. Shillington

I'm lost. I would suggest a friendly amendment that proof of receipt of one of these ribbons or campaign medals in replace of the DD214.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David Medert. The Programs and Policy Committee on this subject that Todd has submitted in April, we've modified the language for the current War Medal application to state that if you are currently serving on active duty, that a, a photo copy of your military I. D. card along with a citation accompany the application. DD214's are for discharge from service. 215's modify the 214's. So you're really restricted to past duty.

National Aide to National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Todd A. Shillington

Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

They will accept that as a friendly amendment because we don't want to short any of our Brothers who are currently serving in the armed forces right now and who have seen combat. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Motion carries. That concludes the reports of the Constitution and Regulations.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. There was one other thing that was forward to a Committee and that went to the Programs and Policy Committee. That was the Scholarship Program. And since Programs and Policies Committee does not meet as part of this Encampment, they are assigned to work on that. You have that down, Leo? Okay. They will look at the scholarship recommendations from Brother Fidler from Tennessee. They're going to look at that and report to the C of A and we'll try and get it done. I apologize. You gave it to me earlier and I wanted to handle it out in Springfield, but it didn't happen. Resolutions Committee. Steve Michaels. Okay.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Stephen A. Michaels

The Resolutions Committee had only one resolution to address. That came from the Department of Maryland. And we'll try to summarize that. Whereas the West Campus of the Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington D. C. contains a cemetery called Interment Reservation Number 1, or the West Cemetery, or the Civil War Cemetery which contains as many as six hundred graves of veterans of the American Civil War, including two hundred and thirty-three identified graves of U. S. Soldiers and Sailors who served in the American Civil War or later conflicts. It appears that in the Interment Reservation Number 1 according to this resolution, is part of the property of the Saint Elizabeth's Hospital that is going to be taken over or has been taken over by the Department of Homeland Security. And as such, Homeland Security is going to greatly restrict access to that cemetery and the Department of Maryland is asking the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to request the Department of Homeland Security institute procedures which will provide reasonable access to that cemetery for those individuals and groups to visit, to hold memorial services, or perform approved volunteer public service maintenance projects at the cemetery upon request as is consistent with the minimal requirements for security. They also ask the option or, that the Department of Homeland Security seize control of the Interment Reservation Number 1 to control of the National Park Service or the Department of Veterans Affairs, which should establish reasonable means of access to this site. The Committee concurred with the first part of the recommendation, or the, the request that is but did not concur with the second part which requested that the Department of Homeland Security seize control of the Interment Reservation Number 1 to the control of the National Park Service. We do not feel that we had any right to ask them to do something of that nature. We do concur with the first part, that the National Order certainly request the Department of Homeland Security institute procedures whereby groups like Sons of Union Veterans could access that cemetery. Or families.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection? So moved.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Incoming National Counselor. Unless you want to write it, or, should it go to the Secretary? That should be presented to the incoming administration, though, correct? I'm a lame duck right now.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

My wife tells me I've been lame for years, but that's beside the point. Okay. That takes care of all the Committee Reports. Jim Hanby.

Council of Administration, James R. Hanby, Sr.

You created a Committee on Restoration of Rank and we have a report. It is very brief. Department of Michigan requested a Restoration of Rank for Gregory Hayes and the Committee concurs.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved. Brother Lee Walters. Let's take care of yours right now. We had a thing was set back on the Long Range Planning Committee with an objection that they re-write it with a time frame involved in that. Yes.

Long Range Planning Committee, Lee F. Walters

Commander-in-Chief, Lee Walters, Department of Pennsylvania. For the Long Range Planning Committee, I was instructed to return here today with reference to our recommendation number two, that a Committee be appointed to explore the availability of funding through private or public grants in that we did not specify a time limit for this Committee. And we wish to specify, or recommend that this Committee be appointed for two years.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That was under ad-seriatim, wasn't it? Is there any objection to that?

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved. Okay Brothers, one thing before we take a little recess, all those of you who have not signed the card for Frank Tucker, I'm going to put it up here on this front table. Make sure you get it signed because this is the last chance you're going to get. I'm going to give it to Kevin? Okay. I've got the envelope here. When you come back, I'll gather it up and put it in the envelope and you can give it to your dad? Thank you. And tell him the prayers and wishes of the Brothers of this Order are with him and I ask Chaplain Jerry to pray extra hard for him. Including all of us, we pray extra hard for him. Yeah, Jerry says some of us more than others need to pray harder.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Ten minute recess. It's 3:10 now. I want everybody back here at 3:20.

[three raps ***]

[one rap*]

BREAK

[three raps ***]

[one rap*]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We started some of it earlier, but New Business is now open again. Anybody have anything for the Order? Brother Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, he started first. Sorry, Dave. You're next.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Actually, I have two things for New Business, sir. One, I take exceptions to General Order Number 3 that you issued. And this is in regard to the Life Membership. In this particular instance, the Brother resigned from the Order while under suspension. He was a Life Member. In your General Order, you stated if he

came back to the Order, he would be reinstated as a Life Member. His resignation, sir, severed his ties with the Order. Him coming back and then being afforded being a Life Member because he was under that pay fifty dollars thing, the oldest Life Membership, I believe voids any contract that we have with the other members of that section. And I would ask that this Encampment strike that portion of the General Order. That if this Brother comes back into the Order, that he has to pay, if he wants a Life Membership, he has to pay whatever, five or six hundred dollars, whatever it is now. That's my motion sir.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There is a motion to challenge that. Is there any discussion? Okay. Do you remember what number that was in my order?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

General Order Number 3, I believe, sir.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I got the three, I got three, but what, what number was it here? I wrote so many General Orders this past year gentlemen, I think I exceeded the national record. Should the former Brother seek remission to the Order, he must seek restoration to rank.... Brothers bear with me 'till I read this thing to find where he's talking about it so I can read it to you.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Not only did you write the most, you wrote the longest.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Should he ever seek, okay, Number 6 in General Order 3, and in resigning from the Order, Keith D. Ashley, PDC also resigned his Life Membership. Should he ever seek to be granted admission to the Order in the future, his Life Membership will be reinstated under, hold on, under terms of his original Life Membership. That is what they're asking to be struck.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Or in your words, stricken.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

... from, stricken ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're, overturning that portion, Number 6, of General Order 3, which would read renumber 7 to 6, 8 to 7.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You're just going to strike that part out?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Is there any objection to that? Does anybody have any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Okay.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

My General Order in that section has been overridden.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief, the second, I would move that the following be forwarded to the C&R Committee, that if a Brother resigns under suspension, or receives a dishonorable discharge, that his reinstatement into the Order must be approved by a majority vote of his Department. And all I'm asking is that this proposal be sent to the C&R Committee for their review.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That doesn't take a motion, I'll so do that. Write it up and send it to the C&R Committee. The next administration can deal with it.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I don't need a motion to send something to a Committee. That's what you're asking. Right? Then just write it up and see that the C&R Committee gets it and they'll look at it next administration.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Thank you very much, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. You're on.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Dave Medert. I would like to make a motion that the remaining policies that did not get considered in the definition of "where" ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

... be reviewed and incorporated into the C&R, where applicable. Granting that we don't need a regulation for the Remembrance Day or the National Parks but all other remaining policies be reviewed and incorporated where applicable, into the C&R.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

In other words, where it belongs.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Right.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There's a motion on the floor for that. There's multiple seconds. Is there any discussion?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

What about the ones that do not belong? For instance, like the, the, the policy on National Parks. Where does that go?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

That can remain, I'm not saying get rid of policies. As we determined through the lengthy discussion we had earlier, many of these members here were not aware of these policies existed and how they govern this body. All I'm asking is that those policies that should be in the Regulations, be placed in the Regulations. The one on parks, that can remain as a policy. I don't have problems with policies.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Would you rather have sent to the C&R Committee to do it?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Again?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

And have it report back?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Yes, again, for the second time, I'd like to have it sent back.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Have it sent back. So done.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I don't think so. There were, there were several things that weren't addressed and that was part of the argument.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr. The C&R Committee recommendations were read. The very last two sentences of it listed, or least part of it, listed those policies which the C&R Committee has already determined belong in the C&R, but needed to be rewritten in order to be in a language that could be inserted into the C&R. And we did not have time to finish those. Those remain on the agenda for activities of the C&R for the forthcoming year. The policies which are not either presented yesterday were included in that list the C&R Committee has determined do not belong in the Regulations.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Okay, well then I stand corrected because the way the thing was worded was that the fourteen policies that the Programs and Policy Committee submitted to the C&R to be incorporated, only four were. The rest were saying to be rewritten as policies or what. I was under the assumption, I know it'll get you in trouble, that they were going to be rewritten as policies. But if the C&R Committee is going to keep this as an ongoing effort, then I would recommend that those action items that were not completed for this Encampment be completed by the next Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Then is there a second on that? I'm just directing it. That's what I just said to do. We're back to what I just said. I was directing it back to the C&R Committee. Okay. Brother Beard, from the great Department of Maryland.

Department of Maryland, Michael Beard

Michael Beard, Past Department Commander and member of the Virginia Sequa-Centennial Committee, Commission rather. And I'd like to propose a motion that the Sons of Union Veterans join the Civil War 150 Council which is a fund raising event by the State of Virginia. Contributions are tax deductible. And anyone in this room can become a member of the 150 Council. I have brochures to point out. But the reason I would like to have the Sons join is primarily, the State will be publishing publicly a list of all the members at any of the signature events that take place in Virginia. Which the first signature event will be next year, 2009, with the John Brown Raid in West Virginia but we'll overlook that for the moment. Member benefits will include advance invitation to all signature events. I got to make sure that happens for the Sons anyway. VIP seating at all signature events. Since we have old Commanders-in-Chief, that would be important.

Encampment

(laughter)

Department of Maryland, Michael Beard

Invitation to exclusive receptions at official functions. Limited time commemorative logo pin, which I have one. Advance copy of the Commission's newsletter. And public recognition as a member of the Civil War 150 Council. This would cost the Sons one hundred and fifty dollars a year for every year of the Sequa-centennial, so that's close to a thousand dollars. And that's my motion.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Can we pay this in one lump? Is there a discount rate for paying in a lump?

Department of Maryland, Michael Beard

One lump, no. Matter of fact, the minimum is the one hundred fifty to be in member of the Council. You can contribute more.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. We have a motion on the floor to join for a hundred fifty bucks a year during the Sequa-centennial, which would be through, till 2015. They're considering their end of their Sequa-centennial. Is there a second to that? There is a second over here. Discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes sir.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I propose a motion to refer this issue to the Council of Administration to allow them to study this organization to determine that it is indeed appropriate for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to associate with this and if the Council finds that it is appropriate, that they be empowered to act.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I was under the impression this is the Commonwealth of Virginia, is it not?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

We don't know. I have questions and as legal counsel and parliamentarian, I think we need to fully explore this. It sounds laudable. It sounds wonderful. But I would like the opportunity to fully explore this organization and then empower the Council of Administration to act. So I move to refer.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Well, we had a motion and a second. How can that override that?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Can you show me that in Robert's Rules?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Yes.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Just look it up. I'll take your word on it for now. I want to see though later. Okay. There's no discussion on that kind of a rule either is there. That is who sponsored that? The Commonwealth of Virginia?

Department of Maryland, Michael Beard

This is the Commonwealth of Virginia. The members of the Commission start with the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Mr. Howell. This is the Commonwealth. All of the members are either senators or delegates of the Virginia government.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is this really necessary, to forward this to study. I mean, we're talking about one of the fifty states that make up the United States of America.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, again, this may all be possible and it sounds very laudable. I think we just need to take a pause to make sure we know what we're doing.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

How are we going to get it into the budget for next year? If we approve, if we look at it and we got to wait until next year to do it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Then we'll pass the head at the Council meeting if that's what it takes. But let's just take our time and make sure that we know exactly what we're getting into before we leap off the cliff.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All right.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

It sounds like the water is deep. It sounds like the water is clear. I certainly believe that this is probably going to be found to be laudable. But let's make sure.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Water is deep and clear, looks that way, but we're going to look at it again. All in favor of that, raise your card. Opposed.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved. Bring it to the Council. Are you going to be around tomorrow morning, Michael?

Department of Maryland, Michael Beard

Yes.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Bring it to the C of A meeting. You can attend church before hand. We're having that at what time, Jerry?

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

7:15.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

7:15, in which room? Right over here?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Yes, Brother from Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It's being forward, it's being forwarded to the Council of Administration to investigate it and then, then make a decision on it.

Department of Ohio, Tim Graham

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes. Tim.

Department of Ohio, Tim Graham

Being ably assisted by Brother James Crane. I have a dilemma and only you can solve the problem.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Ai-yi-yi-yi-yi-yi-yi. It must be desperate, that's all I can say.

Department of Ohio, Tim Graham

I bought something on e-Bay. I don't have room for it. I'm thinking maybe you got a place to put it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I must admit. He doesn't look like Vanna White. Feeds your nobly, ably, assisting. Yes. That's right. Thank you. Sons of Veterans. That's the old Pennsylvania Brigade Flag. Gentlemen, I saw this out in Ohio. Are you asking the National Encampment to disburse of it to a museum somewhere?

Department of Ohio, Tim Graham

I thought you might know a good place for it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I know a good place for it. The Department of Pennsylvania, John is the Department of Pennsylvania interested in that piece? Well, we've placed some GAR Flags in the State museum. Would, would the Department of Pennsylvania be willing to spearhead this to take that to go to the Pennsylvania State Archives and Museum?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Yes, sir.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I would move that you accept it and then instead of doing this, figure out where Pennsylvania wants to put it when Pennsylvania gets done.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I'm agreeing. Okay. Good idea. John, take the thing.

Department of Pennsylvania, John T. McNulty

Yes, sir.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It is a beautiful piece. I will tell you this. That flag you're looking at pre-dates the Sons of Veterans Reserve. The Sons of Veterans Reserve came out of the old Pennsylvania Brigade. I saw a photograph in 1890 or 1900. It said the Pennsylvania Brigade doing a sham battle. It was what they called a sham battle at the York Fairgrounds. There must have been twelve thousand people there. They were using original 1861 Springfields with original cartridge boxes and ammunition, but they were running around. It's kind of funny. They were running around in Spanish American War gear, so, at that point, I guess they were considered part of the State National Guard or part of the State Militia. So, okay. Very good. Thank you Brother Tim. Let me, let me shake your hand on that. I appreciate this Brother has conserved one of the great artifacts of our past history.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Saved it from the scalpers on e-Bay.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Commander-in-Chief, considering the discussion that the National Treasurer presented yesterday, he and I have come up with a solution to the lack of information that he is receiving. Therefore I move you, and this is going to be two parts and Jim don't jump all over me before I am done. The Departments henceforth and forever more, be required to submit their annual report and the Forms 22's and 27's from each Camp within their Department in duplicate to the Executive Director. That the Committee on Constitution and Regulations is hereby instructed to present back next year the modification of Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 3, to indicate that the requirement to submit the annual report by the Department be that they be required to submit it in duplicate.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is there a second to that? There is a second. Is there any discussion on that? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

The second one. Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the Commanding Officer of the SVR be instructed and the Military Affairs Committee be instructed to propose changes to the SVR Regulations which will require the Adjutant General to submit copies to the Nation Treasurer the EIN Numbers and the Adjutants for every district and every unit with the Commanding General and the Military Affairs Committee being authorized to draft the necessary language requiring the districts to gather this information from the unit and the individual units to submit this information to the Districts the EIN Number and the Adjutant so that the National Treasurer can complete the requirement placed upon him by the IRS.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a second on that motion. Is there any discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Don Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

All the EIN Numbers for the SVR units have been turned in to the Districts. The districts have them and have been turned in to the SVR. I took over in February. It was my assumption that that had already been sent to Max. I will take care of that Monday.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

That has nothing to do with now. This is something from here ever and henceforth. We got to codify it. So, you're going to take care of it on Monday.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

What I have now, turn in to Max, those numbers are not going to change unless 1) I get a new unit in, or 2) that unit disappears.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So Don Darby will be two hundred and forty-five years old, still doing the job of Adjutant General. So the Adjutant General job may change. Correct?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

And, and looking' good doing it.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Moving' slow, but looking' good.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Brother Don, the problem is, and I'm sure you're aware, the officers within the units can change annually. The IRS is insisting we give them the current contact person. And since the Adjutant is annually, we have to submit an update.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

So basically, it's not a change, EIN submission, it's just points of contact.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Right. But the EIN has to be tied to that contact person when it goes to the IRS.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Okay. Max, based on this, I assume that you do not have the SVR EIN Numbers?

National Treasurer, Max Newman

I do not have the contact person, name and address.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

I'll take care of that Monday.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brothers, we need to put this in the Regulations so that whenever those people change every year and Don will, like I say, forever and a day, he will not be. I mean, at some point, he will, we are all finite here. That will continue on, that will be sent in on an annual basis. All in favor of this, raise your cards. I don't think there's much discussion on anything, it has to happen. All opposed, raise your cards. Motion carries.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

All right, Brothers, this is my last one, for now, I think.

Encampment

(applause)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

We have three different versions of the Membership Certificate. But we do not have a certificate for Associates. We need to take the Membership Certificate and let a lot of blanks on it for the Associates. Therefore, Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the Committee on Program and Policies be instructed to modify the existing certificate to be used with an Associate. That they be presented to

the Council of Administration at Gettysburg. With the approval of the Council of Administration, the Quartermaster be authorized to produce and sell an Associate Certificate.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Is there a second? Multiple seconds. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So moved. All right. Any more new business? Nothing. Okay. Let's take a look at the budget. You're back. Good. I'm glad you got back. We're going to put it on the big screen for you here. This is not, sorry guys, this is not HD here, but it's close enough. Yeah. That saves a lot of printing cost. You know, I recommend that this organization consider using this on a regular basis. We could do it with the Officers Reports, too. That'll save us a ton of money. We're spending a thousand bucks a year so you have paper to look at.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Well what I would propose, that since the C of A beat this thing to death till 11:00 two nights ago and they approved it, I would move that this body accept the C of A's approval and we move on.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have multiple seconds, many seconds. I need discussion on this. All in favor, raise your cards. Setting in the dark, it looks like there's a lot of yellow cards showing up out here. All opposed, same sign. So moved.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

For those Brothers who care, I propose that this be posted to the Order's Website. So the Brothers can look at it in detail.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

So you want to put it in a pdf form on the, on the website so they can download it? Okay. We have a motion and a second, that it be placed on the Website. Any discussion? hold on. Danny's got discussion.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York. I just want to say, do we really want to put all our figures out there for the whole world to see?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It is a public record, Danny. Anybody can look at this Order. It's black and white. It has to be transparent. It has to be transparent, Brothers. We are a Federally Chartered Organization. Anybody can get our records and look at it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler

Does it have to be on the internet?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It can be, anybody who wants to go get them, they can put them on the Internet. No, there will be no bank account numbers. There will be names of accounts. Or names of funds. All those in favor, raise your cards. Opposed. So moved.

[one rap *]

National Treasurer, Max Newman

All right. I have three grants here in front of me. One that we decided that will be paid out of the reserve for the Civil War Preservation Fund that we set up. The excess funds that we had from prior years, that we hadn't used, we put those into a separate account and I've been hanging on to those. So these kinds of things we can, take out of that. That and the one we're talking about particularly here is the one that Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. One is from the Robert Finch Camp 14, in

Michigan, regarding additional funds for restoration of the confederate cannon that's there. They had been hit with additional costs that they didn't expect and so they submitted this to us for additional funds from the Special Project Fund that we have, that's five hundred dollars.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

It's moved and seconded. All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. So moved.

[one rap *]

National Treasurer, Max Newman

The third one is a grant request that was submitted to the Council of Administration a year ago. It was approved there, actually, it was at Gettysburg. It was approved there, but the condition was, they were to submit the paperwork. Apparently the paperwork had been submitted. I have it now. And we need your approval to take it out of this year's Special Project money. One thousand dollars is what we had approved.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

What's it for? The Indian Nations Camp in Tulsa, Oklahoma is asking for a thousand dollars for a Grand Army of the Republic statue or monument in Rose Hill Cemetery. This would be the only Grand Army of the Republic monument setting and existing in the State of Oklahoma, from what I understand. Do we have a second on that?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Any discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, before we vote on these issues, are there any others that are going to require our attention also? I think we should have everything on the table to make sure that we're not going to be spending more than we got.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There can't be. They had to be submitted by 10:00 this morning.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

So I'm asking, are there any others?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

No.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Thank you.

National Treasurer, Max Newman

I only mention it in that regard because one had been previously approved and I needed re-approval to use it.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed to the monument, raise your cards. So moved. They get a thousand bucks.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Alrighty, Brothers. Budget's been approved. Money from the Special Funds have been spent. We're spending money like women here. Okay. Before we move on here, is there any other new business? They'll be at the end. Okay. We have one more piece of business here, and then we'll have the housekeeping motions which we have every year. And some announcements, and then we'll do installations. On or about the end of March, Brother Robert Petrovic, PDC, Department of Missouri, filed charges with the Department of Missouri against Brother Charles Funk, PDC, Department of Missouri. Department Commander Walter E. Bush called a hearing council, consisting of six Brothers and two Alternates that knew nothing of this case. This council convened at 6:30 p.m. and elected a

head. At 7:00 p.m., the hearing council commenced and both sides had equal time to present their argument and rebut the opposition. The council unanimously found Brother Funk guilty on all counts and recommended by vote of four to two that the punishment should be dishonorable discharge from the Order. On May the 20th, 2008 Brother Funk then made an official appeal to the Commander-in-Chief of the decision of the hearing council. The Commander-in-Chief appointed an appeals committee of three Brothers from the Department of Pennsylvania that knew nothing of the case or had any knowledge of either Brother. These Brothers were provided with copies of all the evidence presented to the hearing council and a recording of the hearing so that they could render a decision when they arrived at their meeting. The appeals committee met on June the 21st, 2008 in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. The committee elected a chairman and discussed the case. The appeals committee found that Brother Funk was guilty on all counts, but they felt that the punishment was too harsh and recommended to the Commander-in-Chief that Brother Funk be removed from the Department of Missouri permanently and that his rank of Past Department Commander be stripped from him. But he be allowed to retain his rank as Past Camp Commander while going to the new Camp. They also determined that the Department of Missouri provide to Brother Funk a valid transfer card to deposit with a Camp from another Department. As for his standing in the SVR, that was an issue that had no bearing on the committee since that is a separate entity and operates under its own rules and regulations. On or about 1 July 2008, Brother Funk requested leave to the 127th National Encampment which was granted by the Commander-in-Chief. Brothers, asking leave to the National Encampment is the final step in the process. Brother Funk will not have any further opportunity to appeal this at a later date or time. If your decision is to hear this case, then this body will decide the fate of Brother Funk. If you decide not to hear this case, then the decision of the appeals committee will be enforced. Brothers, I will entertain a motion to either hear or not hear the case. Brother Bush, you're first.

Past Department Commander, Missouri, Walter E. Busch

Walter Busch, Past Department Commander of Missouri. I had to be Commander during this whole thing. I didn't really care for it. But, I've come to the conclusion that somebody can't be called a thief and liar every couple of years and have a Department, have the ...

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Busch, you can't add to it. You have to make a motion to either hear it or not hear it.

Past Department Commander, Missouri, Walter E. Busch

Okay, I make a motion that the National Encampment accept the votes as the National Commander's committee recommended and that that basically be it. And not hear the appeal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

His proper motion is to not hear it. Is that what you're saying?

Past Department Commander, Missouri, Walter E. Busch

Yes. Not hear the appeal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Do we have a second on that? We have a second. Is there any discussion?

Department of Missouri Commander, Emmett P. Taylor, III

Emmett Taylor, Commander, Department of Missouri. I would appeal to this body that they give this Brother a chance to speak and to possibly very succinctly, and very briefly speak and perhaps put a better light on this matter. There's two Brothers here who have served the Order well over the years. A disagreement has existed between them over the years, but I believe that they are both worthy of continuing to serve this Order and that I would appeal to the chair that Brother Funk be allowed to say just a few words about this matter.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Brother Darby.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Commander, the time for talking is long past. There was a chance to talk at the first thing in the Department. There was a chance to talk at the second thing in the appeal.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

There was not a chance to talk at the appeal, sir. They declined to take additional evidence and I agree with the appeal panel in not taking it because appeal is to hear the evidence that is heard at the initial case only.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Then, he's had his chance, sir. Because of an incident that one or both would not let go of, this is taking up time of the Order. Not only in the Department, but at National. I think it's taken up enough time. We need to not hear this.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother, Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck Corfman.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles W. Corfman

I will disagree with Brother Darby. I really feel that the situation should be submitted to this group for review. This is the final arbitration and a member should have a chance to speak up. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We have a motion to call the question. Is there a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

We have a second. The motion was not to hear the trial. So, right, you're calling the question. That's what we're doing. Are we going to vote, raise you want to vote on that right now. All opposed. Okay. So moved.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

We will vote on whether to hear this case. Brothers, all in favor of hearing this case, raise your card. All opposed to hearing the case, raise your card. That is too close. I cannot make a decision on that. All the Brothers that wish to hear the case, please rise. Brother Jerry, can you count. So you can count it quicker than they can. Please sit down. Those who do not want to hear this case. Seventy. The decision of this body is not to hear the case.

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

The Commander-in-Chief hereby orders the following. I have to get it out. Yeah, it's going to make General Order 37. Let's take care of some housekeeping amendments first. While I find it here. Brother Senior Vice Commander, will you take the gavel while these housekeeping motions are happening? I'm going to have to bring it up on the computer. I thought I had printed it off. I guess I did not.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the Encampment Committee's be discharged with a thanks of the Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Second?

Several

Second.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Any discussion? All in favor, signify a raise your cards. Down cards. Opposed? Up. Down. Passed.

Encampment

(laughter)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Next year's Encampment will be done on Friday evening. You watch.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the National Secretary be instructed to draft a letter for the signature of the incoming Commander-in-Chief to the hotel thanking them for all the accommodations that they have provided for use.

Several

Second.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion. All in favor, up cards. Down cards. Opposed? Up. Down. Approved.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the National Secretary be instructed to draft a letter to the Host Committee thanking them for the excellent Encampment and accommodations they have provided.

Several

Second.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor, up cards. Down cards. Opposed? Up. Down. Approved. I looked.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I move you that when the tapes and the notes and minutes of this Encampment are transcribed and approved by the outgoing and incoming Commander-in-Chief and published, they become the official record of this Encampment.

Several

Second.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor, up cards. Down. Opposed, up. Down. Approved.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Don Darby, will you come to the National Treasurer, please.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

We will now entertain announcements. Any announcements for the good of the Order? Brother Tim Graham. He was directed to wait, so we'll go to him first.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski. There will a meeting of all Chaplains, Department and Camp, following this meeting at the screen over here.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

So let it be written.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I have one thing here. Brother Tucker, what time is supper? Because there's a difference here. We're saying 6:30, the Auxiliary says 7:00, and the LGA starts at 6:30. It's 6:30 in the Grand Ballroom. I thought it was here. I got to get hold of Mr. Givens and let him know. Otherwise, he'll be standing down here with his cup in his hand.

Department of Ohio, Tim Graham

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio. Many of you have seen me before. I will start out by how many Camps have too much money. I suspect that most of you don't have too much money. Brother Crane here, who's my equivalent to Vanna White, is now presenting the third prize in this year's raffle. This is a replica Colt. The other two products are Colt products. I mean they say Colt on them, and they are cased. One another sixty army and the other one is a pocket model. Right here are the tickets. The usual deal. You take tickets. You take them. You sell them. You keep track of the money you take in. Sometime at the end of November, you put half that money in a check, money order, cash, I don't care, with the stubs. You mail it back to me. Everything you need to know, as to where to send, when the raffle ends, is on the ticket. There is a web site on the ticket. You make, there are pdf's on there showing all the information about the raffle. The, the basic rules which I have just said, are that, that simple. I have tickets right back here. You can join in on this. You take the tickets home. I can't make it any simpler. The Department of Missouri, Petrovic, where are you? How much money did you make? Three or four hundred bucks. He sold the winning ticket and what happened? You got another three hundred bucks. All right Rhode Island. The second prize was won in Rhode Island. You got three hundred bucks? There's another three hundred bucks. Third prize was won in Ohio. And what's interesting, they all took the cash. They didn't take the original Sharps Carving, the Remington and the Whitney Revolver. This year we have the replicas. They also work quite well. So I'm back there. Come and get the tickets. Help me. I don't like selling these things any more. I'm tired of it. I want you to do it and I want you to make money.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

All right. Brother.

Department of California & Pacific, Phillip L. Caines

Brother Senior Vice Commander. Brother Phil Caines, Secretary/Treasurer, Department of California and Pacific, rising to let the membership of the National Encampment know that in the spirit of fraternity, what I am going to take on after having had a brief discussion with Brother Lee Walters earlier today, is to spearhead a project to try and make up a single data base listing for National to be able to have of all of our current membership and who their ancestor claim is and possibly even their genealogy listing out of that, as to how they arrived at their ability to claim an ancestor. We can have it in a data base so that we can hopefully determine whether we have a member in New Hampshire who has an unknown relative living in California who are claiming back to the same ancestor so we can increase fraternity. And I have another project coming after that, once we get that part done. What I'm calling on, is for all of my Brothers' secretaries throughout the various Departments to please work with their Camps to try and get that information. Forward it all out to me. And California will help spearhead this and get the project rolling and get the data base working. Tad, can I get some help on databasing from you on that? Then we'll do it. Thank you, Brothers.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother, last man here. Creating a membership database. Is that what you're doing.

Department of California & Pacific, Phillip L. Caines

A database of all of the membership and who their ancestors are matched together so that we know who is related to whom.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

You will not have any addresses or phone numbers or anything, will you?

Department of California & Pacific, Phillip L. Caines

None of that.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

As long as that's acceptable. It is a violation of policy to have their names and addresses. Yes, I'm ready. Thank you, sir. I'm going make this here. I got it up here now. I know, it'll be brief. We'll come back for more announcements here after we're done with this. This is General Order 37, Series 2007-2008, 9 August 2008. A disciplinary hearing being convened within the Department of Missouri and having found Brother Charles Funk guilty on all counts of a complaint filed by Brother Robert Petrovic and having appealed this finding to the Commander-in-Chief and an Appeals Committee being formed and finding the same and Brother Charles Funk having requested leave to the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Two, Brother Charles Funk having fully exhausted his legal recourse granted him in the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the following action is hereby taken. Three, consistent with the actions of the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the following action is hereby taken. A) Brother Charles Funk of the Department of Missouri is hereby removed from the Department, of Missouri immediately. Brother Charles Funk may not apply to be, to or be reaccepted into any Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War under the jurisdiction of the Department of Missouri for the remainder of his natural life. The rank of Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri is hereby revoked permanently from Brother Charles Funk. Hang on. The Department of Missouri is hereby ordered to immediately provide to Brother Charles Funk a valid transfer card that he may deposit with a Camp within the jurisdiction of another Department operating under the authority of the valid Charter granted by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. So ordered this 9th day of August, 2008. Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Commander-in-Chief. Okay. I hated to do that. All right. Next announcement.

Department of Indiana, J. Alan Teller

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. I represent the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders and we're having our annual meeting in St. Louis October 3rd and 4th. We have registration online through the Department of Missouri. It's actually the GrantCamp.org, where you can get registration if you live within the fourteen states of the central region. I invite you to attend, October 3rd and 4th in St. Louis.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Beard.

Department of Maryland, Michael Beard

Michael Beard Department of Maryland. And some of you may have figured out by now I live in Virginia.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Formerly, of the Department of Southwest.

Department of Maryland, Michael Beard

Right. Gentlemen, the State of Virginia is the first state to come up with the Civil War Centennial Commission, and is a lot of work in that arena. And has been raising a lot of money. And as I had asked earlier for the Sons of Union Veterans to join, that membership is open to you. But I wanted to tell you one of the more interesting things that they are working on, is that when you drive to Virginia during the Centennial, and drive on to one or more four hundred sites that are in that state on the Civil War Trails, you'll be able to in your car, use your GPS device to download the state supported program

for that particular site. It will have a map, voices, all that type of thing right there in your car. Now in order to do those kind of amazing things, they do have to raise money. And that's why I invite any of you that wish to participate in being a one fifty member, a hundred and fifty bucks a year is what they're looking for. And I have plenty of brochures to hand out. Now, if you'd like to know what's going on, they do have a website. I could read that to you, but you'll forget it. If you see that symbol, that symbol is on the Department of Maryland's website. All you have to do is click on it. You'll go right to the Virginia Commission's website and see what they're doing. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Perley.

Department of Massachusetts Commander, Perley E. Mellor

Perley Mellor, Department of Massachusetts. A little housekeeping for our Brothers in the different Departments. All of our Department flags must be moved to the banquet facility as soon as we are done. Salon C and Salon D, which is the LGAR and the vendor tables room are empty right now. Well, they probably have the round tables in them, but they're empty right now. As soon as we get done here, please move your flags over there so we don't get them left behind like we did last year.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Moore, Department of the great State of Maryland.

Department of Maryland, Robert H. Moore, II

Robert Moore, Department of Maryland. Barrowing from Brother Kowalski, we have made a great deal of history in the years after the Civil War and as a reunited Nation. All who agree with me, amen.

Encampment

Amen.

Department of Maryland, Robert H. Moore, II

As such, we are selling this ornament to commemorate, it is a GAR medal, but it commemorates one of the first blue and gray reunions to ever happen. And to our knowledge, there are no markers honoring the veterans who clasped hands together and brought us forward to this time and successes we have had as a nation. I'm working on a deadline right now, regretfully, and I have until the middle of August to raise the money necessary to cover the invoice. So if you would, please see me and purchase one of these. I will be very appreciative and the Camp will be as well. And we will see to it that a monument or marker is placed in honor of the veterans blue and gray who came together as friends. They are twenty dollars a piece. Thank you very much.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Brother Moore, are you, did you say you wanted to present one of those to the Lt. Commander? You going to be at the banquet tonight? That might be a good time to do that.

Department of Maryland, Robert H. Moore, II

Okay.

Department of Rhode Island Commander, William Vieira

Commander-in-Chief, Bill Vieira, Department of Rhode Island, Department Commander. I would like to announce the fall meeting of the New England Regional Association of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Please mark your calendars October 17th and October 18th. It will be held at the Comfort Inn in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, the birthplace of the industrial revolution. We're in the process of planning a series of events, including a luminary to take place at the North Burial Ground in Providence, Rhode Island, where we recently interred Michael McElroy. Also the location of notable individuals from our State and United State's history are interred there. We're working with a committee right now on a series of other events and locations for meetings. Information will be published very shortly. Will be sent forward to all the New England Departments. And again, hold that date. October 17th. October 18th.

Department of Maryland, Mark R. Day

Mark Day, Department of Maryland, Commander, Taylor-Wilson Camp, Lynchburg, Virginia. I'd like to announce that the Taylor-Wilson Camp is currently working on building a monument in the City of Lynchburg to honor the over three hundred prisoners of war who died in the prisoner of war camp in the City of Lynchburg, and it's related hospitals that were in Lynchburg during the 1861-1865 time period. We are working with Gary Castele I don't know if everybody here knows who Gary Castele is. A very noted sculpturer who lives in Lexington, Virginia and is a Brother in this organization. I enlisted him and swore him in one month ago. Gary has a very dynamic design. We've set ourselves a very challenging goal. My Camp has fifteen people, and we're going to try to raise a quarter of a million dollars. So, what I'd like to ask you is that you would consider possibly, donations for this great endeavor. Every State in the Union had at least one soldier from it die in Lynchburg. We feel that it's a very worthwhile goal and if each member of the Order, if people would go back and pass this word on to your other members, if each member of this order, seven thousand strong, would send my Camp a check for twenty-five to thirty dollars, I could put this monument up and have it on the ground in time for the Sequa-centennial and we could have that thing dedicated and we could make that part of the Virginia Sequa-Centennial events. So that's what I have to say and I thank you very much for your attention.

Department of Iowa, Thomas Gaard

Tom Gaard Department of Iowa. I'm very pleased to report that Illinois and Iowa monuments will be dedicated at Allatoona Pass, Georgia on October 4 this year. We would certainly like to invite you to the dedication 11:00 in the morning at the battlefield at Allatoona Pass. Which is about thirty miles north of Atlanta. These are two monuments. They're new monuments to honor the eighty-six Illinois soldiers that were killed there. Forty-four Iowa soldiers were also killed there. This was an important Union victory in October of '64. And certainly wanted to thank the Sons, the Department of Iowa, Department of Illinois, have been very supportive. Also we received memorial grants from the Memorials Fund. So thank you very much for that.

Department of Pennsylvania, Douglas P. McMillin

Doug McMillin, Gettysburg Camp 112, Department of Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Doug. Hold on a minute. Who, who's behind you, Gene?

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Joe will be the last announcement. We've got to get installed. Oh, I'm sorry. Don Palmer will be last, but Joe will be the last one from the floor.

Department of Pennsylvania, Douglas P. McMillin

All right. Just two quick announcements. The first announcement is that as all of you know on Remembrance Day, or that most of you should know the day after Remembrance Day on Sunday morning at the GAR Hall in Gettysburg, Gettysburg Camp 112 hosts a pancake breakfast. I believe it's still five dollars a person. We invite everyone to please come down, attend Remembrance Day this year in Gettysburg in November. And please stop by the GAR Hall on Sunday morning. We'll get you fed a really good breakfast and it'll give you a chance to tour the GAR Hall and the artifacts. The second announcement is really just an announcement of gratitude. I just wanted to say on behalf of myself, members of the Gettysburg Blues that are present, and other members of Gettysburg Camp 112, a great thank you Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn for the year that he has provided us as we have supported him and followed him around the country and watched the work that he has done. He has taken on a Herculean task that I know not too many people would be very willing to undertake and put on their shoulders. And I say thank you, Commander.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Please Brothers, sit down. Sit down. Brothers, everybody in this room loves this Order. We all do what we got to do to get 'er done. And if it wouldn't be for the work of Brothers of this Order that served in this administration, none of this would be done. So thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief, George L. Powell

George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Brothers Lee Walters, Don Palmer, Steve Michaels, please see me before you leave this afternoon. My wife has said either me or the laptops come home Sunday, and she's looking for the laptops.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Chief of Staff, for a short time.

National Chief of Staff, Eugene G. Mortorff

This evenings banquet is not a business meeting. Please, if you have something that you want me to take care of that would be appropriate for the banquet please come see me. Have it written down for me. Make sure that your name's on it and some way I can contact you. So that's all there is to that. Second thing is they, they want us out of here by 5:00

Department of New Jersey, Joseph Seliga

Uh... my name is Joseph Seliga of the Department of New Jersey. I'm speaking on behalf of the middle Atlantic Region. I just wanted to announce that our 5th Annual Workshop is going to be conducted at the GAR Museum and Library on October the 18th. It's all members of the Allied Orders are certainly invited to participate. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Don Palmer.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Okay. I sent out a note to Department secretaries either two or three weeks ago mentioning that all the existing merchandise licenses end at this National Encampment. So if you are interested in renewing your license for the next two year period please pass along a note or letter to me. We'll be taking that up as part of the order of business at the Council meeting tomorrow. So if you have not and are interested in renewing your license please just give me a note indicating that. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rich Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard D. Orr

This is real quick. I would respectfully request that all the Past Commanders-in-Chief, and the newest Past Commander-in-Chief when were done here, please meet over the credentials table before you leave. I just have a quick announcement to give you some information and fleece you for some money.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. I have one announcement. And Donna make sure you put this in. And if you have any questions, you can ask Don Darby. Good luck, Mr. Gorski.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Are you ready, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Have you selected your installing officer or would you like a small break.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

I would like to do all of the above.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Okay. Ten minute break.

[three raps ***]

[one rap*]

BREAK

[three raps***]

[one rap *]

Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

I have my marching orders. Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert. Yes. Come on up.

[two raps **]

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

John, will you be the Guide for the installation?

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

We will now proceed with the installation of the Officers. Commander-in-Chief Elect Medert, would you proceed up to this podium? I'm the boss when I got this. Commander-in-Chief Kuhn, in relieving you of command of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interest in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Your Past Commander-in-Chief badge may be presented at this time.

Encampment

(applause)

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so, the Guide will hand the list to the Secretary. Secretary, you will call the roll of the Officers Elect and Staff appointees, who as their names are called, will rise.

National Secretary, Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James Hanby. Secretary Don Palmer. Treasurer Max Newman. Council of Administration member Charles Kuhn. Council of Administration Brad Schall. Council of Administration Bob Petrovic. Council of Administration Perley Mellor. Council of Administration Henry Shaw. Aide-de-Camp David M. Medert. Chief of Staff Brad Schall is already standing. National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler. National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski. National Member-at-Large Coordinator Alan Russ. National Patriotic Instructor Jerry Sayre. National Civil War Memorials Officer Kevin Tucker. National Washington D. C. Representative Andrew Johnson. National Counselor Robert Grim. National Eagle Scout Coordinator Bob Petrovic's already standing. National Editor of The Banner Stephen Michaels. National GAR Highway Officer Gary Parrott. National Guard Charles Engle. National Guide Don Martin. That concludes the list.

[three raps ***]

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason for why any of them should not be installed, let him now speak or forever hold his peace.

[one rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

Guide, you will present these Brothers before the alter for installation. Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible

for the financial and material prosperity and interest of this organization and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you will remember that upon the manner in which you discharge your duties of your respective office, will depend very largely the success or failure of the administration of your Commander-in-Chief. Are you now willing to solemnly pledge to the faithful performance of your several duties?

Officers (in unison)

I am.

[three raps *]**

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, repeat after me using your name where I do mine. Where necessary, candidates may place the left hand on the shoulder of another who in turn has placed his left hand on the Bible. I, David R. Medert ...having been regularly chosen ...as an Officer of the National Organization ...Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ...hereby renew... the sacred obligation ...given at the time of my initiation ...and in the presence of almighty God ...and the members of this Encampment here assembled ...do furthermore ...solemnly and sincerely ...promise and declare ...that I will ...to the best of my ability ...in word and deed ...and without fear or favor ...faithfully ...honestly ...impartially ... perform all the duties of the office ...upon which I am about to enter ...so help me God.” You can drop your hands.

[One rap *]

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

Guide, you will conduct the officers to their respective stations and acting officers vacating. Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is in evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, but is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Great trust and great care await you and to a faithful performance, I now most solemnly direct you.

[three raps *]**

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

As no work to this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski

All Mighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing upon these Brothers accepted for installation. Grant them Your wisdom, that they be daily perform the duties to the Office to which they are to be installed. With the knowledge that You are ever watching over them. Keep them in good health that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their actions. Bless their every action, in Your name. With the mediation of Your blessed son, Jesus Christ our Lord. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

Commander-in-Chief, your Officers are now at their respective stations. And I am about to place you in full control. But first I give to your care, the Charter of the Order. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the fraternal heritage it represents. Next I place in your care, the Ritual of our Order, and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will received this gavel. The emblem of your

authority. One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats same. **[one rap *]** Two raps calls the Officers to their feet. **[two raps **]** Three raps calls up the entire Encampment. **[three raps***]** and now by the virtue of the authority invested in me as the Installing Officer of the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of the National Organization's legally elect and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending in August of 2009 or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. Now I am pleased to present you with the badge of the office of Commander-in-Chief. I'm going to do this like they do in the airborne school. Bam, wow.

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, David R. Medert

Commander-in-Chief, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, and unflinching in your loyalty and rule with the civility, impartiality, and firmness and may your administration be successful.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Thank you Brethren and guests. This is truly an honor for me to be elected by you to be up here to help lead the National Order over the ensuing year. And as all Past Commanders-in-Chief or any presiding officer over any fraternal organization knows, this cannot be done effectively without the support of everyone here assembled. It is your Order. We're up here, the ones to answer the bell when things go wrong, you get the rewards when everything goes right. And I'm going to be relying on all of you, not just the Past Commanders-in-Chief, but all of you to provide me the guidance for the ensuing year. I'm not going to be like Stevie Wonder or Don Darby, go into a whole lineage of thank yous, but I am going to thank my father, not only for putting me on this earth, but also for getting me active into the Sons in 1988, and where he's helped bring me today. Many of you have been in contact with my father the last several years. Some of you may have just met him this weekend. He is a unique individual and so proud of me, to have him to install me and to be with me at this Encampment. And dad, I thank you very much for coming over here.

Encampment

(applause)

Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Only a couple of brief things I want to say. You've heard over the past many, many installations that one of the first things the Commander-in-Chief says is what he wants to charge you with is to go out and recruit new members. I'm not going to do that. That's all part of our duties to recruit. It was really ironic that Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler said in the C of A meeting Thursday night that what our duties are, is to retain these members. And that was what I wanted to address upon really quick. It is our duty. We have a challenge before us. If you belong to any other organizations, you know their organizations are not growing at a rapid pace. And that is our fault. You've heard the report from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He's recruited over two hundred and forty people just over the Internet. Many of you Brothers have been active in recruiting all year long. Now, it is our job to make our Camp meetings and our Department meetings and National meetings interesting enough to retain those members. If we do that, it's going to snowball and more members will want to come back into the organization and stay with our organization. Let's not take that new member and say, ah, new blood, now we got a new Camp Officer. Let him become acclimated with the Order, with how your Camp works, how your Department works. Some want to be worker bees, behind the scenes, doing all the little things. They don't want to be in charge. The minute you put them in charge or put them into a chair, a lot of them will hightail out the door. Let's work with them. Make our meetings interesting.

And let's retain the brethren that we are working so hard to recruit into this Order. One of the things I do have to do before we close the National Encampment is that all Special Committees that have not been assigned a termination date will end at the next National Encampment in August 2009. And at this time, we will proceed to close. Again, I want to thank you for putting me up here. And help me make it through a successful year. As the last call of duty with the power invested as Commander-in-Chief of the 127th National Encampment, I now declare the National Encampment closed.

[three raps *]**

Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

The Chaplain will invoke the blessing.

National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski

Our Father in heaven, I pray You will deal with the events of this meeting as You deem fitting and proper. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength, and integrity while we remain here. When our mission on earth has ended, take us to a better world. We pray in Jesus' name. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

Commander-in-Chief, David V. Medert

Brethren and Ladies, those attending the banquet, we'll see you this evening at 7:00. Thank you very much.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(applause)

APPENDIX 1

Reports of National Officers and Committees

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief AND Programs and Policy Committee David V. Medert, PDC

1. This report shall serve as a combined Programs and Policies Committee and Sr. Vice Commander-In-Chief report.
2. It has been an honor to serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as its Sr. Vice Commander-In-Chief under the leadership of Commander-In-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
3. At the conclusion of the 126th National Encampment in St. Louis, MO., thirteen action items were assigned to the Programs and Policies Committee. Since that time, nine additional items have been assigned. The following is a list of action items completed by the committee:
 - a. *Camp Organization Instructions Form 50 and Camp Charter Check off Sheet Form 53 submitted by then Secretary Bennett.* These forms have been changed Past Secretary Bennett's recommendation and have been submitted.
 - b. *Change the Credentials Card to reflect mailing of National Proceedings.* Changed and on the web.
 - c. *Change Form 30 to reflect Camps that have been suspended, dropped, or reinstated.* Changed and on the web.
 - d. *Review chartering process in an attempt to streamline process of obtaining Charters and determine if National should retain chartering fees.* Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 2 states that Departments fix Charter Fees according to the Department By-Laws. Chapter II, Article VI, Section 2 states that Departments shall forward to National, \$25.00 for each Camp Charter. This permits Departments to establish Charter Fees in any amount so desired providing \$25.00 is forwarded to National. As pointed out during the Encampment, it is sometimes difficult for new Camps to raise enough funds to cover start up/operating expenses (Charter Fees, Camp Flag, stationary, etc). The \$25.00 Charter Fee to National was established to cover the cost of the Charter, shipping and handling, and calligraphy. As calligraphy is no longer offered, we may want to consider reducing the expense of Charter Fees to National to only cover the cost of the Charter and shipping/handling expenses. By doing this, Departments would be able to establish a reasonable Charter Fee and to retain a percentage of that fee.
 - e. *Review the current application to determine if the obligation should be placed back on the form as it was in the past.* This item was modified to add a supplemental (1A) form providing lines to add additional Civil War Ancestors and to include the name and location of cemetery. Application is completed and may be distributed as soon as approved.
 - f. *Review/change Job Description of the National Credentials Committee.* Forwarded to the CNR committee for approval.
 - g. *Review online application procedures.* This was originally submitted as a recommendation of the Jr. Vice CNC at the 126th National Encampment. After lengthy discussion on the floor, the recommendation was disapproved. CNC has requested the item be presented again. With that in mind, the recommendation from last year's Jr. Vice CNC has been submitted and sent to the CofA for approval.
 - h. *Revamp Forms 27 and 35 to reflect Juniors and Junior Associates as well as Dual Members.* Completed and on the web.

- i. *Change the Job Description for the National Secretary to reflect the task of providing monthly reports of the numerical and financial strength of the Order to the CofA is no longer necessary.* Completed and sent to the CNR committee for approval.
 - j. *National Graves Registration Form & Instructions (Form GR 9/06 Rev) grammatical corrections.* Completed and new one on the web.
 - k. *Create a Job Description for the Eagle Scout Coordinator.* PDC Peterson submitted this request along with a sample to work from. Committee reviewed it, made some modifications and forwarded to the CNR Committee.
 - l. Incorporate existing policies into the Constitution and Regulations. This has been completed and forwarded to the CNR Committee for action.
 - m. Change the War Medal application to allow current active duty military to apply for the War Medal. Completed and forwarded to the CofA for approval.
4. The following action items have been assigned and are still in progress:
- a. Internet discussion groups regarding the use of SUVCW name and logos. Status: As this action relates to the area of Technology Committee, it has been assigned to that committee for action by the CNC at the Spring 2008 CofA meeting.
 - b. Chaplain's Handbook. Committee awaiting recommendation from National Chaplain.
 - c. Develop a system to rate the effectiveness of each of the Camps including new members, frequency of meetings, activities, timeliness of reports, etc. Status: In progress.
 - d. Investigate how to make Credentials information part of the National database. Status: In progress.
 - e. Draft a policy requiring Camps to meet twice a year. Status: **As this would require a change to the CNR, recommend this action item be assigned to the CNR Committee.**
 - f. Change the Job Description of the Chairman of the Lincoln Death Day Committee. Status: As this requires action by the CNR Committee, it has been assigned to that committee for action by the CNC at the Spring 2008 CofA meeting.
 - g. Amend the Job Description of the Graves Registration Officer to include registering information from application forms. This item initiated numerous discussions requiring Department GROs entering data to assist with the task. As there is not a requirement in the CNR for a Department or Camp GRO, recommend this item be tabled until such time as the position is required. At that time, the Job Description for Department GRO should include the capability to enter data. **As this would require a change to the CNR, recommend this action item be assigned to the CNR Committee.**

Directed by the CofA at the spring meeting to develop a new form for the formation of a Department. In progress.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo F.Kennedy, PDC

It has been my honor to serve as your Junior Vice Commander in Chief for this year. I would like to thank all of the Brothers that I have worked with for all of their assistance.

Membership: To date I have processed just over 200 applications for membership.

2 were withdrawn by the applicants.

1 returned as not eligible (refused Associate membership)

4 are Junior applications and on hold.

6 are on hold for more info (some have been on hold for 6 months).

5 are being processed right now (some research is being done to assist them).

15 new applications (not included in the 200) arrived yesterday and will be looked at this week.

Problems: There are at least five accepted applications that keep contacting me; they have not received any contact or limited contact from the Departments that they have been sent to. I am trying to get them in as active Brothers now.

Most of the applications that I have received are ones that are looking to join and be active but they do not know a Camp or Department location. Many are looking to join and be active Brothers.

We really need to look at how the Departments “place” these approved applications into the Order. Getting them in from National and then not getting them active at the Camp level makes new Brothers who want to be active drop the membership. One problem is that many Departments handle the Internet application differently. Several Departments place the “Internet” Brothers into a Camp at Large. This works in some cases because they are contacted, sent membership cards and advised where Camps are – asking them which Camp they want to go to. Other Departments keep them in a Camp at Large unless they ask to move – yet some have not been contacted at all or sent membership cards in five months. We need to develop a policy that all Departments can work with, and to assist the new Brothers in becoming active in the Order.

Encampments: I was honored to have represented the Commander in Chief at the Maine and Missouri Encampments and will be representing him at the New England Regional Meetings next week. Additionally I was honored to attend the Dept of Maryland’s Encampment.

I attended the Special Encampment in Gettysburg, as well as all of the Council of Administration meetings (except Springfield IL in April when I was at the National Fire Academy).

Lastly, I have voted in all of the votes held in the CoA Electronic Boardroom this year.

Recommendation: the incoming Jr Vice CinC develop a questioner for each Department as to how best to handle new applications that are received at the National level. From the questioner the best and most recommended procedures be used to get our new Brothers in and active in each Department.

National Secretary

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC

This will be my first annual report as National Secretary. But before I elaborate on my activities since the 126th National Encampment in St. Louis, I would like to thank the brethren of the SUVCW for having enough confidence in my abilities to elect me to this position of responsibility. After serving two terms as National Chief of Staff, I was ready to take on the challenges presented by the office of National Secretary. In addition, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to my predecessor, Michael Bennett, for his assistance and “e-mail tutorials” that have helped immensely with understanding the job duties of the National Secretary. I still have a ways to go up the learning curve, but could not have arrived at this point without the valuable mentoring from Brother Bennett.

My principal duties have included preparing Council of Administration meeting minutes, maintaining the Electronic Boardroom, assisting those with the process for forming new Camps, and corresponding with Brothers on a variety of topics. These activities are summarized below.

As Secretary of the Council of Administration, I prepared and distributed Council of Administration meeting minutes for the 12 August (St. Louis), 18 November (Gettysburg) and 12 April (Springfield) meetings. These minutes were all approved and uploaded on the National website.

There were 15 motions presented and processed using the Electronic Boardroom since the 2007 National Encampment. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized below:

- **24 August 2007** - Past National Secretary Michael Bennett submitted the pre-Encampment Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. A motion was made initially to adopt the meeting minutes as presented; however, clarification was requested relative to one of the actions of the meeting. An amended version was subsequently submitted by National Secretary Don Palmer for review. A substitute motion was made by PCinC Jim Pahl to adopt the pre-Encampment meeting minutes as amended. Second made by JVCinC Leo Kennedy. **Motion passed**
- **09 September 2007** - National Secretary Don Palmer submitted the post-Encampment Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. A clarification was requested by PCinC Jim Pahl and a minor correction was recommended by PCinC Don Darby. An amended version of the minutes was subsequently submitted by the National Secretary. A motion was made by Council Member James Hanby to adopt the post-Encampment meeting minutes as amended. Second made by Council Member Bob Petrovic. **Motion passed**
- **15 September 2007** – In the event that a Department, by proper resolution, petitions the National organization to amend the Constitutions and Regulations of our Order to allow for Juniors and/or Associate Juniors, PCinC Jim Pahl moves that the Council of Administration approve and permit the Commander-in-Chief to convene a special National Encampment so as to consider these amendments. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall. **Motion passed.**
- **04 October 2007** - Motion made by Council Member James Hanby to grant honorary membership in the SUVCW to Ken Burns, producer of the PBS documentary on the Civil War and other documentaries focused on American history. Second made by Council Member Dan Murray. **Motion failed.**
- **01 November 2007** - Motion was made by Council Member Brad Schall to allocate up to \$300 to support the Special National Encampment. Second by Council Member Dan Murray. **Motion passed.**

- **02 November 2007** - Motion was made by Council Member Eric Schmincke to allow the Commander-in-Chief to use the SUVCW name and logo to produce gifts for the National staff. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall. **Motion passed.**
- **29 November 2007** - Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to approve changes to the Credentials Card as submitted by the Program and Policy Committee. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall. **Motion passed**
- **30 November 2007** - Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to approve the National Secretary Job Description as amended by the Program and Policy Committee. Second made by Council Member Dan Murray. **Motion ruled out of order by Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn on 04 December 2007 noting that changes to National officer job descriptions require wording changes to the Regulations of the Order, thus requiring a vote by the National Encampment.**
- **17 December 2007** - National Secretary Don Palmer submitted the November 18, 2007 Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. Minor corrections were recommended by Commander-in-Chief Kuhn PCinC Jim Pahl and Council Member James Hanby. An amended version of the minutes was subsequently submitted by the National Secretary. Motion made by Council Member Brad Schall to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2007 Council of Administration meeting held in Gettysburg, PA as amended. Second made by Council Member Dan Murray. **Motion passed.**
- **05 February 2008** - Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to allow PCinC Richard Orr to use the SUVCW logo and medal to produce a model railroad car commemorating the founding of the SUVCW. Second made by Council Member Bob Petrovic.. **Motion passed.**
- **06 February 2008** - Motion made by Council Member James Hanby to grant an extension to the Department of Wisconsin to allow Maj. Gen. John Gibbon Camp #4 to install their officers on 13 February 2008. Second made by PCinC Jim Pahl. **Motion passed.**
- **09 February 2008** - Motion made by Junior Vice Commander Leo Kennedy to grant an extension to the Department of California & Pacific to allow Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp #25 to install their officers on 10 February 2008. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall. **Motion passed.**
- **08 March 2008** - Motion made by PCinC Jim Pahl that any individual, Camp or Department, or any other entity holding a license as granted by the Council of Administration for the sale of items becomes suspended, then their license is automatically suspended. If that suspension lasts more than 90 days, then the license is revoked. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall. **Motion passed.**
- **10 May 2008** - Motion made by Council Member Dan Murray, second by PCinC Jim Pahl, to permit the Commander-in-Chief to present the Meritorious Award with Gold Star to Brother James Davenport from the Department of Colorado & Wyoming. **Motion passed.**
- **19 June 2008** - Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to accept the minutes from the 12 April 2008 Council of Administration meeting (Springfield, IL) as amended. Second by Council Member James Hanby. **Motion passed.**

There was significant activity related to formation of new Camps, including 10 new Camps with approved charter applications. A summary of the status on new Camp formation is presented below, along with pending actions:

1. New Camps having completed the Camp formation/application process and received their charter:
 - **Buckhannon Camp #49** – Buckhannon, WV, Department of Maryland. (Camp Organizer - Matthew Gillespie). Date of Rank: 11 August 2007.
 - **Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3** – Marietta, GA, Department-at-Large. (Camp Organizer – Ernie Blevins). Date of Rank: 17 November 2007

- **Frederick W. Lander Camp #5** – Lynn, MA, Department of Massachusetts. (Camp Organizer – Kevin Tucker). Date of Rank: 04 February 2008
- **Gen. William S. Harney Camp #8** – Casselberry, FL, Department of Florida. (Camp Organizer – William Cavins). Date of Rank: 12 February 2008
- **Walter H. French Camp #17** – Carthage, NY, Department of New York. (Camp Organizer – Jeffrey French). Date of Rank: 19 March 2008
- **North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp #5** – Morehead City, NC, Department-at-Large. (Camp Organizer – Bryan Salter). Date of Rank: 12 April 2008
- **Charles Devens, Jr. Camp #10** – Columbia, SC, Department-at-Large. (Camp Organizer – Kenneth Robison). Date of Rank: 09 May 2008
- **Columbia Tigers Camp #432** – Columbia, MO, Department of Missouri. (Camp Organizer – Bryan Bradford). Date of Rank: 04 June 2008

2. New Camps having completed the Camp formation/application process, but have yet to receive their charter:

- **Cooper's Camp #501** – Mt. Jackson, PA, Department of Pennsylvania. (Camp Organizer – Robert Miller II). Date of Rank: 29 June 2008
- **Major McKinley Camp #9** – Lebanon, NH, Department of New Hampshire. (Camp Organizer – Gary Ward). Date of Rank: 06 July 2008

3. New Camps having permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

- **Cpl. Louis Renninger Camp #1** – Springfield, OR, Department-at-Large (Camp Organizer – Harold Slavik, Jr.)
- **Mt. Union Church Camp #502** – Somerset County, PA, Department of Pennsylvania. (Camp Organizer – Martin Hurl)
- **Jacob Parrott Camp #33** – Kenton, OH, Department of Ohio. (Camp Organizer – Robert Davis)
- **GAR Post #2 Camp #299** – Philadelphia, PA, Department of Pennsylvania (Camp Organizer – John Hart, Jr.)

4. New Camps seeking permission to form (submitted Form 51 for signature):

- **Sgt. James Harris Camp #38** – California, MD, Department of Maryland. (Camp Organizer – Jeffrey French)

Other Camps had been given permission to form, but the one-year authorization from their Department Commanders has expired. These Camps are encouraged to reapply for permission from their Departments to form, and subsequently ask for authorization from the Commander-in-Chief.

In addition to Camps, there was also activity related to formation of new Departments. Two new Departments were formed, as summarized below:

- **Department of North Carolina** – (Department Organizer – Kevin Motter) – Date of Rank: 19 April 2008.
- **Department of Georgia & South Carolina** – (Department Organizer – Eric Peterson) – Date of Rank: 10 May 2008.

There was a significant amount of correspondence with Brothers on a variety of topics, mostly requests for information regarding proper use of forms and membership questions. These inquiries were too numerous to list here.

At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, I represented the National organization at the Iowa Department Encampment held on 29 March 2008 in Waterloo, IA. It was a pleasure interacting with our Iowa Brothers and Sisters and learning about the excellent work going on there.

Upon gaining a better understanding of the duties of the National Secretary, two recommendations were made. First, in relation to the job description of the National Secretary, it was recommended that the item requiring the Secretary to provide monthly reports on numerical and financial strength to the members of the Council be removed from the National Secretary job description. In conference with Brother Bennett, he indicated that this information was never requested during his term as National Secretary, and as a result, never provided it. This was the case with his predecessor as well. It appeared that this was part of the job description in the days before the Executive Director position was established. It was determined, however, that a change in the job description could only be approved by a National Encampment. Second, in relation to forming Departments, it was recommended that revisions to Forms 51, 53, 54 and 55 be made to include Department formation information in addition to Camps. In forming two new Departments this year, the process included the use of the existing forms, and crossing out "Camp" and writing in "Department". Although this process was acceptable given the availability of forms, it was rather unprofessional. As a result, the Commander-in-Chief tasked the Program & Policy Committee to review the existing forms and recommend revisions to include Department formation.

In conclusion, I have learned much but also recognized that I still have a lot to learn. As a result of all the phone conversations and e-mail communications, I feel I have made a lot of new friends along the way.....and this may be the most rewarding aspect of this job. I am definitely enjoying this position and I am looking forward to the final two years of my term. I consider it an honor to serve the Order in this capacity.

Council of Administration Member

D. Brad Schall, PDC

It has been my honor to serve my fourth year on the Council of Administration. My intentions are to complete my term on the Council of Administration and then run for Junior Vice Commander in 2010. This was a challenging year for the Order with special encampments, new programs, by-law changes and preparation for the Lincoln Bi-Centennial and Sequa-centennial of the Civil War. All these activities have had a positive effect on the Order and hopefully will prepare us for the challenge that lies ahead. Under the direction of CIC Kuhn great strides have been made in presenting our Order positively to the general public. He was tireless in attending events that perpetuated the Memory of the Boys in Blue. I'm pleased to have played a part in the growth of the Order.

I attended Council of Administration meetings in St. Louis, Gettysburg and Springfield. I will attend the meeting at the National Encampment in Boston.

I served as Chairman of the Memorials Grant Committee. Changes were made to the approval process this year in order to expedite the Grant requests and hopefully in the future we can address applications in a more timely manner. Brother Dan Murray and James Hanley did an outstanding job on the Grant Committee and I thank them on behalf of the Order. Needless to say the committee could not function without the vital input of Kevin Tucker and Max Newman.

It was a pleasure to work with Commander Kuhn and to provide him with additional input on projects that pertain to items in the west and matters that I have some expertise. I represented CIC Kuhn at the memorial service of Bob Lowe, PDC and past National Graves Registration Officer. It was a pleasure to be involved with the other members of the Council and I would like to express my appreciation to SVC David V. Medert PDC, JVC Leo F. Kennedy PDC, Quartermaster Danny Wheeler PCIC, Secretary Don D. Palmer Jr., PDC whom I think served our Order with honor and distinction. Last but not least I would like to acknowledge the Chief of Staff Gene Mortorff who has the most thankless job in the Order. He has made things happen and I appreciate all the assistance he has given me.

Our order is served well by first impression and I would like to acknowledge PCIC Stephen Michaels for the best four issues of the Banner since I have been a member of the Order and to PDC Ken Freshley our National Webmaster who has developed a great website. Hats off to the both of them.

I voted on all issues that I was aware of and have lost count of the phone calls and emails.

Recommendation:

The new Grant Committee prepare a plan to put a status report on the National website of its activities and approvals. No action is needed by the National Encampment.

Council of Administration Member James R. Hanby, Sr, PDC

.Annual Report to the National Encampment of the SUVCW

CINC Kuhn, Officers and members of the National Encampment it has been my pleasure to once again serve as a member of the Council of Administration over the last year.

During the past year I have attended the COA meetings in Gettysburg, Springfield, and St. Louis.

I was pleased to represent the CINC at the rededication of the Gen. George Sears Greene monument in Gettysburg last September.

At the request of the CINC I represented him at the following Department Encampments:

Rhode Island on April 5th

Nebraska on April 26th

Wisconsin on June 7th

Florida on June 21st

At each of these encampments I was welcomed warmly and was favorably impressed with efforts they were putting forward in honoring the Boys in Blue. Each Department has a dedicated group of leaders not only current ones but past and future as well that have stepped up to serve.

I have also had the honor of serving on several committees whose work is summarized elsewhere so I will not repeat it here.

Special COA committee on missing proceedings:

Two of the missing proceedings were completed and are ready to be printed. There are still at least two more to be done. The amount set aside for publishing these missing proceedings will not cover our current cost if we use the small bound version that we used to use. Your committee recommends using the spiral bound version that has been used for the last three or four years, which will create a cost savings, allow it to be completed much closer to budget. Therefore the following recommendation is offered:

Recommendation:

That the missing proceedings that are current being finished be printed in the 8x11 spiral bound version rather than the smaller bound version in order to save funds.

National Patriotic Instructor

Brad Schall

Most of my time has been spent this year with communications between Department Patriotic Instructors, Department Commanders and Camp Patriotic Instructors. I wish to thank all that sent reports and the Order can be proud of all its activities. Responses from the Banner articles have been received via phone, email and the postal service.

Recommendation Number One:

Our reporting system is broken and recommendation number one will be to study our current system with next year's committee. We are under reporting in all our activities. Most Departments and many Camps participate in Memorial and Veterans Day activities, numerous Lincoln Day Dinners, parades, Memorial Services, and reenactments take place in most Departments.

Recommendation Number Two:

Report of the Americanism and Educational Committee. (see below)

Last year's committee of Gary Gibson PDC, Michael Stone, Dennis LaPoint, Michael Culp PCC and Steve Rossio PCC proposed an educational program surrounded around the Memorial University which should be submitted to the New Patriotic Instructor for review and enhancements and then submitted to the Program and Policy committee for Review and implementation. The Patriotic Instructor would like to thank the committee who single handily worked on this project.

Patriotic Instructor would like to thank those Brothers who sent in ROTC/JROTC reports. This program has grown in size and importance to the organization.

Banner Editor

Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

The Summer 2008 issue of the *Banner* was mailed to the membership on July 7th. An electronic advance version was distributed to the CofA and on July 17th, was posted on the National website. Nat. webmaster Freshley has been most helpful in posting the online version and updating the Banner web pages.

Our membership continues to enjoy the *Banner's* improved look, smoother and timelier preparation and mailing. This past year, readers have enjoyed member-written articles, including: a two-parter on MG John Logan, drawing attention to the 140th anniversary of Memorial Day; Oregon's Last Union Veteran; a German Memorial Day Observance; and PCinC Partington's recollections of the GAR. Additional offerings were articles on Boston's 1890 National GAR Encampment, a Brother's ancestor who received the Medal of Honor, the Last GAR Nat. Secretary and two of our Real Sons.

In anticipation of the 200th anniversary of President Lincoln's birthday, a series of articles on the 16th President by PCinC George Cashman is planned.

Gathering material for the *Banner's* Fall issue is being completed with an anticipated publication date of September 25th. Nat. Encampment news and a Nat. and Dept. officer roster will be included.

Seeking new advertising clients to help defray production costs continues. Thanks to PCinC Harrison for securing a quarter page ad from MOLLUS. With the Summer edition, the Blue & Gray Society and Logwood Manufacturing have been added.

At the request of SVCinC Medert, I submitted information and wording for an updated National *Banner* Policy on March 5th.

Additionally, arrangements were completed for CinC Kuhn's visit to the WI Dept.'s Mid-Winter meeting and C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1's 38th annual Patriotic Luncheon on February 2nd.

Arrangements were completed for PDC Hanby's visit to the WI Dept. Encampment on June 7th and C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1's headstone dedication on June 8th.

As 4th Mil. Dist. Chief of Staff, I planned and coordinated the annual District SVR Artillery Safety School, held May 17-18, in Boscobel, Wisconsin. 94 artillerists, living history and staff attended.

District of Columbia Representative PCinC Andy Johnson

It has been an honor serving as your representative in the nation's capital. Your Washington, DC Representative reports the following actions/events during the period following the last national encampment:

1. I was delighted to accompany CINC Kuhn at the wreath-laying at the Lincoln Memorial on the national celebration date and to host the CINC at the luncheon following sponsored by the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee. I also arranged for COA member Hanby to attend the annual MOLLUS Lincoln Dinner and the wreath-laying and luncheon following. The commemoration for 2009 will have broader organizational support because of the birth bicentennial. I recommend that the CG of the SVR be requested to select members from the many departments to serve in a Color Guard at this special national event and begin coordination now for their deployment.
2. Arrangements were made for the SRVCINC visit to the National Memorial Day event and presentation of the wreath of the Order at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. CINC Kuhn attended the true Memorial Day event on 30 May sponsored by the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 of the Maryland Department also conducted at Arlington National Cemetery. Brother CINC Kuhn participated in this moving ceremony, presented the wreath of the Order at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns and attended the annual commemorative dinner which followed.
3. For the first time, elements of the SVR acted as Color Guard for the Sons of the American Revolution at the annual 4 July ceremony honoring Elbridge Gerry, signer and Vice President of the US, who is buried at Congressional Cemetery in the District of Columbia.
4. We continue to work to perfect an address list for local and county historical societies in key loyal states and recommend that our press release protecting veterans monuments be sent to each. Continuous contact with these organizations will give us a proactive means of alerting those bodies to merchants depredations. It will also be useful for location of CW graves and for the last veteran project.
5. I continue contact with the **Alliance Defense Fund** which works with the American Legion to protect veteran's monuments that contain religious symbols from attack by anti-religion groups. They ask that we assist to "locate, identify and report all veterans' memorials throughout the US." It is a positive thing to have the American Legion and the ADF assembling an inventory of veterans monuments and we can be a major part of that effort. Protection of the monuments, needless to say it a much more difficult problem.
6. Our researchers at the National Archives continue to turn up many leads on overseas burial of US CW soldiers. Information is forwarded to volunteer researchers in the United Kingdom and in Australia who then search for US graves in those nations. All results are coordinated with the National Graves Registration Committee. Our principal researcher at the National Archives estimates that there are more than 1,000 American Civil War burials in the UK alone of which about 2/3 had active US Civil War service.

7. Overseas marking of US Civil War graves has not always been accurately done. I have taken note of the erroneous installation of VA stones on graves of men who did not serve in the US Civil War. To my knowledge, this has occurred only in Australia but the problem may well exist elsewhere. I have contacted the Department of Veterans Affairs concerning what proofs they require before shipping a VA stone.
8. In the many cases where a US veteran's overseas grave is marked only with a civilian stone, there is a need to make available a marker that will clearly indicate that the burial is that of a US veteran of our Civil War. I am working with the Foundation on possible markers in various materials to meet this need.
9. I was most pleased to have worked with the Foundation and with the National Quartermaster to make available bars for our War Service Medal commemorating service in IRAQ and in AFGHANISTAN.

National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines

Richard Woodbury

The Cathedral of the Pines did not send out invitations and registration cards for this year's Memorial Day Service, or if they did, they sent them to the National HQ of the organizations, not the local representatives. The result was a fiasco on Memorial Day. Not more than a dozen organizations sent representatives, where previously 40 to 50 organizations were represented. Most notable among the missing were the American Legion and the VFW. Recorded music was substituted for the organist and singer. The speaker was an unknown member of the State House of Representatives, where usually the Governor or a U. S. Senator or Representative would speak. The buglers did not show up to play taps. The entire ceremony was a total disaster. I believe the whole thing was cobbled together in the last week before Memorial Day.

In the program, our Order is identified as "National Society of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." It appears that the person who prepared the program did not even take the trouble to copy the names of organizations from last year's program. Department of Massachusetts Commander, Perley Mellor was present. I am sure he will agree with my evaluation of this event.

National Guide

John T. McNulty

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn and Brothers assembled at the 128th National Encampment:

Since my last report, I accompanied the Commander-in-Chief to the 128th Pennsylvania Department Encampment at Ligonier, PA. I anticipate serving at the 127th National Encampment at Peabody, MA.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the National Organization in Commander-in-Chief Kuhn's administration. I thank Brother Charlie for the opportunity to serve.

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Alan L. Russ, PDC

As of this date, the NMAL contains 69 brothers in good standing, with members located in all states not containing a Department. Additionally, members are located in Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, and Japan. The strength, as of March 31, 2008, was 86, reflecting a reduction of one from March 31, 2007. Since March 31, 2008, twenty brothers have been transferred to the new Department of North Carolina and the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Although this is a loss for the NMAL, I am pleased these brothers are now part of active departments.

All new members are furnished an appropriate membership certificate and membership card. All applications and related documents have been forwarded to the Executive Director within the prescribed deadlines.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by CinC Kuhn and the Council of Administration. It continues to be my honor to perform my duties in a manner worthy of this trust. If there are any questions or concerns, I am at your service to discuss them. As in previous years, I have chosen to honor my Civil War ancestors and relatives by donating the costs and expenses I have needed for the functions of the NMAL.

Also, in that the NMAL does not expend funds in a manner like other camps and departments, it is again my privilege to present a check to the National Organization during the National Encampment on behalf of the NMAL. The check for this year is in the amount of \$1,000.00.

I look forward to continuing my service under the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

National Chaplain

Jerome Kowalski

I continue to believe that the most important task that I have as National Chaplain is to pray for all of the members of our Order living and dead - and to pray for their families. To implore the Almighty to bless us, give us good health, prosperity and long life - so that we can serve Him and His people. This I have done on a daily basis.

I have sent messages of condolence, get well and notes of encouragement when presented with the opportunity. I have conducted Sunday Church Services, performed weddings and renewals of wedding vows, as well as baptisms and funeral services. I continue work on the Chaplains' Handbook, submit *Chaplain's Corner* to **The Banner**, act as Chaplain for Camps 1 and 2 and the Dept of IL.

National Historian

Robert J. Wolz, PDC

Interest in the American Civil War continues and should greatly increase over the next seven years with the Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009 and the 150th anniversary of the Civil War 2011 to 2015. Hopefully, our committees are being organized to maximize our Order for the greatest recruiting possibilities. I joined our Order because of the Civil War Centennial. Let's not lose any opportunity to increase our numbers. There are numerous other historic anniversaries dealing with the War of 1812 and World War I so there will be a lot of interest in all things of military nature. The museum community plan to expand the Civil War story and will discuss race and lives of those people on the home front much more than they did in the 1960s.

At least monthly, and sometimes weekly, inquiries come about GAR records, family history inquiries and history about the Sons. Many are direct inquiries, but a large number are forwarded by Brother Lee from National Headquarters. The Banner Editor Steve has kindly allowed me to continue educating our membership about the subtle variations in our member badges as well as the changes to past officers badges. We welcome your questions and suggestions.

The Department Histories requested several years ago are not being done. I feel most Departments would love it done, but it requires two items: a person that really wants to take the task and the ability to locate records. No one can record history in a vacuum.

Inquiries need to be made to state historical societies or the state library in the hope they have copies of proceedings, etc. and then a Brother needs to go and read them. I fear in most departments the lack of headquarters buildings have resulted in the complete loss of our records. The solution is to start recording events and persons in your department now. We need to preserve the present for it is the history of tomorrow.

We need to record and preserve membership information now so that future inquiries will be able to answer questions that we can not today. I know it is very frustrating to get my reply that we have no camp or post records and can not even confirm their relative was or was not a member.

Thank you once again, it is a pleasure to serve.

National GAR Highway Officer Gary E. Parrott

Since the last meeting at the National Encampment of the *Sons of Union Veteran's of the Civil War*, held August 9-12, 2007, in St. Louis, Missouri, the National GAR Highway Officer has performed the following activities:

- + Conducted personal inspections of several portions of the GAR Highway (US-6) from Massachusetts to California;
- + Conducted research in regard to the GAR Highway (which included obtaining copies of documents, newspaper articles and photographs of historic value in regard to the GAR Highway); and,
- + Attended several events, during which the GAR Highway exhibit was display and several presentations on the History of the GAR Highway were conducted.

Additionally, to date, copies of 13 of the 14 state laws designating US-6 as the *Grand Army of the Republic Highway* have been obtained. The last one should be obtained within the next year.

And, finally, after several years of "prodding" the State of Utah has erected, earlier this year, two beautiful new GAR Highway signs along US-6 (one near the Colorado-Utah border and one near the Nevada-Utah border).

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that this information (text of the laws, photographs of signs, etc.) to be incorporated into the SUVCW web-site at a future date so that the History of the GAR Highway will be available to all.

National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, PCinC

I am happy to report that the quartermaster store has had again it's best year ever. Sales were over 47,000 dollars this is around 14,000 dollars over last year.

The reason for the increase is two-fold. New product, and Brother Freshley and myself spent Three months getting the on line store up and running in November when it started it has done a lot to boost sales. It also has helped in getting the product to the Brothers faster sometimes within 4 to 5 days from when they ordered. By taking the product to events has helped also. In Gettysburg I was selling product and didn't get to the parade or anything last year members now look for the product to be their and it saves Dollars for the organization in postage etc.

The sword did around \$4,000 dollars this year. I hope to put on a couple new items this year. I am now working on a jack knife and hope to have a miniature past camp commanders badge made that Fellow Brothers have been asking for.

I would like to thank all that ordered product this year to help make this the best year ever. Thanks for allowing me to be your National Quartermaster I am looking forward to serving another year.

National Webmaster and Signals Officer Ken L. Freshley

Since my July 2007 report, many new pages have been added to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's (SUVCW) Web Site. The Web Site now contains over 6100 pages and continues to grow. With this report, here are the usage statistics for the SUVCW Web Site for the period January 2008 through July 2008. The average number of hits per day has grown from 2,044 in 1997 to just over 16,302 for 2008. For the 7 months of 2008, here are the available statistics, the total number of hits was 3,472,518 as compared to last years usage of 2,821,806 (2007) or by an increase of 650,712 hits.

Based on the current pattern of increased use already exhibited in the first seven months of 2008, it is anticipated that the total number of hits per year in 2008 may exceed the **6,000,000 mark**.

Since last year, there have been many changes and updates made to SUVCW Web Site, quite a few of the changes took place shortly after the 2007 National Encampment;

- Some of these included the establishment of the "Online Quartermaster Store", which has been seeing some record sales.
- Other updates and new pages that were established this last year have included a Photo Gallery so that we can display pictures of National SUVCW events. We plan to add some more Galleries to include Remembrance Day photos.
- Due to a large number of SPAM posts to our Cyberspace Pickets page, we incorporated a "SPAM deterrent module" and this has eliminated the hundreds of SPAM entries.
- We have also put the full Banner Magazine in electronic form (PDF) and will keep past issues on the Website.
- We added the 30 second and 60 second Public Service announcement on the Website available for download.

We are continuing to add the past National Encampment proceedings as they become available. All these forms and documents have been set up in Portable Document File (PDF) format. This format allows the forms and documents to be viewed on line, but more importantly, allows them to be printed on anyone's machine regardless of what word processing software they may be using. In addition to the above there has been a continued updating of the following pages throughout the year: 2007/2008 National and Department Officer's and Committee listings, including the establishment of a link to the Order's newest Department – South Carolina/Georgia; all General Orders from the Commander-in-Chief, all General and Special Orders from the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, all meeting minutes and electronic Board room votes; updates and new listings in our Cyberpickets (which now contains over 1000 names; updates to the SUVCW forms, and updates to the Inquiries, Announcements and Upcoming Events.

As a reminder, all material that people wish to have placed onto the SUVCW Web Site absolutely needs to be sent to me in an electronic format, either on CD/disk, as an E-mail or as an E-mail attachment. I can convert to most any type of word processing program.

Report from National Backup Webmaster:

As the SUVCW Backup Webmaster, I received and stored a complete copy of the SUVCW's National Organization's web site and currently maintain a copy of all the passwords associated with it. I posted over 50 new SUVCW's Photos from the Past web page. The web page currently stands at 501 biographies and pictures. I researched 35 requests for Civil War ancestor military records and referred 16 potential applicants to the membership and application web page on the SUVCW Web Site. I also have helped two Allied Orders with the development and management of their National websites on our server and I have since become the Webmaster for the Woman's Relief Corps national organization. Finally, I continue to serve (for 13 years now) as the National Webmaster for the SUVCW's Sons of Veterans Reserve.

New Interactive Membership Form Project - This project has been differed to the National Communications & Technology Committee and the National Programs and Policies Committee, the discussions are still continuing as we have encountered some conflicts that need to be resolved before this project can continue.

As always, Web and e-mail questions or technical problems may be brought to my attention at webmaster@suvchw.org.

I have enjoyed the challenging year that has passed, and look forward to continuing as your National Webmaster and National Signals Officer, if so desired by the new National Officers and Membership.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the entire Order for the very special recognition of being awarded the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. To me this is one of the most esteemed awards that a Brother can strive to achieve. I am humbled to be a recipient of this award as I was just performing the job that was asked of me as your National Webmaster and National Signals Officer.

Again, I cannot thank you all enough for this outstanding and exemplary award.

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

As of June 30, 2008 I have received requests for 1141 Eagle Scout certificates. As National coordinator I handed out 130 or 11% of the requests for certificates while the Departments handed out the remainder of the requests which was 1011 or 89% of the certificates. Executive Director Lee Walters still receives requests for certificates that he forwards to me.

This is the best public relations program that the Sons have. If more Brothers would get involved we can double the amount of certificates that we give out and also possibly get new members.

Here is breakdown by Departments of certificates that were sent out.

<u>National Coordinator 130</u>	<u>Arizona 6</u>
<u>California & Pacific 96</u>	<u>Colorado & Wyoming 23</u>
<u>Connecticut 9</u>	<u>Florida 40</u>
<u>Illinois 75</u>	<u>Indiana 25</u>
<u>Iowa 19</u>	<u>Kansas 16</u>
<u>Kentucky 11</u>	<u>Maine 0</u>
<u>Maryland 63</u>	<u>Massachusetts 30</u>
<u>Michigan 52</u>	<u>Missouri 57</u>
<u>Nebraska 15</u>	<u>New Hampshire 5</u>
<u>New Jersey 94</u>	<u>New York 71</u>
<u>Ohio 65</u>	<u>Oklahoma 8</u>
<u>Pennsylvania 91</u>	<u>Rhode Island 14</u>
<u>Texas 50</u>	<u>Tennessee 35</u>
<u>Vermont 0</u>	<u>Wisconsin 41</u>

The Departments were requested to send in a year end report of how many certificates were presented. The following 8 Departments were the only ones to send in a report and they presented a total of 1372 certificates.

<u>California & Pacific 772</u>	<u>Florida 51</u>
<u>Illinois 75</u>	<u>Kansas 17</u>
<u>Maryland 63</u>	<u>Missouri 74</u>
<u>New Jersey 123</u>	<u>Tennessee 197</u>

National Counselor Richard Orr, PCinC

This past year has been interesting to say the least. Immediately after the previous National Encampment, issues arose which required detailed searching of our controlling documents and history. The requests for formal and informal opinions continued weekly and often more frequently. As your National Counselor I have attempted to provide the best reasoned opinions I could. Frequently, this required soliciting the assistance of Brother Pahl, PCinC Assistant National Counselor. The formal opinions render this year are attached to this report for inclusion in the proceedings. If any Brother has questions concerning these opinions, I will be glad to respond at the appropriate time.

One of the first assignments the Commander-in-Chief gave me was to seek control over the internet domain suvcw.com which was in the possession of a domain "sitter." A letter was drafted and sent to the agent for the domain registrant in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Further research revealed that this domain "sitter" was being sued by a number of companies and organizations for copyright, patent and trademark infringement. From the court cases the name, address and telephone number of the attorney of record representing the domain holder was obtained. An attempt to contact the attorney was less than productive. Even though he was listed in the court records as the attorney for this company, he refused to acknowledge he was their attorney claiming to do so would be a violation of attorney-client privilege. A copy of the letter was sent to this attorney in Houston. None of the letters received a response.

On 21 December 2008 the domain was transferred from Manilia Industries of Malaysia to Li Gaoxin, Nan Matoula 1187 Bldg 28, Room 601, Shanghai, Shanghai 200126, China. The domain servers as of 20 July 2008 were ns2.aphost.com and ns1.aphost.com. The name is active and being used to sell automobiles, automobile insurance and other automotive associated services. While researching this issue, it became apparent that a number of potential domain names associated with the SUVCW have not been secured --- suvcw.mobi, suvcw.us.com, suvcw.tv, suvcw.cc, suvcw.bz, suvcw.co.uk, suvcw.eu and suvcw.de.

PCinC Al Loomis has raised an issue regarding the ability of the chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee to sign contracts. Currently there is no language authorizing the Chairman of this committee to act on behalf of the Order. He also has noted that twice in the next 15 years the date of the Ceremony will fall on Easter Sunday. Under the current language and the Memorandum of Understanding with MOLLUS, the date is the Saturday closest to April 15th.

Commander-in-Chief, I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve of Order. It has been a pleasure working with you during this past year.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the SUVCW secure the rights to those domain names which we do not hold.**
- 2. That we continue to monitor the use of the domain name suvcw.com and should it become available immediately take action to secure this domain.**
- 3. That the job description of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee be amended by adding under activities**

“Sign all contracts, on behalf of the Order, with the Encampment hotel and other businesses necessary to fix the Encampment site and provide copies of all contracts to the National Secretary.”

- 4. The job description of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee be amended by adding:**

"The ceremony shall be held on the Saturday closest to April 15, the date of his death in 1865, except it shall be the following Saturday if Saturday closest to April 15 falls on Easter or Passover weekend."

Implementation of this change being subject to concurrence of MOLLUS.

Respectfully submitted,

OPINION 1
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JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

Generally, it has been accepted that Associates are not members as that term is used in our Articles of Incorporation, our Constitution and our Regulations. The Constitution speaks to the classes of membership and specifically segregates Associates from members. It further states there shall be one (1) class of Associates (Article VII, Section 2). The creation of a second class of Associates in the form of Junior Associates is clearly in conflict with this provision of the Constitution.

In instances when there is conflict between the Regulations and the Constitution, both the Constitution and the Regulations are silent. However, there are several applicable decisions to be found in the Digest.

The Commander-in-Chief or the Division Commander cannot by special dispensation or otherwise, alter, amend or abrogate any provision of the Constitution. CinC Griffin Op. VI, Blue Book 11; also Op. LXXVI, Blue Book, 73

[The Commander-in-Chief] has no power of approving the action of any division on any subject, where action does not conform to the constitution and regulations of the Order. CinC Hall Dec. IX, 12th, 29

There is no authority by which even the Commander-in-Chief may grant a dispensation to permit a violation of the Constitution. CinC Rake, Dec. IV, 16th, 29

...as the CR&R provide[s], Camp or Division By-Laws conflicting with the CR&R in this or other respects [are] invalid. CinC Griffin, Op. SSSV, Blue Book, 34

It is the opinion of this office that while it is generally accepted that the Commander-in-Chief cannot change an action of an Encampment, based upon the above referenced previous opinions and decisions that:

- 1) The Commander-in-Chief cannot give any dispensation to allow a provision of the Regulations that is in conflict with the Constitution to be implemented until such time as the conflict is resolved by a subsequent Encampment.
- 2) When a conflict exists between governing instruments, the instrument with higher precedence must be considered to be the ruling instrument.
- 3) The order of precedence of our controlling instruments is the Congressional Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, the Regulations, Department by-laws, and Camp by-laws.
- 4) The amendment to the Regulations adopted by the 2007 National Encampment regarding the creation of a class of Associates known as Junior Associates is in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution.
- 5) The amendment to the Regulations adopted by the 2007 National Encampment regarding the creation of a class of Associates known as Junior Associates cannot be implemented until such time as the conflict is resolved by a subsequent National Encampment.

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~~Article IV. Religion and Politics "The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited. Do we not violate this clause by adding the words Jesus Christ to some of our prayers in the ritual? Is that not the introduction of a particular religion? Would it not be better to pray using the word God since all religious beliefs recognize some type of creator or architect of the Universe?"~~

~~While this will not be readily accepted by many of our Brothers, it is my opinion that any reference to Jesus Christ in prayers or any other form in the ritual or our meetings is not in keeping with the above provision of the Constitution. Further, it is contrary to the principles of fraternity in as much as we have Brothers of the Jewish faith and other faiths who do not recognize Jesus Christ as the Son of God.~~

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The question regarding Juniors appearing on Charters now arises as a result of the amendment to Chapter I, Article X, Section 2 adopted at the 2007 National Encampment. The amendment to Section 2 has no distinction between a Junior as previously defined and a Junior Associate. As currently worded a Junior cannot be shown on a Charter as a Charter member as they are not required to have hereditary rights. If the conflict between the regulations and the constitution is resolved and the proposed amendments to the regulations adopted, then the situation will revert to the previous wherein a hereditary Junior may have his name placed upon the charter.

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series 2007-2008

Recently, CinC's have not been appointing an Assistant National Secretary to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department-at-Large as required by Chapter II Article IX, Section 3. Don't the Camps-at-Large report directly to the Executive Director? And if that is the case then doesn't the Executive Director's job description need to be changed to cover his actual duties?

When adopted this section of the regulations was intended to relieve the Executive Director of the necessity to have direct interaction with all the Camps-at-large. Further, since all departments are required to have a secretary and a treasurer or a secretary-treasurer, the Department-at-Large is no exception. Rather than having an election for the secretary-treasurer, it was determined that the Commander-in-Chief would be empowered to appoint this Department Officer. There is nothing prohibiting the CinC from appointing the Executive Director as the secretary-treasurer of the Department-at-Large.

It therefore follows that the job description of the Executive Director does not need to be amended to cover these duties in as much as the CinC can appoint him the secretary-treasurer of the Department-at-Large as long as the Executive Director is a Brother.

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At this years encampment the 2 seats on the COA were contested by 4 men. Is a plurality vote when all of the votes are added up, the highest two get the seat? What we did was a roll call vote for each seat. I thought that is why we went to a plurality vote to eliminate this type of thing when the extra seats were opened on council?

Each office is open for nominations and each office is subject to a vote. When multiple seats on the COA are open, each seat is an office and requires separate nominations and elections.

A plurality vote applies to the COA seats when more than two candidates contest the specific seat. In that case, the Brother with the greatest number of votes is elected.

We adopted the plurality provision to prevent multiple votes for the same office until one candidate received a majority of the votes.

Response to question 5.

Chapter III, Article IV, Section 4 provided for the election of 2 COA members for three years and 1 COA member for 2 years. There are 5 elected members of the COA. This only provides for 4 of them. Was there one man that was not up for re-election at the time?

No. The other Brother was elected to a one-year term as provided in the last sentence of the section. The 2004 amendment was to add the fifth member of the COA. Prior to 2004 there were 4 elected members of the COA serving 3 year terms. This section probably needs to be amended to simply read “The term of office of the elected members of the Council of Administration shall be for three years.”

Opinion 6
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We have a dual member in our camp located in Massachusetts who also belongs to a camp in Connecticut. He would like to drop his membership to our camp and maintain his membership in the Connecticut camp. He is fully paid in both Camps.

Form 6, Honorable Discharge doesn't seem to fit because of the wording, "Being in good standing in this Camp, and having paid all indebtedness, is at his own request, HONORABLY DISCHARGED From the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." He doesn't want to be discharged from the SUVCW.

Form 4, Transfer also doesn't seem to fit, as he isn't transferring to another Camp. I couldn't find anything in the C&R and National Digest to cover this. Should we just drop him from the rolls during next year's reporting? Something else?

You report him as discharged from your camp at his request without issuing an Honorable Discharge form. He is still a member of the Order and thus cannot be given an Honorable Discharge but he is discharged from your camp.

Richard D. Orr, PCinC

National Counselor

28 August 2007

Opinion 7
Series 2007-2008

Regarding the Special meeting at Gettysburg. Will we need credentials in Order to vote? Just asking so that the Ohio Department is correct. If needed will the National Secretary send Credentials to PCinCs and other National Officers, or should the Department Handle it?

Since we have not held a special meeting in over 100 years (at least not one I can find any record of), this is all new territory. My initial response is yes, credentials will be needed. Delegations will be limited as they are for the annual Encampment. This is required by the Congressional Charter -- representative form of government. We cannot pack the meeting with pro or con delegates and disregard the representation limits.

The delegates will be the same elected at the last Department Encampment since they need to be elected and no Department Encampment for the purpose of election will have taken place to change the delegates. That does not preclude a Department that has provisions for a Special meeting in its by-laws from exercising that option to elect delegates to the Special Encampment if they have a burning desire to do so. If a Department does not have such a procedure in the Department by-laws, then there is no way for them to hold a special meeting to elect new delegates.

Yes, the National Secretary will provide credentials to the PCinCs and the elected National Officers.

Opinion 8
Series 2007-2008

No one may be admitted to the SUVCW on the service of a cousin. The C&R and charter are very clear on this matter. The Regulations define collateral as being a direct descendant of a sibling of a veteran.

While it is true that blood relative includes anyone with a common ancestor no matter who that common ancestor is, our charter also gives the Order the right to define membership and further limit it. The SUVCW originally only included the eldest son of a veteran. This was expanded to include all sons circa 1900 and further expanded to include collateral descendants in the early 1950's. (I am not providing exact dates as that material is buried in several boxes of historical data on the Sons.)

Chapter V, Article I. Section 3: Definitions.

(a) For purposes of administering Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, blood relative is defined as a direct descendent, or a direct descendent of a Brother, sister, half-Brother, or half-sister of a veteran. This definition section shall not apply to any Brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999.

The definition does not apply prior to adoption because some Brothers had been admitted as cousins preceding the adoption of this provision to clarify the long standing working definition of collateral.

Anyone admitted as a cousin since that date is not a Member but an Associate and all restrictions on Associates apply. An error on the part of a camp in admitting a Brother as a member who does not meet these qualifications does not vacate the regulations. The status of such a Brother must be immediately changed and reported on the proper form to the Department and the Executive Director. The number of permitted associates in a camp still applies.

Richard D. Orr, PCinC
National Counselor
23 September 2007

Opinion 9
Series 2007 – 2008

I want to recognize Camps within this department for their activities over the year of my command. Is there such a thing as a Department Commanders Award as to like what National does? Instead of a certificate of merit or certificate of achievement, I wanted to do something that was a little more meaningful to the camp or person to be proud of their hard work. It would not be a trophy or anything like that, but it would be a framed certificate. I did look in the C & R but did not find anything regarding awards.

As Department Commander, you have the same authority as the CinC at the National level to create and present awards provided the Department by-laws do not restricted you. From the National point, the only restriction is the creation of a permanent medal or appliance for an SUVCW medal similar to the National Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. Permanent medals and appliances attached to any SUVCW medal are regulated in the C&R. Certificates, plaques or trophy-like items are not. The same holds true for camps.

Opinion 10
Series 2007 – 2008

The Department of Illinois made an inquiry regarding admitting adopted sons as hereditary members.

The Congressional Charter defines members as blood relatives. The charter authorizes the Order to further define the classes of membership. Without a change to the Congressional Charter, adopted sons cannot be full members as they are not direct or collateral descendants of a Union veteran. They can qualify as Associates unless they have eligibility through their biological parents.

Richard Orr
National Counselor

Opinion 11
Series 2007-2008

The question again arises concerning the transfer of past rank for a camp commander. This has been a topic of appeal for nearly 100 years. In this particular case the charter of the granting camp was revoked. It is unclear if the Brother in question transferred to the NMAL or another camp upon revocation of the camp charter. It is clear that he never sought restoration of rank as a Past Camp Commander in his current camp.

The Commanders-in-Chief, Judge Advocate Generals and National Counselors have steadfastly maintained that while the title once bestowed it is for life unless revoked as part of a disciplinary procedure, the actual rights of a Past Commander are connected to the bestowing entity. While the title is transportable, the automatic seat at a Department Encampment does not travel with a Brother even within the same Department when he transfers, his camp is dropped or disbanded. Further dual membership does not grant past honors in each dual camp.

In support of this opinion I offer the following:

Camp Commander who's camp disbands during his term is not entitled to Past Camp Commander's honors. JAG Gould, Op VII, confirmed CinC Darling, Dec IX, 16th.

A past officer who severs his connection with the Order is not entitled to, upon re-entry therein, to wear a past officers badge unless the past rank shall be restored him by action of the Commandery-in-Chief. JAG Johnson, Op XI, 18th, 92.

A past commander and a member of a camp so suspended, loses his seat at encampment. A past commanders right to a seat at an encampment is based not only upon the service of such officer, but upon his good standing in his camp. JAG Church, Op V, confirmed CinC Spink, Dec III, 22nd, 204.

A Past Camp Commander in good standing is entitled to participation in Department Encampments because this is an honor bestowed on him personally for past service; and cannot be taken from him even though his Camp is in arrears or not in good standing. This continues until such Past Camp Commander either resigns or is discharged as provided by the Regulations or his Camp disbands. NC Howard, Op III, 57th, 62.

Rank of PCC or PDC does not transfer with a brother. That rank is only within the Camp/Department where service occurred. Therefore, automatic representation at a Department or National Encampment does not exist. Said Brother may request restoration of rank through the procedure specified in the C&R. He does retain rank within the granting organization. Such is not the case for meeting the qualifications for Department Commander or Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Senior Vice

Commander in Chief or Commander in Chief. C&R requires that service as a Camp Commander or Department Commander respectfully is required. No reference is made when the rank of Past Commander or Past Department Commander was obtained. As long as the Brother remains an active member, he retains rank within the granting body. NC Orr, Op 1, 113th, 33

Note: The abbreviation in the official Digest of the Order are:

JAG Judge Advocate General

CinC Commander-in-Chief

NC National Counselor

Op opinion

Dec Decision

The citations are as follows: JAG Church, Op V, confirmed CinC Spink, Dec III, 22nd, 204 Judge Advocate General Church Opinion 5 confirmed by CinC Spink in Decision 3 published in the proceedings of the 22nd National Encampment on page 204.

Richard D. Orr PCinC

National Counselor

January 19, 2008

Opinion 12
Series 2007-2008

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee has requested an Opinion from this office regarding the ability of the Credentials Committee to issue Credential Cards when the Department Secretary has failed to do so or the Brother in question does not have his Credential Card with him for another reason.

The C&R is very clear on who can issue Credential Cards to either a Department Encampment or the National Encampment.

Regarding Department Encampments:

Chapter II, Article II, Section 1, paragraph 2 and Section 2

Section 1 (in part). Appropriate credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Department elective and appointive officers shall be issued by the office of the Department Secretary. Appropriate credentials for all Camp Commanders, Past Camp Commanders, delegates and alternates shall be issued by their respective Camp Secretaries.

Section 2. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Department Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the Encampment; the Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint Brothers to fill vacancies.

Regarding the National Encampment:

Chapter III, Article II, Section 1, paragraph 3 and Section 2

Section 1 (in part). Appropriate credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief and National elective officers shall be issued by the office of the National Secretary. Appropriate credentials for all Department Commanders, Past Department Commanders, delegates and alternates shall be issued by their respective Department Secretaries.

Section 2. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time National Encampments are held may be filled by the Department Commander, or the chairman of the respective delegations. The Department Commander in all instances having the priority or right to so appoint.

Based on the foregoing, it is the opinion of the office that:

1. Credentials to a Department Encampment can only be issued to elected delegates and alternates by the Camp Secretary and any vacancy among the elected delegates to the Department Encampment can

only be filled by a vote of the elected delegates in attendance from among the elected alternates. Credentials to a Department Encampment for Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and elected and appointed Department officers can only be issued by the Department Secretary.

2. Credentials to the National Encampment can only be issued by the Department Secretary to the elected delegates and elected alternates. Any vacancy among the elected delegates to the National Encampment is to be filled by the Department Commander from among the elected alternates or in the absence of the Department Commander by the Chairman of the delegation. Credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief and elected National Officers shall be issued only by the National Secretary. Appointed National Officers are not automatic delegates to the National Encampment. If they are not elected delegates or do not have standing credentials as a Past Department Commander they are not entitled to vote.

3. Neither the Credentials Committee nor the Chairman of the Credential Committee has any authority to issue credential cards.

4. The National Encampment has the final authority to seat a Brother as a delegate. Each case where a Brother does not have credentials must be brought before the Encampment for a vote to seat or not seat the Brother with voting rights.

5. As always any Brother may attend any Encampment provided he is in good standing.

6. A Camp that is not in good standing has no right to representation at the Department Encampment nor does any Brother representing said Camp have a right to vote at a Department Encampment. This does not apply to the elected officers of the Department, Past Department Commanders, Past Camp Commanders or Past Commanders-in-Chief (see NC Howard, Op III, 57th, 62.)

7. Any Department which is not in good standing has no right to representation at the National Encampment nor does any Brother representing said Department have a right to vote at a National Encampment. This does not apply to the elected officers of the National Encampment, Past Department Commanders or Past Commanders-in-Chief (see NC Howard, Op III, 57th, 62.)

Richard D. Orr PCinC
National Counselor
March 22, 2008

Opinion 13
Series 2007-2008

A question has arisen regarding the obligation of a Brother who is making payments towards Life Membership to pay his annual camp dues.

A Brother is not a Life Member until the fee has been paid in full [Chapter III Article VI, Section 3(b)(i)]. As such it follows that he is still subject to the National per capita tax until the fee is paid in full. None of this has anything to do with Camp dues as neither the Camp nor the Department are under any obligation to forego dues on Life Members. It is customary for camps to forgive, at a minimum, the amount collected to pay the National Per capita dues but there is no requirement to do so in the regulations.

16 April 2008
Richard D. Orr
National Counselor

OPINION 14
SERIES 2007-2208

A question has arisen regarding the manner in which the application fee was set at \$10.00 for new applicants to the SUVCW.

From the minutes of the COA meeting:

“Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on 2007-2008 membership dues for National Members-at Large. A motion was made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert to keep the membership dues at \$31, prorated in July for 6 months, with a \$10 application fee. Second was made by PCinC Pahl. Motion passed”

Based upon research conducted by PCinC Keith Harrison, the fee was increased by the Council of Administration on 12 August 2007.

There are four references to the Application fee in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. The first from the Constitution Article V, Section 1, Fifth “Eligibles from states where no Department exists may become Members-at-large attached to National Headquarters. Dues for such Members shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) per annum more than the National per capita tax. Membership application fees for new Members-at- large shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) which shall be placed in the Permanent Fund.”

The section of the Constitution establishes a minimum application fee for NMAL.

The second reference to the application fee is in Chapter I, Article II, Section 6: “Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in another Camp or a Member-at-Large, may become a dual Member of another Camp. The applicant need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps.”

This section clearly waives the application fee for dual members.

The third instances in Chapter I, ARTICLE VII. Finances. Section 1. Each Camp shall regulate its dues and fees for revenues, provided the minimum application fee shall not be less than ten (\$10.00) dollars of which one-half shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer with the annual per capita tax report. No part of the admission fee shall be credited for any other purpose. The minimum yearly dues shall not be less than the sum of the National Organization and Department per capita tax. The Camp shall have power to provide By-Laws imposing fines for neglect of duty of all officers, special committees or Brothers.

This section of the regulations sets the minimum application fee to a camp and requires that one-half of the application fee be forwarded to the National Organization.

The fourth occasion on which the Regulations speak of an application fee is in Chapter V, Article I, Section 5 (b) The National Encampment shall annually set a National Application Fee and first year’s dues for Brothers who join through the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or the National Recruiting Officer. All monies collected shall either be forwarded to the Department within which the applicant resides for enrollment as a DMAL or to the NMAL Coordinator if the applicant resides within an area not part of an established Department. The Department will report the new Brother on the succeeding report and pay the appropriate application fee and per capita tax from the fees and dues collected. In the absence of action by the National Encampment, the CofA shall set the fee and dues.”

Findings:

The Council of Administration cannot amend the Constitution or Regulations. Therefore, the COA cannot change the minimum application fee for NMAL or camp membership.

The COA is empowered to set the application fee and dues to be collected from applicants who submit their application through the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief if the National Encampment fails to do so.

All such monies submitted through the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are to be forwarded to the appropriate Camp or Department.

Camps are required to forward one-half of the application fee to the National Order

The COA is neither specifically empowered nor prohibited from setting the dues and application fee for members in the NMAL. While historically, this has been the prerogative of the NMAL

coordinator/Asst. National Secretary for NMAL, there is nothing in the C&R specifically restricting this activity to said officer.

OPINION:

The action of the Council of Administration on 12 August 2007 applies only to NMAL applicants as the minutes of the COA meeting clearly indicate.

The Camps and Departments continue to be governed by the above provisions of the Regulations.

The annual dues and application fee for those applicants seeking membership through the office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief have not been established by either the National Encampment or the COA as of the date of this opinion. Thus the application fee and dues last imposed by action of the National Encampment or COA remain in effect.

The National Order is entitled to one-half of the application fee imposed by the camps (departments in the case of Department Members-at-Large) on new members. Traditionally, this fee has been based on one-half of the minimum application fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Therefore any amount submitted with the application to the National Order which is at least Five Dollars (\$5.00) continues to meet this requirement unless it can be proven that the Camp/Department imposes a greater application fee.

Richard D. Orr, PCinC

National Counselor

15 December 2007

OPINION 15
SERIES 2007-2008
JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

Generally, it has been accepted that Associates are not members as that term is used in our Articles of Incorporation, our Constitution and our Regulations. The Constitution speaks to the classes of membership and specifically segregates Associates from members. It further states there shall be one (1) class of Associates (Article VII, Section 2). The creation of a second class of Associates in the form of Junior Associates is clearly in conflict with this provision of the Constitution.

In instances when there is conflict between the Regulations and the Constitution, both the Constitution and the Regulations are silent. However, there are several applicable decisions to be found in the Digest.

The Commander-in-Chief or the Division Commander cannot by special dispensation or otherwise, alter, amend or abrogate any provision of the Constitution. CinC Griffin Op. VI, Blue Book 11; also Op. LXXVI, Blue Book, 73

[The Commander-in-Chief] has no power of approving the action of any division on any subject, where action does not conform to the constitution and regulations of the Order. CinC Hall Dec. IX, 12th, 29

There is no authority by which even the Commander-in-Chief may grant a dispensation to permit a violation of the Constitution. CinC Rake, Dec. IV, 16th, 29

...as the CR&R provide[s], Camp or Division By-Laws conflicting with the CR&R in this or other respects [are] invalid. CinC Griffin, Op. SSSV, Blue Book, 34

It is the opinion of this office that while it is generally accepted that the Commander-in-Chief cannot change an action of an Encampment, based upon the above referenced previous opinions and decisions that:

- 1) The Commander-in-Chief cannot give any dispensation to allow a provision of the Regulations that is in conflict with the Constitution to be implemented until such time as the conflict is resolved by a subsequent Encampment.
- 2) When a conflict exists between governing instruments, the instrument with higher precedence must be considered to be the ruling instrument.
- 3) The order of precedence of our controlling instruments is the Congressional Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, the Regulations, Department by-laws, and Camp by-laws.
- 4) The amendment to the Regulations adopted by the 2007 National Encampment regarding the creation of a class of Associates known as Junior Associates is in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution.
- 5) The amendment to the Regulations adopted by the 2007 National Encampment regarding the creation of a class of Associates known as Junior Associates cannot be implemented until such time as the conflict is resolved by a subsequent National Encampment.

National Civil War Memorials Officer Kevin P. Tucker

It has been my great honor to serve the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as the National Civil War Memorials Officer this past year.

It has been a matter of great pride to know that, along with collecting and maintaining Memorials records from around the country, I was able to play a small part in preserving an important memorial. I also had the opportunity to assist in what I hope will be the development of new database software for the storage of records. Should that software development fail to move forward, I recommend that better “off the shelf” software be purchased and implemented for the storage of Memorials records.

In the past year, I have received 34 Civil War Memorial Assessment Form 61s, broken down as follows the following:

- Brother Walter Busch from the Dept. of Missouri completed an assessment form for a historical marker in Alabama, which had been moved to an Air Force base for safety, because of being vandalized. He also performed 14 assessments on memorials in Missouri, including 13 separate historic markers and a monument.
- Dept. of California CWMO Kirby Morgan performed an assessment of a G.A.R. flag pole and sent detailed information on a cannon tube.
- Brother Michael Carr from the Dept. of Iowa performed an assessment on a historical marker.
- Dept. of Illinois Brother Joseph Hutchinson performed an assessment on a G.A.R. Hall.
- Brother Merle Rudebusch, PDC, CWMO for the Dept. of Nebraska performed an assessment on a monument.
- New Hampshire Commander Dan Meehan submitted assessments on 5 monuments in his Department.
- Jim Houston, PDC, submitted an assessment performed by Brother Larry Collins on a plaque in Ohio.
- Brother William Radell from J.T Crawford Camp No. 43 in the Dept. of Pennsylvania submitted assessments on 2 cannon, and Brother Ivan Frantz, Jr. of Capt. E.M. Ruhl Camp No. 33 submitted assessment on 4 Pennsylvania cannon.

- The Dept. of Wisconsin CWMO Kim J. Heltemes submitted assessments on 4 monuments Wisconsin Brother Virgil O. Matz performed assessments on a plaque, a marker and a monument, while Camp 2 Commander Ronald Knaus submitted an assessment on a cannon.

One of the most outstanding results I experienced during my tenure was seeing two memorial cannon returned to their rightful place in Racine, Wisconsin.

On August 22, 2007, I came across an article in an online edition of the Racine Journal Times, which was reporting on a dispute as to whether two cannons, which, along with a monument with sculpture were part of a memorial display, should be returned to their original location, in a recently redesigned square. The Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services had voted to return the cannon where they belonged, but an ironically named “Landmarks Preservation Commission” opposed their return because they did not “fit with the square’s redesign”. They were in favor of giving the cannon to a museum, outside the city.

I contacted Department Civil War Memorials Officer Kim J. Heltemes, who immediately swung into action, researching the minutes of the City Council, contacting the Aldermen who were on our side and sending a letter to the mayor and aldermen, citing the “Deed of Conveyance” from the G.A.R. and the federal laws against removing a memorial. The letter was well received by one Alderman in particular, Jim Kaplan, who expressed his strong support for their return.

Dept. Commander Brian Peters joined Brother Heltemes in lobbying for the cannon’s return, and before long, the City Council scheduled a meeting to discuss the fate of the cannons. The City Council had previously voted 9 to 5, to remove them permanently from the redesigned square. The mayor and some very vocal Aldermen supported that vote, claiming that with the new “open spaces” design, the time had come to remove them.

Feeling the pressure from the letter Brother Heltemes sent, along with stiff opposition to removing them by Alderman Kaplan, the City Council ordered the mayor to appoint a committee to recommend where the cannons should be placed.

To keep the pressure on, Brother Heltemes composed an amazing letter to the editor of the Racine Journal Times, in support of returning the cannon to their rightful place. The letter was published a few days later.

The mayor’s committee announced a meeting on September 20th, to discuss the proper place to locate the cannon. Department Commander Brian Peters and Brother Heltemes rallied the troops, and Members of Camp 1 in Racine attended the meeting, speaking in support of the restoration to their original location. Following the meeting, the city’s attorney asked for copies of the Deed of Conveyance and

opined that, if our claim was correct, the city could not move the cannons. Brother Heltemes followed this news up with a letter to the attorney, reemphasizing our stand as heirs to the G.A.R.

A second committee meeting was called, and this time Brother Heltemes attended in person, to argue for keeping the cannon. There was considerable press coverage, and to counter the efforts of Brother Heltemes and Camp 1, one of the Aldermen told the reporters that he had only one call on the matter. (Big mistake.)

Commander Peters put out a call for all Brothers and Sister in the Department of Wisconsin to write letters to the chairman of the committee, urging him to put the cannon back in its proper place. Letters were sent to the state's Attorney General, the Aldermen and the mayor. In addition, Brothers Pat Kulas and Bob Koenecke kept the pressure on, having attended each cannon-related City Council and Ad Hoc Committee meeting representing the SUVCW. They would not let up. On October 17th, the committee, caving in from the avalanche of mail, voted 5 to 1 to recommend the cannons be placed back where they belong.

This was a tremendous effort by the leadership and Members the Department of Wisconsin, and a great team effort for all involved, including Members, Auxiliary Members, city officials, and local veterans organizations. On June 18, 2008, the cannons were installed on their new, city-funded bases, where they had been removed three years before.

Recommendations:

This past winter, I was informed that the Council of Administration was looking into development of new database software. I was instructed by the Commander-in-Chief to prepare a “business plan” for the developers, and submit it in January. I completed the plan, but have heard nothing further.

If the development is going forward, I am in full support. The legacy software I have been given simply does not function. We need a product that works. If the Council feels the price is too high for us to develop our own product, I recommend that we purchase FileMaker Pro 9. This is as close to perfect for our applications as we can get, allowing us to not only store data, but to store images and scanned documents.

Constitution and Regulations Committee

Robert E. Grim, PCinC, Chairman

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

Richard D. Orr, PCinC

James B. Pahl, PCinC

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The changes made to the Regulations at the 126th National Encampment and the changes made to the Constitution by the 1st Special National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R, and the updated C &R has been posted to the SUVCW web site. The changes to the Regulations resulting from the 1st Special National Encampment have been reviewed and require some “housekeeping” action by this encampment before those changes can be posted.

The committee has received several proposed changes to the Regulations that require action by the 127th National Encampment. We have divided these proposals into two groups.

GROUP #1

ITEM # 1

New addition to the Regulations ranking officers at the Camp level.

The Committee recommends approval of this proposal.

Rank of officers at the Camp level – for purposes of definition –
Chapter I, Article IV, Section 4. (add to the end of existing Section 4.)

Commander

Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander

Secretary

Treasurer

Chair of the Camp Council

Member of the Council (longest serving has priority, if two competing have same seniority, then alphabetically, beginning with A)

Patriotic Instructor

Chaplain

Guide

Memorials Officer

Historian

Guard

Currently serving elected National Officer

Currently serving elected Department Officer

Past Commander-in-Chief

**Past Department Commander
Past Camp Commander
Brother of Camp with longest time as brother of the Order**

ITEM # 2

Amendment to stop issuing War Medal bars that indicate what war a brother fought in. *The Committee Recommends approval of this proposal.*

ARTICLE III.

Badges and Decorations

Section 3. Criteria for the badges, decorations and other devices of the Order are:

F. War Medal. Authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of war or military conflict as defined by the Council of Administration. Entitlement is determined by the Brother's Camp at a regular meeting of that Camp. A gold bar naming the war or conflict in which the Brother served may be attached to the ribbon of the medal. This bar may not be attached to any other Badge of the Order.

- (1) Effective January 1, 2009 the gold bars are obsolete. Those possessing the gold bar may continue to wear them. No further gold bars will be issued.**
- (2) Any Brother who served in more than one period of war or military conflict as defined by the Council of Administration may wear a bronze oak leaf cluster to designate the second such period of service as defined by the Council of Administration. Additional bronze oak leaf clusters may be worn for additional periods of service as defined by the Council of Administration. A silver oak leaf cluster shall be worn in place of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters and a gold oak leaf cluster shall be worn to indicate the awarding of ten (10) bronze oak leaf clusters.**

ITEM # 3

Change to existing Regulation setting time periods and procedures for submitting proposed amendments to the Regulations.

The Committee Recommends approval of this proposal.

CHAPTER V –General Regulations

ARTICLE XII.-Repealing Clause and Amendments

(Add new section 2, 3, and 4 and renumber existing section 2 as section 5.)

Section 1. All rules and regulations heretofore existing and in force are hereby repealed.

Section 2.

- (A) All proposed amendments to these Regulations must be submitted in writing or electronically to the Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and the National Counselor and received by the aforementioned National Officers and Committee Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Encampment at which they are to

be considered. Any proposed amendments received less than thirty (30) days prior to a National Encampment cannot be considered until the next succeeding National Encampment.

(B) Amendments originated by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations shall not be subject to subsection (A).

Section 3. The Commander-in-Chief may waive the time constraint in Section 2, if a change in law or the Constitution requires the Regulations to be amended.

Section 4. The National Encampment may waive the time constraint in Section 2 by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at the National Encampment.

Section 25. The within and foregoing Regulations may be altered or amended at any regular National Encampment by a two-thirds vote of all Brothers present as reported on the roll of the Encampment.

ITEM # 4

This is a new section added to the article dealing with membership discipline that requires a Brother to exhaust all available remedies within the SUVCW before filing any legal action in court.

The Committee Recommends approval of this proposal.

Chapter V

Article VI - Discipline

New section 24

Section 24. Any Brother of the Order having any type of dispute with another Brother of the Order, concerning any matter involving the Order and not directly involving third parties who are not members of the Order, shall not file any legal action in any court anywhere, unless he shall first exhaust all remedies within the Order, including but not limited to, the filing of charges under this Article.

ITEM # 5

This is a Resolution from the Pennsylvania Department proposing the following change to the CONSTITUTION:

The Committee recommends approval of this Resolution.

Article V – Organization

Section 2

a. The supreme power and authority...

b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of a National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and or United States law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A majority vote of the Council of Administration is

required to support the proposed General Order(s) authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication.

ITEM # 6

Change to existing regulation that prohibits a Brother from serving as commander of two camps at the same time.

The Committee recommends approval of this proposal.

CHAPTER I

ARTICLE IV -Officers

Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three Members of the Camp Council, Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard, Guide, Historian, Memorials Officer and Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer). The Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council. **No Brother may concurrently serve as Commander of more than one camp.**

GROUP #2

The 126th National Encampment passed the following motion: *“That our current policies be incorporated into the C & R where applicable. Not to eliminate policies. Not to eliminate the role of the C of A to establish policies and so forth. But to take the policies that are already in, or addressed in the C & R, incorporate those policies into the language of the C & R as appropriate.”*

This committee agreed that the Program and Policies Committee should review the existing policies and make recommendations to the C & R Committee regarding the appropriate placement of the policies in the Regulations. The Program and Policies Committee reviewed the existing fifteen (15) policies and made a recommendation regarding the appropriate placement of these policies in the Regulations.

However, your C & R committee was not unanimous as to the meaning of the above cited motion. Your committee chairman agreed with the Program and Policy Committee’s interpretation of the motion to mean the committee was charged with simply inserting the existing policies into the right location in the Regulations. But, a majority of the C & R committee interpreted the motion to mean that the C & R committee should review the policies and insert into the Regulations only those policies that were appropriate for use as Regulations.

Therefore, a majority of the C & R Committee recommends the following four policies be inserted into the Regulations:

1. The policy regarding the use of Veterans Charters should be placed where Section 3 is in Chapter I, Article I and renumber Section 3 as Section 4 and renumber the remaining sections of the article accordingly.

New Section 3

a. Charters issued by the old Sons of Veterans organization and issued prior to the congressional charter the Order currently is operating under, are still valid. Any Camp and/or a Department, possessing and conducting operations under such charter, have, always, and will continue to operate under the full authority of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

b. Charter's of previous Camps and/or Departments, no longer in existence, may not be "reactivated". Those seeking to re-activate an old Camp or an old Department must obtain a new charter. Any such old charter may be retained by the new Camp and/or Department for historical purposes.

2. The policy on the Sale of Extra National Encampment Badges should be placed in Chapter V, Article III, as a new Section 12.

Section 12

a. The Host Department of a National Encampment may sell to any brother of the Order, any such extra National Encampment badges that the host Department may possess at the conclusion of the Encampment. Sales shall not be made to anyone who is not a brother of this Order. Any such extra Encampment Badges shall first be offered to those brothers in attendance at the National Encampment.

b. The Council of Administration may limit and/or prohibit the sale of any particular such Badge, from time to time, in its sole discretion.

3. The Policy on unused GAR and SUVCW graves should be placed in Chapter V, as Article VII and renumber the existing Article VII and the remaining Articles accordingly.

(New) Article VII

Section 1. Where unused graves exist in Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) or Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) grave plots, these graves shall be made available for indigent veterans or indigent SUVCW member burial with an appropriate marker consistent with the markers used in the burial plot. The usage of these graves does not extend to spouses or other family members of the veteran or SUVCW member.

Section 2. Each Camp and Department should take action to secure any unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots within their area as previously directed by the National Encampment.

Section 3. Each Camp and Department possessing unused GAR or SUVCW cemetery plots shall forward to the National Graves Registration Officer, a description of the plots, including location.

Section 4. The SUVCW will notify the Department of Veterans Affairs in each state regarding this policy.

4. The policy on the Records Retention Schedule for SUVCW, which includes some revisions by this committee, should be placed in Chapter V, Article I as a new Section 9.

CHAPTER V

GENERAL REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I

Add new section number 9.

Section 9. Records Retention

- A. All records are the property of the National Organization regardless of the point of origin. As with all real intellectual and other property, Camps and Departments hold records in trust for the National Organization through the authority granted by the corresponding charter from the National Organization.**
- B. The United States Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Director of the Congressional Budget Officer and the Comptroller General of the United States through the Federal Accounting Standard Advisory Board (FASAB) issue the Statement of Federal Accounting Standards (SFAS). The IRS requires non-profit organization among others to adhere to these standards.**
- C. To comply with the requirement referenced in paragraph B of this section the following Records Retention Schedule is hereby adopted and to be followed by all Camps, Departments and the National Order.**
 - (1) Grants Records MUST be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after the grant closes – with final report to the grantor.**
 - (2) Cash Receipts Records MUST be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after the close of the fiscal year.**

- (3) Accounts Receivable Records MUST be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after the close of the fiscal year.**
- (4) Canceled Checks MUST be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years after the close of the fiscal year.**
- (5) Bank Account Statements MUST be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years after the close of the fiscal year. This includes: Checking, Savings, CD's, and any other form of investments.**
- (6) Records of Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds MUST be retained Permanently.**
- (7) Fixed Assets MUST be retained permanently.**
- (8) Ledgers MUST be retained permanently.**
- (9) Audit Reports MUST be retained permanently.**
- (10) Contracts MUST be kept permanently.**
- (11) Any Correspondence with the IRS MUST be retained Permanently.**
- (12) IRS 990 Income Tax Returns for Tax Exempt Organizations MUST be retained Permanently. (This is a requirement because anyone can ask to see these reports at any time since the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Organization is a Non-Profit Organization. Names of the individuals who make contributions can be redacted, but all else is public record.)**
- (13) Minutes and Proceedings MUST be retained permanently. Minutes of committee meetings and deliberations do not need to be retained. Only the final report to the Camp, Department or National Order is retained as their reports are part of the minutes or proceedings of the camp, department or National Encampment.**

D. Should a camp cease to exist, it is the responsibility of the camp officers to transfer all property and records to the Department or in the case of a Camp-at-Large, the National Organization. Each Department shall determine which officer(s) are authorized to receive such property and records on behalf of the Department.

E. Should a Department cease to exist, it is the responsibility of the department officers to transfer all property and records to the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, National Treasurer or Executive Director is authorized to receive such property and records on behalf of the National Organization.

A majority of the C & R Committee agrees that the following three policies would be appropriate for insertion into the Regulations but need to be rewritten in appropriate Regulation language:

1. The policy on Civil War Memorial/Monument Fund
2. The policy on the Execution of Contracts
3. The policy on the use of Badges, Emblems, Seals, and Symbols

Committee on Americanism & Education

Brad Schall, Chairman

This committee was given the assignment of creating an educational program for the juniors of the Order. This program was to incorporate the teachings of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, as well as Civil War history. We have also included sections on Citizenship and Patriotism.

It is the intent of this program to teach our juniors about our principles and our values – not only as an organization, but also as a nation. Incorporated into the program are several opportunities for service projects, especially under the section of Charity.

It is our intent that the pages of the booklet be made available on the national webpage, where the junior can print off the booklet, and use as time permits. Upon the completion of all the lessons, the booklet would be forwarded to the Americanism & Education Committee for review, and then a diploma be awarded. It is also suggested that a pin of some sort be presented to the junior, to be attached to the ribbon of his badge.

The committee tried its best to keep in mind the age group of its intended audience – 8 to 14 year olds, and tried to keep the lessons interesting and fun.

We believe that we have created a solid foundation for this program. It is hoped that over the years, subsequent committees will revise and add to this program, to improve it. The committee anticipates that, with the approval of the Encampment, this program will be forwarded to the Program and Policy Committee for review, and hopefully implementation.

Long Range Planning Committee

Lee F. Walters, PDC, Chairman

In December 2001 the National Headquarters of the SUVCW was established at The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA. by lease agreement for a period of 5 years. In 2006 a new lease agreement was negotiated for a term of 2 years.

The National Office proved to be beneficial to the Organization and membership by providing a permanent contact location, and a repository for records, charters, membership files, etc. and as a point of distribution for our membership brochures. Due to the volume of records sent there, we required more space. Accordingly, a new lease encompassing expanded office/storage space was negotiated in 2007, which will expire 28 Feb 2010.

We believe that the experience of these 7 years has demonstrated the desirability and necessity of maintaining a stable National Headquarters. We further conclude that the long-term needs of this Organization dictate a permanent National Headquarters which would be owned and operated by the National Organization, rather than subject to the changing terms and conditions of lease agreements. We believe such a facility must provide:

- 1) Office space for the Executive Director and staff and volunteers
- 2) Storage for records and artifacts
- 3) Exhibit space to display articles relevant to the history of the G.A.R. and SUVCW.
- 4) Storage/Workspace for National Quartermaster stores (receiving/shipping QM orders)
- 5) Meeting room (possible location for National Encampments)
- 6) Conservation work space

Therefore, it is the recommendation of this committee that:

- 1) The SUVCW commit to the establishment of a permanent facility either existing or newly constructed.
- 2) That a Committee be appointed to explore the availability of funding through private or public grants and other sources.
- 3) That any Department wishing to have the National Headquarters located within its geographical boundaries, submit a proposal to the Council of Administration detailing what is available, encompassing the following requirements:

- a) type and cost of construction or renovation
- b) projected maintenance costs
- c) security systems
- d) fire detection/suppression systems
- e) temperature/humidity control systems
- f) safe, adequate, expandable parking space
- g) ADA accessibility
- h) room for future expansion
- i) availability of membership pool from which to draw staffing
- j) accessibility by various means of transportation
- k) accessibility to the majority of the membership (centrality)
- l) proximity to other attractions (especially Civil War related) which draw public visitation and will result in greater exposure of our Organization.

We believe that current conditions in the real estate market make this an ideal time to negotiate the purchase or construction of a suitable facility. We believe that action should be initiated immediately to ensure the greatest benefit to the Organization in terms of cost and availability of suitable real estate and that the matter be diligently pursued with a goal of having the new facility in place and ready for a grand opening in April of 2011 concurrent with the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial

James R. Hanby, Sr, PDC, Chairman

The main thrust of the committee this year has been to review what states have a commission, get members on those commissions and to encourage the remaining states to create commissions. We have also encouraged our members of Congress to support the formation of a National Commission on the Sesquicentennial.

The Committee members were also provided copies of Dr. James McPherson's book [This Mighty Scourge](#). The Committee contacted Dr. McPherson who agreed to allow portions of his book, which is a number of essays about the Civil War to be used by the Sons to promote the true history of the Civil War. Dr. McPherson has also agreed to be a speaker at a National Encampment during the Sesquicentennial much like Bruce Catton did many years ago.

In addition David W. Blight, Professor of History at Yale and author of Race and Reunion has agreed to add his voice, name and expertise to make appearances during the Sesquicentennial.

Committee member Michael Beard also successfully took on Smithsonian when they published comments that were considered to be demeaning to the memory of General Sherman. Specifically Director Barbara Tuceling said in a letter "The Smithsonian Associates did not mean to sully his memory or the sacrifice of any person serving in the United States military. I'm sorry that we did not distinguish more appropriately between the devastation of the War in Atlanta and the propriety of Sherman's actions". She went on to say she forwarded Brother Mike's letter to her staff and that would take that into account when writing in future issues of the Associate.

This is the kind of thing that any Brother can do when they see something in print that is incorrect or deriding to the service of those that wore the Union Blue.

Several members of the committee weighed in on the proposal of Brother Fidler for a medal from the SUVCW honoring the Sesquicentennial. A recommendation for a license for the medal and logo will be made to the pre-encampment COA meeting.

The issue was also discussed of how to decide what events to endorse and support during the Sesquicentennial. Some basic thoughts included endorsement or participation in Sesquicentennial Events that do not demean the Grand Army of the Republic, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, or William Sherman. In addition the SUVCW should not involve itself in any events that deny slavery as a cause of the rebellion. The committee encourages Camps and Departments to create their own events to

honor the Union Cause as well as taking part in official events whenever possible, through planning, funding, and uniformed participation from the SVR.

It was recognized however that in order for Camps and Departments to plan and carry out events there might be a need for financial assistance in order to carry it out. In addition there will be many larger public events where it would be in the best interest of the SUVCW to be a sponsor. To this end the committee believes that funds could be raised in two ways, one through the sale of SUVCW Sesquicentennial items, and second through funds provided by the National Order.

The Sesquicentennial will be kicked off in Virginia and West Virginia next year with the 150th anniversary of John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry. Space does not allow explaining all the elements that will go into this event that will span all the way to 2015 suffice to say it is an event that will require all members of the Sons to step up and take part in some way as well as the assistance of many Brothers who are not even members yet but will join during this period as their interest is pricked by what they see and hear. The SUVCW must learn from the lessons of the Centennial and control the message of what really caused the War and what really was the outcome of the War. We must educate the American Public to the fact that despite what proponents of the "lost cause" put forth the Boys in Blue actually won the Civil War. At the same time we recognize that a large percentage of the current membership of the SUVCW are Sons of both or SOB's. As such we have a responsibility to recall the honorable service of those ancestors who fought honorably for a cause they believed in. We must do a better job of showing the same willingness to reach across the stonewall, that our ancestors did, in order to "bind up our Nations wounds".

The committee offers the following recommendations to the National Encampment:

1. That the public position of the SUVCW is that the Sesquicentennial commemorates the most important war for human liberty and freedom in the 19th Century. That the Civil War confirmed and expanded upon the foundation laid by the Revolution and set in motion the events that would result in the 20th Century being called "America's Century" That because of the actions of the Union Army in preserving for us one nation under God the United States of America has gone on to bring more freedom and liberty to the human race than any other nation in the history of the world.
2. That Dr. James McPherson's book *This Mighty Scourge* should be endorsed by the SUVCW as a must read for anyone who wants to understand the meaning of the Civil War.
3. That the SUVCW accept Dr. McPherson's offer to reprint parts of his essays in the Banner leading up to and during the Sesquicentennial.
4. That the Council of Administration create a fund to be used by the Sesquicentennial to assist Camps and Departments in creating and funding events commemorating the Civil War, and for sponsorships of public events honoring the Union during the period of 2009-2015.

GAR Sesquicentennial Committee

Richard Orr, PCinC, Chairman

Richard K. Young, Co-Chairman
Donald Darby, PCinC
Steve Bauer

James T. Lyons, PDC
Glenn B. Knight PDC

The GAR Sesquicentennial committee has been working on several proposals during the year.

The proposal that has progressed the most at this point is the GAR Commemorative Coins. We have drafted legislation that will authorize the United States Mint to issue silver, gold and platinum coins to commemorate the Grand Army of the Republic. These coins are issued with a surcharge that is distributed in accordance with the legislation. The fly in the ointment is a requirement that the non-profit organization receiving the funds provide matching funds. We stand to gain approximately \$10 million from the sale of these coins that would be restricted to the maintenance and restoration of monuments to the Grand Army if we can find the matching funds. We are currently seeking US Representatives and Senators to shepherd this legislation through Congress.

Second, is the issuance of a United States Commemorative stamp to honor the GAR. A letter is being prepared to the Stamp Advisor Committee with the supporting information. A sample letter and petition to support the issuance of this stamp will be forthcoming in an issue of the Banner. It is hoped all Brothers will express their support for this stamp to the appropriate authorities.

Third, we are proposing that the GAR Records committee, each camp and department make a concerted effort to locate and identify all the extant GAR records. There is no better way we can “keep green the memory” of the GAR than to complete this project by 2016. To this end Brother James Lyons of Michigan, a member of this Committee and the GAR Records Committee has developed two documents which are included as part of this report. The first is an outline of what we information we need to collect and the second is a “where we are, where we need to go” presentation. There are several recommendations included with these documents.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

G. A. R. Post Records Project

Our Congressional Charter states in Section 3. “The purpose of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to

assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members;...” (Emphasis added)

The second of the several purposes given to us by the Congress of the United States in 1954 lays out the project for this Committee. The following outline will highlight the means by which we can accomplish this important task.

1. What are we searching for?

A. The records of Department Headquarters. Posts were required to file reports with this office on a regular basis making note of membership changes and financial activities. Applications to form new Posts and their establishment (Muster Reports) are found here.

B. Records and Proceedings of Annual Department Encampments.

C. Individual Post Records, most of which are “one of a kind” records for each Post. Examples would include Descriptive Books, Minute Books, Memorial Books, Applications for Membership, correspondence and related materials.

D. Post Charters.

E. Noting and making a record of their meeting places.

F. Photos relating to Posts and their activities.

G. Post flags.

2. Where do we look?

A. Start with the State Archives and State Library in the respective states.

B. Check the holdings of major colleges and universities libraries and/or archives, as well as the local history collections of community libraries.

C. Check the holdings of Museums and local historical and genealogical societies.

D. Check with local American Legion and VFW Posts. Many of these groups stayed on in the G.A.R. Hall after the G.A.R. had disbanded. Occasionally the Civil War soldiers left their records in the Hall and the successor organization moved them when they moved or built new larger facilities.

E. A check with the local D.A.R Chapter, if there is one, might prove fruitful. Occasionally the Post left their records in their care because they were interested in history.

F. Getting the word out in the community will often turn up material that is privately held by descendants of the Post members.

3. What do we do when we find something?

A. Make a list of what is found and its location.

B. Copy the material found, either by photo copying (providing the materials are sound enough) or using a digital camera with high resolution and definition.

C. Develop a log of what facilities have been checked and the results, to avoid duplicating effort.

D. Transcribe the records into electronic format. This will make it easier to read and share. Create a CD as a backup and a vehicle to share material

E. Develop a data base of G.A.R. Post members. This will provide easy access to individual records, Post listings and officer rosters.

4. How do we organize to get this done?

A. Form a committee with a Chairman (G.A.R. Records Officer), a vice-Chairman, (a potential replacement for the Chairman, if needed) and five members, or more if needed. Each member would have a specific responsibility. One could keep track of progress and list on a master chart all repositories visited county by county. Another could be responsible for developing the record keeping system of records found. Another could be responsible for developing data base programs as needed. Another could coordinate the efforts of transcribers and what materials they are working to complete.

B. The second line of help would be from the Camps. Volunteers from Camps could survey the repositories in their area. This could save a lot of chasing around for a few folks. If they get into something that needs equipment or skills not available, locally, then someone from the Committee could assist.

C. The third leg on this structure would be a pool of volunteers who would do the transcribing from the copies made of the original material.

Some conclusions and random thoughts.

This outline is intended to be a starting point. We can add or remove any of these parts as needed, but should discuss all points thoroughly. Some points will need to be expanded and their application defined more precisely.

It might be unreasonable to expect everyone to fall into “lock step” on all points in the program because circumstances and availability of records may vary from place to place. Our primary purpose is to establish some guidelines and let the program develop over time. We may get to the point where we have enough material, in enough places, so that we may wish to develop a “National” format for presenting this material to the public on a combined basis.

The practice with regard to transcribing Minutes and other records should be to do a literal transcription. We should not make corrections for spelling, punctuation or sentence structure. We need to let the record speak for itself in the form in which it was created.

The business of making copies of materials when found covers two basic points. First the copy presents a view of the appearance of the original document. Secondly, the copies provide material to be transcribed without placing additional wear and tear on the original. The original can always be consulted in the event that the copy is not clear on some points.

One concluding thought comes forward. It is important that we establish with the holders of these materials that the SUVCW has a continuing interest in and concern for the preservation of these documents. In the event that this material, in their collection, should ever become “surplus” and it is necessary to dispose of them, that they contact the SUVCW before taking such action. We should stand ready to accept them into our care under any circumstance and establish the means of providing care for this material.

PROJECT STATUS

The listings posted on our National web page were provided in 2000 through the work of Brother Jeff Hennigfield. These lists were based largely on the material in History of the Easel-Shaped Monument and a Key to the Principles and Objects of the Grand Army of the Republic and its Co-Workers by J. W. Carnahan, published in Chicago in 1893.

In the year 2000 there were additions made to 37 of these state lists but only three other notations have been made since that time, the most recent in 2003. The Michigan list now includes extensive annotation regarding name changes, multiple use of Post numbers, information on Post names and years of operation.

A number of Departments have developed their own list of Posts for their State and posted them on their

Department web site. The styles and formats vary from place to place, but most provide the critical information researchers would seek.

Several Departments are developing listings of Post Members, again in a variety of formats. A few are posting minutes that have been transcribed.

A number of States have provided postings of G.A.R. Posts in a variety of formats including a straight numerical listing, and alphabetical listing by community name and a listing by county. These groups are variously identified as “State name” in the Civil War, or sites related to the Genweb program. Many contain information about specific Posts or counties in their state.

Only seven Departments list a G.A.R. Records Officer, the balance do not have anyone designated to lead this effort in the Department. Only a few Departments have posted their own efforts to develop a listing of Posts for their state. They include, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska and New Jersey.

Several of the Departments having neither a G.A.R. Records Officer nor a list posted do provide “links” to other sites presenting this type of material. Included in this group are Illinois, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma, Vermont and Wisconsin. Some include links to State Libraries, Archives or Historical Societies having G.A.R. Department Headquarters files. In South Dakota the list of Posts included the membership rolls of each Post.

FOCUS for 2008

The material presented above, in broad general terms, points the direction for our work in the next year to kick things into a higher gear.

The first thing we need to do is get those Departments without a Brother assigned this responsibility to get on board and adopt a program to accomplish our most important objective as highlighted in our Congressional Charter.

Encouragement needs to be given to those Departments already working on the project with all the help and encouragement we can muster.

We need to focus on the basic concept that the listing of the Posts is a “TOOL” to lead us to search locations rather than an end in itself.

Rather than wasting time and energy trying to “reinvent the wheel” we need to accept the work already

under way in its present form instead of trying to force folks to rework what they already have done into a “standard” format. These people have worked hard on developing the approach they are using and we could stir up a lot of resistance if we try to tell them they must redo everything. It certainly is appropriate for us to suggest some refinements or improvements but we should not insist on wholesale change.

RECOMMENDATIONS PART I

1. Suggest that we rework the structure of our page on the National Web Site. Suggest that on the map link that we provide options rather than just the Henningfield list. As someone clicks on the State, the display brought up should include choices of the full information on that state available from all sources.

For example: the choice would provide the Henningfield list; a list developed by another organization, (that list may include other information not on our lists); any material posted on the Department site (Membership list, transcribed minutes and other material); the address of repositories where G.A.R. records are housed in that state (Libraries, Archives Universities).

Thus, someone looking for information on the G.A.R. in a given state would be directed to all resource sites from one location.

As things stand presently they may look at our page and then move on rather than browse through a variety of other places to find more material in Department sites or in the section on additional material. Many would not know to dig that deeply in the various locations where this material is placed on our site now.

Material generated and posted on Department sites should stay there, but it should be linked to the National Project page so that when you click on a state you have the option of opening all of the material we have found and made available.

Call it one stop shopping!

2. Suggest that a three member sub-committee of web site specialists be appointed to scour cyberspace and do the updating of this site in cooperation with the National Webmaster. It would also be able to review the listings periodically to make sure that all links are current and operational.

Conclusion

I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in this process this year. I hope that the contributions I have offered will be helpful in realizing the important work we have set out to accomplish.

Fourth, The Committee has begun exploring what additional activities we can conduct to commemorate the founding of the GAR. One suggestion is to impose upon the Department of Illinois to host the 2016 National Encampment. The other is to sponsor an event on or near 6 April 2016 in Decatur, Illinois. If a commemorative stamp is issued this is the most likely first day of issue and the location. Further, we need to engage our sister organizations in these activities. Hopefully, with enough advance planning we can manage to have all five (5) Allied Orders of the GAR meet in Illinois for our respective national encampments. If Decatur does not have sufficient hotel space, then we can move to Springfield.

This is an ongoing effort and we welcome suggestions from all Brothers and Sisters. If we do not spearhead this effort the anniversary of the founding of the GAR will pass with little notice. It is our obligation as Brothers of the SUVCW and as the heirs to the GAR to do all in our power to “keep green the memory” of our forefathers. If we do not, no one will.

RECOMMENDATIONS PART II

- 1. We pursue the commemorative coins.**
- 2. We pursue the commemorative stamp**
- 3. We ask the other Allied Orders to join us in a commemorative event on or about 6 April 2016**

Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument Committee Adam Gaines, Chairman

The Committee has written letters to both Pennsylvania Senators requesting \$1.5 million. It has narrowed down possible sites where the monument could be erected. We've narrowed it down to Kingston, Ottawa or Windsor. It's has come different designs and ideas for different materials that could be used in the building of the monument. We've studied the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice to see how the best way to build our monument would be. We've gotten two new members of the Committee, CoA member Daniel Murray, PDC and Russell J. Wunker.

National Graves Registration Committee

Bob Lowe - Chairman

James Davenport – (CO/WY)

Mahlon Erickson – (OK)

Rick Danes – (MI)

Franklin Haley - (MA)

Harold Slavik – (OR)

Bruce Frail – (RI)

It has again been an honor and privilege to serve as the National Graves Registration Chair and work on this important project. Due to my increased and continuing health situation, I find that I can no longer fulfill my duties as NGRO. Therefore on June 1, 2008, I asked CinC Kuhn to relieve me and appoint a new NGRO. My resignation was

accepted and James Davenport PDC (Co/WY) was appointed as National Graves Registration Officer (see GO#19). Please accept my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and kindness shown me over the past four years. It is my hope that the same treatment be accorded to Jim Davenport, particularly during this period of transition.

The National Graves Registration Database has been online (www.suvcwdb.org) since 22 February 2005 and, with the exception of a 24-hour period in early 2007 due to a submarine cable break during an earthquake, has operated flawlessly since its inception. It continues to receive enthusiastic approval by both our members and the general public. Not only can one search the database by any number of search criteria, but those with approved “submitter accounts” may enter registrations for approval via their home computer. Although inactive or little used submitter accounts are purged on a quarterly basis, there are 600-700 accounts active at any given time which require management. The public area of the database website has averaged over 4400 visits per month since its inception. As of the date of this report, there are 472,132 records in the national database with a continuing average increase of 120 approved new registrations per day. This number is an increase of 40,302 registrations since July 2005. Each of these new registrations passes an automatic duplication check and CW service is verified by this committee before being inserted into the database. Attached is a tabulation of registrations by State/Country that have been and are currently contained in the national database. Beyond the “submitter account” method of registration, email and postal service mail is also received. In the past year, over 10.5K emails have required action and response. When registrations are received by regular mail, each submitter receives an email or postal card indicating the action taken and our appreciation. When available, headstone photos have been scanned and saved to a separate file by the National GRO and reference to these photos made in the “misc info” field of the registration. If requested, a photo can be transmitted to an interested party via email attachment. Currently, we have captured 1396 photos for our file with several hundred yet to be entered.

Certificates of Appreciation - Approved by the 123rd National Encampment, a recognition program for exceptional contribution to the graves registration project was established in the form of a Certificate of Appreciation. On 5 June 2008, thirty-six certificates were prepared and mailed along with a letter of appreciation to the following recipients;

Bros. James Davenport (CO/WY)	Frank Haley (MA)
Mahlon Erickson (OR)	Gary Scheel (MO)
Harold Slavik (OR)	William Stark (OH)
Tim Beckman (IN)	Charles Beal (CA/Pac)
Virgil Matz (WI)	Larry Collins (OH)
Kent Dorr (OH)	Blair Tarr (KS)
Bruce Frail (RI)	Danny Hinton (OH)
Allan McKenney (ID)	Steve Twining (MA)
John Eger (IN)	William Fischer Jr (OH)
Don Black (IA)	Don Jager (WI)
Richard Danes (MI)	Garland Pilliar (WA)
John G. Hall (VA)	Kyle Conrad (IN)
Len Thomas (MI)	Todd Myers (CO)
Thomas Mauer (MN)	Michael Lannigan (RI)
Harold Myers (PA)	Robert Wandel (KS)

and six non-members:

Fred Otto	Judy Juntunen
Rosemary Lowe	Deborah Kaess
Lee Ann Teller	Rodney Sawyer

The above thirty-five people accounted for over 49,000 new registrations to the database and deserve our thanks.

National Cemetery Inclusion - The 123rd National Encampment directed that National Cemeteries shall be included in the National Graves Registration Database. Work to include the National Cemeteries, which was already in progress, continues and has accelerated this year. Success and management of the database would have been most difficult without the extraordinary dedication of the entire National Graves Registration Committee. They deserve the thanks of all of us. It would be near impossible to list all of the Brothers that have contributed to this project and continue to do so, but my thanks go out to them as well.

Recommendations: No recommendations at this time.

Ebay Surveillance Team

Dan Meehan, Chairman

Since my last report I have started to see a decline in the sale of GAR Markers on Ebay. Either sellers are finding out about this or ebay is finally taken some needed action.

Over the past few months items from various G.A.R. Posts have been listed, I would like to see Departments active in either trying to contact the seller or bidding on these items so they can be returned. When I find an item I send the seller information and also try to contact someone from the

committee. On behalf of the Commander in Chief and the Order, they attended Allied Order meetings, conferences, department and camp functions and participated in Civil War events throughout the year. We would like to thank the number of brothers who reported Allied Orders activities this year.

The committee's strategy was to assist the CIC wherever possible, accomplish the goals and objectives of the committee, spread the word about our Order and demonstrate a congenial approach to relationships through the Allied Orders. For the most part we were successful.

During the year our committee did the following:

- (a) Brought greetings from the CIC to various Allied Orders' functions.
- (b) Provided the CIC with a calendar of events and updated the calendar
- (c) Made contact with and distributed information on our Order to the Allied Orders, Military Order of Stars and Bars, American Legion, Order of the Confederate Rose, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam War Veterans, Veterans Councils, reenactment groups, Civil War Round Tables, National Parks Service, West Coast Civil War Conference and several Friends of Battlefield Organizations.

Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee

Ed Krieser, Chairman

SUVCW Lincoln Tomb
Observance Committee

MOLLUS Death Day
Observance Committee

Edward J. Krieser, PCinC Chairman
Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain
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Ronald E. Clark, PDC
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Gordon R. Bury, PCinC
Douglas R. Niemeyer, PCinC
Jeffrey C. Burdem, Chancellor-in-Chief

The 52nd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in association with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, recorded 37 organizations that planned to present commemorative wreaths. The State House Inn, 101 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois served as the Headquarters Hotel for the ceremony.

The Fourth (4th) Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Commanded by Major Jack Grothe, served as the Military Escort for the ceremony. The various military units that attended formed up and marched from the parking area to the Lincoln Tomb. Elements of the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band provided appropriate music during the march. The colors were posted at 10:00 AM followed by the Invocation given by National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski. The National Anthem was played by the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band and a brief Welcoming Address was given by PCinC Edward J. Krieser. Brief addresses were given by Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn Jr., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Commander-in-Chief Karl F. Schaeffer, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

A luncheon followed the ceremony at THE INN AT 835 located at 835 South Second Street in Springfield at 12:00 noon. Following the luncheon, PCinC Ed Krieser served as Toastmaster and introduced Bruce Allardice, scholar, author and Civil War Round Table President as the guest speaker.

National Communication and Technology Committee

Ken L. Freshley, PDC, Chair

Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

Richard D. Orr, PCinC

Bob Roscoe (Aide)

Kent A. Peterson PinC

Eric Schmincke, PDC (Aide)

This report will cover the tasks that were charged to the Committee.

New SUVCW Database System

Upon many hours of investigation and many emails, the Committee, as of the ending date of July 15, 2008, has determined that the creation of an all encompassing "Database System" that would include the following databases; The Graves Registration database, the SUVCW Membership database, the Monuments and Memorials database, and the GAR Records Database, **is not** a feasible project for the SUVCW organization to take on.

The reasoning for this decision is as follows:

- + First and foremost, is the cost of the hardware and software that will be required to bring this project to fruition. The SUVCW is not in the position as we are **not** a retail business and do not have a continuous SUBSTANTIAL amount of revenue to fund this project. Especially, with the future costs needed for upgrading the hardware and software.
- + In addition to the hardware and software costs, there are the costs of the needed personnel to design and maintain this new "Database System", which would be a constantly and demanding job, if not a full time position(s), basically we would need our own IT department to manage the network, server(s), internet and databases.
- + The idea of "outsourcing" this project to a vendor that would be responsible for the dedicated hardware and database software, was discussed and it still would be a very expensive annual cost to the Order. There is still the issue of needing "full time" people to create and manage the Databases and input the information. So we do **NOT** recommend the "outsourcing" option.
- + The last option that was discussed is the option of "partnering" with another group to share resources. This option still needs to be investigated in great detail. If this option is selected, it is our recommendation that our Membership Database is done in-house and not included in the partnering solution.

Interactive Membership Form Project

This project was deferred to the National Communications & Technology Committee and the National Programs and Policies Committee, the discussions are still continuing as we have encountered some conflicts that need to be resolved before this project can continue.

Recommendations:

1. Develop an in-house SUVCW Membership Database
 - a. Work with the Membership Committee and determine what type of information are they looking to put in it ? What database Fields?
 - b. Have the Communications & Technology Committee fully investigate this and report our recommendations at the next National Encampment.
2. Continue the investigation of partnering with another group for the New Database System for the Graves Registration database, the Monuments and Memorials database, and the GAR Records Database.
 - a. Have the other committees, re-submit their “business plans” and database field requirements as we have only received one so far.
 - b. Present the results of the investigations and report our recommendations on this project at the next National Encampment.
3. Continue the work on the Interactive Membership form project.
 - a. Work with appropriate Committees to re-visit this project and work through some of the stumbling blocks that were encountered.
 - b. Report back to the next National encampment with the committees recommendation.

National Encampment Site Committee

James Houston, PDC, Chairman

We are pleased to report the status of future National Encampment sites:

2009 Encampment, Executive West Hotel (Crowne Plaza), Louisville, KY—August 13-16, 2009. The 2009 Encampment in Kentucky will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln in the State. The hotel for the Encampment is the Crowne Plaza at 830 Phillips Lane, adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of Interstates 264 and 65. Currently the site operates as Executive West Hotel, however the property, under the same ownership, is being rebranded as Crowne Plaza and is undergoing a major renovation to be completed in the 4th Qtr. 2008. There is no change in our contract with them. Our group hotel rate starts at \$91.00 for the traditional guestroom. Room reservations can currently be made by calling the hotel at 1-800-626-2708 and indicating that you are with the Allied Orders of the GAR. Alternatively, you can go to the their website: www.executivewest.com and make reservations using the group code: 398093. The Kentucky Host Committee is moving forward on plans that incorporate the Lincoln Bicentennial theme. Among those plans are a visit to Abraham Lincoln's birthplace at Hodgenville, KY and his boyhood home at Knob Creek. Keith Karcher, PDC, Department of Kentucky, chairs the Local Host Committee. Email: key4k@aol.com.

2010 Encampment, Overland Park Marriott, Overland Park, KS – August 12-15, 2010The 2010 Encampment will be held at the Overland Park Marriott, 10800 Metcalf Ave., 13 miles south of Kansas City, KS. Our group room rate will be \$99.00 for a standard room. Encampment information will be included on the Department of Kansas website at: www.suvcwks.org under 2010 National Encampment. This Encampment will represent the first time a S.U.V.C.W or G.A.R. Encampment has been held in the State of Kansas. Jim Knopke, PDC, Department of Kansas, chairs the Local Host Committee. Email: jknopke@everestkc.net.

2011 and Beyond - We continue to encourage Departments to consider applying for the honor of hosting a National Encampment. It is important that the Committee know a Department's interest so we can maintain communication. We are available to meet with interested Departments during National Encampments. Between Encampments, Departments should contact me directly. In this way, we can provide information to be included in the written proposal and answer questions arising. It should be noted that the Committee decides on a host for a National Encampment based on an evaluation of the general proposal submitted as well as a review of the proposed physical facilities and personnel capabilities. Decision is not generally made more than three years out. The Committee has set October 1, 2008 as a tentative decision date for determining the host of the 2011 National Encampment.

From past correspondence, Departments advising the Committee of future interest are: 2011 – Maryland, Rhode Island, 2012 – California/Pacific, and 2013 – New York, Missouri. In addition, the following have indicated interest, but have not indicated specific years: Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and New Jersey. However, interest can change. None of the Departments indicated above have yet submitted proposals for 2011.

Real Sons & Real Daughters Committee

Dean E. Letzring, PDC, Chairman

1. The Real Sons & Real Daughters Committee is charged with maintaining a listing of those Real Children of our Union Veterans. The population of these Sons and Daughters grows less and less each year as their in an age group now of 90s and 100s. Occasionally a previously unknown is added to the listing. All information as it is accumulated is passed on to the Webmaster for posting. It is now more prevalent that we note the passing of a Real Son or Real Daughter. That being said our committee has not received any such news in the past few months. A number of deaths were noted in late 2007 and earlier this year. All Reported Deaths as of this date have been posted on the Website.
2. Our committee has members in several states that maintain a lookout for information about the status of Real Children. These individuals are all members of the SUV. Some have had Real Sons as members of their local Camps. An example was the reported passing of Onnie Mitchell who died on September 19, 2007. He was a member of the Brooks-Grant Camp #7 in Middleport, OH. His father was Cager Mitchell, Pvt. Co. M. 7th WV Cavalry.

For additional information we also keep up with any notices that may appear in periodicals or newspapers such as the Civil War Courier.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the service and friendship over many past months of Sarah Anderson of Selmer, Tennessee. Sarah is a devoted DUV member who has any number of contacts in the DUV Tents including personal relationships with Real Daughters who were members of DUV Tents.

National Military Affairs Committee

Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, Chairman

1. BG David V. Medert reported to the Committee that he was retiring from the Post of Commander of the SVR effective November 2007. He recommended Col. Robert E. Grim, Deputy Commander, SVR be promoted to Brigadier General and be Commander of the SVR. The Committee approved and requested the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW approve the change, which he did. The change of Command was held at the Remembrance Day Breakfast.

In March 2008 BG Grim contacted the NMAC stating there was a group of SVR members who would like to start an SVR Naval Unit. After much discussion by e-mail, we authorized an addition of protocol for Naval and Marine Corps Units within the SVR. These will be submitted to the Encampment in the new Regulations for their approval.

On July 2, 2008, BG Grim sent me an e-mail stating there were a number of changes he would like to see in the SVR Regulations. He e-mailed a copy with changes highlighted after which I forward a copy to all the Committee members. After many e-mails and a few additions, the Committee approved them to be sent to the National Chief of Staff for printing and distribution at National.

The SVR continued to increase in membership during BG Medert's command from 1164 members in 2007 to 1313 members in 2008.

Department of New Jersey Daniel J. Lynch

This past year has been one of great satisfaction for the New Jersey Department. I became commander on June 7th and I look forward to continuous growth and achievement.

Last year our department has grown to 7 camps with the addition of the Sgt. Hiram W. Pursell Camp # 104. New Jersey now has the following camps: Garfield Camp # 4, Francine Camp # 7, Lyon Camp # 10, Custer Camp # 17, Ellsworth Camp # 32, Lincoln n Camp # 100 and Pursell Camp # 104.

Our membership has increased from 268 in 2007 to 320 in 2008. At this time Custer Camp # 17 is actively pursuing the formation of another camp in the northernmost part of the state and the progress is going well.

Unfortunately, along with our growth we lost 5 members. They passed away and their dedication, knowledge and love of our history will be missed deeply. They had been very active and their contributions were numerous.

Our camps are very active in Civil War living history both in schools and on the field. Some camps are active in up to 6 events a year. This I believe is where our biggest recruitment base is achieved. The school presentations are especially gratifying when we see the response that we get from both students and teachers.

Our department Eagle Scout Program is also well received from all who are involved. In 2006-2007 we processed 166 certificates and in 2007-2008 we processed 184. At the present time we currently processing anther 56 applications that recently arrived. As you can see this program has been a success.

In conjunction with this, we also have an ROTC program, which has been warmly received by its participants.

Our dept is deeply involved in the Mid-Atlantic Region Association (MARA). New Jersey, along with the Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania Departments, has formed a consortium to conduct workshops in order to enhance our departments in every aspect of the SUVCW - recruiting, retaining members, revitalizing camps & cataloging monuments and cannons. Many other items discussed can only help to keep the SUVCW a vibrant and active organization.

We have a museum in our department, which is second to none. This depository of the New Jersey Grand Army of The Republic is taken care of by the Garfield Camp # 4 at the Lawrenceville Armory. When I walk into this museum, it is like taking a walk back into time.

We have a vibrant Ladies Auxiliary, which is attached to the Lyon Camp # 10. The Cornelia Hancock auxiliary # 10 has done much to enhance and assist Lyon Camp and their work presence is a great benefit to the department on whole.

This year the members of the George Armstrong Custer Camp # 17 dedicated a new monument in South Plainfield to 5 Civil War veterans. Custer Camp has celebrated its 10th anniversary this year and is looking forward to many more.

The Francine Camp has put in many miles attending events throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They were involved in events at Gettysburg, Fort Mott, Hammonton, Estelle Manor Park, Mullica Hill, Batsto and the Gar Museum in Philadelphia.

In June of 2008, vandals destroyed two 40" tall "Billy Yank were at the Camp Stockton Memorial in Woodbury, NJ that had been there since 2005. The vandals had pushed the two soldiers off their base cracking their fee and the base in the process. The damage to the bottom parts of the statues was complete and irreparable. The cost for the statue is approximately \$280.00 apiece. Francine Camp's future plans call for replacing them. Future plans may also include a security camera being placed at the monument. Francine Camp. This is all being done in conjunction with the cement company who built the monument.

The Custer Camp attended events in South Plainfield, Memorial Day events in Fairview, Hillside, and Holy Sepulcher cemeteries. We also attended the Asbury Park Monument parade. We were present at the 2008 Park Press Park-Woodbridge event, the Irish Festival at Sea Girt, the Stafford Township Heritage Day in Manahawkin, and the Manalapan Library Archive Day. We also were present at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

In addition to the above activities our Department of New Jersey website continues to grow and makes available to both SUV members and the general public research information on Civil War veterans and GAR members. A link to the General Nathaniel Lyon website (www.lyoncamp.org) will bring you to the Department GAR database. This is composed of:

1. A listing of all known locations of New Jersey GAR records. There are almost 60 records listed from 30 different GAR Posts as well as New Jersey Department of the GAR records. Record types include Personal War Sketch books, Descriptive books, Post rosters, Minute books and Original Post Charters.
2. A listing of New Jersey GAR members. We now know the names of over 10,500 New Jersey GAR members from almost every Post in the State. 1,052 new names are currently being added to the site with the latest updates.
3. A listing of all known New Jersey GAR posts by name, number and location with a reference as to when they were in existence. This listing also gives a count of members in each post for each year along with the number of Posts in existence that year.
4. A new subject being developed is a listing of any known Auxiliary's to the GAR including their affiliation to a Post when known. This list will also list any names gathered during the research. Research is continuing.

The 2007-2008 period has been one of great satisfaction with what we have accomplished and our brothers have shown an enthusiasm that reflects our history. We are proud of our ancestors and we will continue to keep their memories alive.

Department of California & Pacific

Jerry Sayre, Commander

I am pleased to report that the Department of California & Pacific still leads the way with 13 of 15 camps reporting. Here is a Camp by Camp breakdown

Camp 2: In Apr, Placed 2 Headstones (1 Confederate, 1 Union) in Lancaster, CA – May 26 held Memorial event #1 Altadena, May 30 held event #2, #3 Long Beach, Wilmington. Members of the camp lobbied CA legislature for a CA Commission for Lincoln's 200 Birthday and the sesquicentennial of the CW. Plans for the future include a new Ladies Auxiliary, refurbishing GAR Memorial at Bellevue Cemetery. They continue to assist with the restoration of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall, and planning of the 2012 National Encampment.

Camp 4: Camp 4 hosted our first 5 Camp event at Ft Point, at the San Francisco Presidio. They held several Memorial Day Events, 2 re-enactments, and were participants in the 4th of July Parade in Redwood City.

Camp 9: Held 8 event

Camp 10: held several w/ Camps 22, 9. Camp 10 will Host event at Monterey Presidio

Camp 12: (our Multi State Camp) Members of the Camp went to UT to give a CW class, gave similar classes in 28 NV Schools. They hosted re-enact in Pahrump, NV. Camp 12 hosted a 3-camp event to raise funds for future projects. They are working w/ Camp 25 to restore NV State Mental Hospital Cemetery, where many Union veterans are buried. They still have ongoing work in research and headstone replacement projects at St Mary's Cemetery in Ventura, CA

Camp 17: They held 12 events, many w/ Camp21 – They are doing research & paperwork for future replacements of 15 headstones. They head the committee for the 2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles.

Camp 21: They were represented in 13 events w/ Camps17, 2, 4, 10, including 8 Memorial Day events during May 26 – 30 Projects for the future – restore Mortar at Mt Hope Cemetery in San Diego.

Camp 22: They held 7 events (several joint) including 2 headstones replacements.

Camp 23: This Camp held several School Programs, and participated in 3 Memorial Day Events

Camp 24: Along with camp 22, held 7 events (several joint) include 2 headstone replacements.

Camp 25: This Northern NV Camp held 8 events (3 on Memorial Day). They will be working jointly with Camp 12 on NV State Mental Hospital Cemetery.

Camp 26: Reported little, but are still active. They held several School classes in Northernmost CA.

Camp 28: This is our youngest camp, and they still held 3 Memorial Day Events.

So, as you can see, we are still very active. Our Camps have dozens of ongoing projects. As a Department, we have several large projects in the works, including planning for the 2012 National Encampment that we hope to have approved. Doing it all for the "Boys in Blue"

Department of New Hampshire

Dan Meehan, Commander

This being my second year as Dept. Commander for the Dept. of NH, I am happy to report that the Major McKinley Camp # 9 SUVCW in Lebanon, NH has been instituted making this the 7th Camp in NH. The camp meetings are held within the historic G.A.R. Hall.

Over the past year all camps have been busy either attending or organizing veteran, patriotic or memorial services and presentations.

With the formation of the NH Encampment Committee our Dept. Encampments have seen a better attendance and with the return of the Friday Night Camp Fire the committee has organized a spectacular program for the public.

The Dept. also has a Remembrance Committee, which is now working on November's Remembrance Day Ceremony to be held Nov. 15 at the Tuck Library in Concord, NH. This is free and open to the public with attendance growing every year.

The Dept. is also looking into starting a program for Union Defenders Day.

Department of Maryland (DC, DE, MD, VA, & WV)

Commander Neil Hanlon

Here are some MD Department highlights from August 07 to August 08:

Chartered new camp in Buckhannon, WV - Buckhannon Camp #49.

In November 2007 members of seven different camps participated in the Remembrance Day celebration and attended the Special Encampment.

Department members dedicated or rededicated headstones on two different graves of brothers who fell in the Civil War.

The department rewrote our by-laws.

The department encampment was held in Baltimore and the induction of new officers was held at historic Hull memorial Church, the only church in the country dedicated to the GAR.

Department Officers organized, addressed and otherwise participated in the May 30th Memorial Day observation at Arlington Cemetery

The Department of Maryland joined with the Department of Pennsylvania at the Author and Artist Tent during festivities in Gettysburg on the 4th of July weekend..

The Department is striving to add a couple of new camps in the state of Maryland. One, the Sgt James H. Harris #38 is in the application stage.

The Department Commander has appointed a committee formed by the Irish Brigade and Lincoln Cushing camps to prepare for the Department's sesquicentennial celebration.

The cause célèbre for this Commander is to stimulate incentives for all brothers in the department to look for new and free avenues to pick up new members for their camp. So far five different sample promotion ideas have been emailed for Camp Commander's examination. This Commander will follow through with a Commander's Creative Citation in the form of a limited edition lithograph prize that will be awarded to the best effort shown by an individual for each camp participating.

Department of Nebraska

Commander Norm Weber

Camp Elections for Shiloh, Harrison, and Vifquain completed in January.

A late winter department meeting was held in Fremont to review the year to date and prepare for the April State encampment.

In February a Gettysburg Address ceremony was held at the State Capitol Building. The SVR Rangers posted guard at President Lincoln's statue on the Capitol grounds.

The eighth annual Department Encampment was held April 26th in Fremont. The location will be the Historic Love-Larson Opera House from 9:00 to 3:00. This meeting site was shared with the Nebraska DUVCW. Visits were exchanged and a luncheon was enjoyed by the Sons, Daughters and guests. Fremont's Mayor Don Edwards made a welcoming statement to both groups. Brother James Hanby, Council of Administration, served as encampment advisor and installed the new officers. This encampment was the 65th anniversary of the last GAR encampment in Nebraska in 1943. It was hosted by the Fremont Pathfinder Hotel and was attended by Nebraska's last three GAR members.

Department awards were presented to; Bro. Bill Dean – exception service, Claire Mare –memory of the GAR, Bro. Paul Hadley – recruiting new brothers, Shiloh Camp – most new members and greatest percentage increase in membership.

Headstone dedications for Civil War veterans were held in Wabash and Beaver City on the Saturday and Sunday Memorial Day

A rededication ceremony for the Civil War Soldiers Monument in Elmwood's City Cemetery was held on Memorial Day. Matching funds were received from the National Civil War Memorials committee. Memorial Day ceremonies were attended by SUVCW Brothers in Lincoln's Wyuka Park, Omaha's Laurel Hills Cemetery and Forest Lawn Cemetery and Wisner's and Pilger's cemetery services.

Headstone dedications are scheduled in conjunction with West Point's 150th celebration. On Saturday July 5th ceremonies will be held for Cuming Counties last Civil War Veteran who died in 1930, Pvt. Ferdinand Scheibe and for Pvt. Joseph Kreinert. The SVR unit will march in the parade at 2:00 and conduct a living history camp in the Fairgrounds for 3:00 to 5:00. A headstone dedication is scheduled for Tilden's Prairie Days Celebration on Saturday, July 26th and for Inmann for early September

The department continues to work on the restoration of two original cannons from Ft. Jefferson, Florida that are presently memorials in the Hermosa, S.D. memorial cemetery.

A GAR memorial in Madison's Memorial Cemetery is being refurbished with a new plaque and a dedication ceremony is planned as part of next years Memorial Day activities

SVR Unit, Nebraska Rangers has grown to twenty-six members for the 2008 activity year. The Department has established a goal of doubling its membership as part of Abraham Lincoln's 200th celebration.

Department of Pennsylvania Commander John M. McNulty

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn and Brothers assembled at the 128th National Encampment:

I was installed as Commander of the Pennsylvania Department at 11:34 A.M., Saturday, June 21, 2008 during the 128th Department Encampment at Ligonier, PA.

While I cannot fully report on the Department during the administration of my predecessor, I am happy to report that Brother Lee F. Walters PDC turned the Pennsylvania Department over to me in fine condition. Pennsylvania's Brothers have been active in a multitude of ways in fulfilling our mission to perpetuate the memory of the Boys in Blue and the Grand Army of the Republic. Cannon tubes have been reclaimed, monuments restored, and countless living history programs have been presented to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Department's annual Lincoln Day Luncheon was hosted in Bethlehem, PA by Joel Searfoss Camp # 273, Bangor, PA. The Appomattox Day Luncheon was hosted in Scranton, PA by Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp # 8, Scranton, PA

Two major, long term projects, both in Scranton, PA, deserve special note. The restoration of the Lackawanna County Civil War Memorial, second largest Civil War monument in the Commonwealth, was completed early this year and the monument was re-dedicated during the Department's Appomattox Day celebration in April. That same day, Pennsylvania's Brothers and Sisters were treated to a tour of the Scranton G.A.R. Museum's new facility and the new headquarters for Camp # 8, Auxiliary # 10, and Tent # 50 all located in Scranton's City Hall.

In the 12 days of my administration, to date, the Officers of the Pennsylvania Department have been organizing for what promises to be another productive year. Several monument restoration projects are in progress. The local organizations of the Allied Orders in Scranton are building a new monument to Abraham Lincoln, honoring his 200th Birthday. The Department is organizing a Lincoln Bicentennial Banquet to be held at a major site in Philadelphia. The organization of three new Camps is also in progress in Mt. Jackson, Lawrence County, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, and Somerset, Somerset County. I anticipate that we will install these new Camps in the very near future.

Department of Ohio

Craig W. Keller, Commander

The Dept. of Ohio had another prosperous year in '07-'08. 2, 343 new Ohio burials were registered on the National database, giving us a total of 53, 569. 70 Eagle Scout certificates were issued and 797 groups of G.A.R. Post records in Ohio have been located. The annual Buffington Island ceremony was well represented by our department again this past year and two "Last Union Veterans" ceremonies were held in both Chillicothe and Cincinnati.

In addition, a bylaws committee was formed to make changes to coincide with the National C & R and our Monuments & Memorials Committee disbursed a \$300 check to our camp in Dayton, to help erect a monument.

We lost four brothers due to death and lost membership of 61 brothers, but gained 51 new brothers, which gives us a total of 434. We have 29 total life members and two brothers currently serving in a combat zone.

Currently we are assisting in the organization of a new Camp in Kenton, OH.

We look forward to another prosperous year.

Department of Illinois

Steven Westlake, Commander

Activities and projects from past commander Stuart Stefany: \$6,325 has been collected toward a goal of \$8,200 for the monument at Allatoona Pass in Georgia. A tentative date for the dedication is October 4, 2008.

Met with IL State Representative Eddie Washington to discuss support for building the Fort Donelson Memorial, discussion were inconclusive.

Sculpted a new bronze medallion of the Bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. We plan to sell these to raise fund for monument restoration.

Completed the restoration of the Civil War soldiers monument in Springfield, thanks to the efforts of Brother Joe Hutchinson. A rededication ceremony took place May 25.

The city of Aurora has set aside \$750,000 to restore the GAR hall, and work has begun.

A SUVCW ceremony was held in honor of fallen Brother PCC Keith Zandy at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.

Officiated at the Dept of Illinois installation and awards dinner Jan. 26. Three new brothers were initiated. Presented bronze medallion to IL State Representative Frank Coladipietro for his help in the US12 Highway project.

Attended the preview opening of the Kenosha Civil War Museum in Wisconsin.

Attended the Lincoln Death Day, GAR ceremonies on April 12.

Steven Westlake was elected Dept. Commander at the annual encampment in Peoria May 10, 2008 Activities Participated In:

May 11 - Spoke at the dedication of the new Civil War Monument in Lemont.

May 17 - Manned recruiting table at Naperville Civil War Days.

May 24 - Participated in a memorial ceremony at Jewell Grove Cemetery in Wheaton.

May 25 - Participated in Memorial Day ceremony at West Aurora cemetery in Aurora.

May 26 - Marched at a GAR ceremony at Bluff City Cemetery in Elgin.

July 4 - Marched in 4th of July parade in Hinsdale.

Projects:

The 36th Illinois Battle Flag project in near completion and is due back in Illinois near the end of the year.

Received 9 grave stones were installed at Root Street Cemetery. It has been decided to have a ceremony at a later date.

Agreed to be part of the GAR Bridge Project with the Iowa GAR Highway Officer, to erect a sign on each side of the bridge on Highway 6 at Bettendorf.

Have been in contact with Brothers Phil Wyman and Brad Shall to be part of a ceremony reenacting a speech of President Lincoln at Lewistown, IL Aug 17. We have agreed to be part of the Honor Guard and in any other to be of help with the event.

I consider it an honor to be the Commander of the Department of Illinois and look forward to working with all the elected Brothers of SUVCW. I will continue to remind all our Brothers in Illinois to support all of our men and women who serve and protect us all over the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Department of Oklahoma

John Williams, Commander

+ National Encampment in St. Louis. Oklahoma was represented by three past department commanders, Carl Fallen, John Irons, and Gene Turner, the current commander, John Williams, and one delegate, Barrett Turner.

+ November was busy with the Oklahoma State Centennial parade in Guthrie. Jeremiah Smith Camp 1 provided their float and the Allied Orders were introduced to many thousands of spectators and television viewers.

+ The second annual departmental observance of Remembrance Day was held in Oklahoma City under the direction of Jeremiah Smith Camp 1 with participation from all of our camps.

+ We had near misses with a Veteran's Day parade in Tulsa and the 89er Days Parade in Guthrie.

+ April 2008 found Jeremiah Smith Camp 1's float in the Armed Forces Day parade in Del City. They won an award.

+ May 2008 was again busy. Commander Williams and Brother Keith Rockefeller participated in the Pioneer Days celebration in Watonga, OK. Many new contacts were made in anticipation of forming a camp in the Western part of the state.

+ The DUV and SUVCW held joint Memorial Day services in Oklahoma City. Brother Rockefeller represented us at services out West in Major County. The GAR monument that has been the year-long project of PDC Gene Turner was dedicated in Tulsa with all the media attention available.

+ Jeremiah Smith Camp 1 took their usual place in the Edmond, OK Fourth of July Parade. Brother John Erickson will see his Eagle Scout project complete when the monument is dedicated on the 19th.

Projects:

+ The Jeremiah Smith Camp is making plans to restore the cannon placed in their care by the city of Nichols Hills.

+ We revived the Department website and placed it in its own domain where we can provide free hosting for camps and members of the Allied Orders.

Though it has not seen distribution, the Department newsletter, The Route Step, has been revived and is in search of a 'permanent' editor.

Through the efforts of Brother Keith Rockefeller, a recent transfer from the Department of Nebraska, a camp is being organized in Major County.

Commander Williams is participating in committees at the Oklahoma State Historical Society that include the Lincoln Bicentennial, and the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in Oklahoma Territory.

Department of Colorado & Wyoming

Gary E. Parrott, Commander

The SUVCW-Department of Colorado & Wyoming is an organization committed to the history, heritage and traditions begun in 1883 by its predecessor (Sons of Veterans-USA: James Garfield Camp No. 1 of Denver, Colorado), an association of actual *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*.

Currently, the Department is comprised of five Camps located within the Rocky Mountain Region of the United States (within the states of Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Utah) with 70 active members and one Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

During the past year the Department was very busy and productive. Special events and activities during this period include the following:

+ Participation in the "official military" re-interment exercises of the remains of a Civil War Veteran conducted at the Western Colorado VA Cemetery on January 25, 2008, in Grand Junction, Colorado.

+ Participation in the 125th Anniversary of the County of Mesa events on February 11 and June 14, 2008, in Grand Junction.

+ Special presentation of a SUVCW-Department Certificate to Vice President Richard Cheney on April 11, 2008, during a public appearance in Grand Junction (an acknowledgement that he was the direct descendant of three Union Civil War Veterans).

+ Participation in a headstone rededication ceremony (Charles Pinckney, 1Lt 1st Michigan Infantry) at the Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo, Colorado.

+ Entered into a cooperative agreement with the Museum of Western Colorado to provide guest speakers for Civil War related seminars conducted at their Grand Junction facility (to date, four such presentations have been held); and,

+ Participation during Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day celebrations at various locations within the Department.

In addition to its routine on-going programs (Graves Registration, Last Soldier Project, Civil War Memorials Cataloging Project, etc) the Department of Colorado & Wyoming anticipates participation in the following events/activities during the next year:

+ Headstone dedication for the (above listed) Unknown Civil War Soldier at the Western Colorado VA Cemetery in Grand Junction.

+ Participation at various local memorial/commemorative events (Veterans Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, etc.); and

+ Conduct special educational/historical presentations (at the Museum of Westerns Colorado and other locations on request).

In conclusion, history shows that the Rocky Mountain Region of the United States was an active arena during the Civil War and many significant events took place within its territory. And, after the cessation of hostilities, it became home to several thousand Civil War Veterans, many of which became prominent citizens, successful businessmen and respected politicians. Subsequently, the Department will continue to make green the memory of all the *Boys in Blue* who made the Rockies their home - before, during and after the War.

Department of Massachusetts

Perley E. Mellor

On the evening of March 31st, 2008, I and several members of the Department of Massachusetts SUVCW and ASUVCW assisted Camp Commander Paul Kenworthy, members of Gen. Landers Camp 5 Lynn, MA and the Historical Society in the rededication of the Memorial Hall and GAR Meeting Room. The room is located within the Manchester by the Sea, MA, Public Library. The ceremony was well attended by state and local dignitaries. Also on display was a recently rediscovered Civil War era statue "America Honoring Her Fallen Brave" by noted sculptor James H. Haseltine.

On April 5th, 2008, I attended the Annual Rhode Island Encampment held at the Varnum Memorial Armory in East Greenwich, RI. There were Brothers and Sisters from RI, MA, NH, and CT. in attendance We all try to support the other SUVCW Departments within the New England states.

On April 11th and 12th, 2008, the Department of Massachusetts held its 126th Annual Encampment at the Holiday Inn Select, Woburn, MA. After a very long day of meetings, I was re-elected as Department Commander for a third term in office. Also in attendance was National Auxiliary President Judith Trepanier.

On April 17th, 2008, Brother Robert Ducharme of Camp 25, Worcester, MA gave a presentation "A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier" The presentation was given to The Black Tavern Historical Society, Dudley, MA. On April 18th & 19th, 2008, I attended the New Hampshire Annual Encampment held at the NH Historical Society, Concord, NH. National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler was the National Representative for this Encampment. Also in attendance was National Auxiliary President Judith Trepanier.

On April 26th, 2008, I attended the Maine Annual Encampment held in Waterville, ME. At the Maine Encampment we were graced with the presence of National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy. We also had the National Auxiliary President Judith Trepanier in attendance.

On April 26th, 2008, Willie Grout Camp 25 Worcester, MA and AA Sherman Sons of Civil War Veterans Fife and Drum were part of the Plaque Dedication of Camp Lincoln/Camp Wool in Worcester, MA. The plaque reads as follows: Worcester Agricultural Fair Grounds Civil War Camp Site bounded by Agricultural (Russell), Highland, Sever and Cedar Streets was the site of the Worcester Agricultural Fair Grounds. In 1861 the Fair Grounds became a training camp for Civil War soldiers. It was named Camp Lincoln in honor of both President Abraham Lincoln and former Governor Levi Lincoln, a distinguished Worcester citizen. The 21st Mass. Infantry Regiment was mustered into the Federal service here in August of 1861 and the 25th Mass. Infantry Regiment in September of 1861. In 1862 the name of the camp was changed to Camp John E. Wool, in honor of Gen. J. E. Wool, U.S. Army. In the summer of 1862, both the 34th Mass. Infantry Regiment and the 25th Mass. Infantry Regiment mustered here. The plaque was erected by the Central Mass. Civil War Round Table. The Mass SUVCW was heavily involved in the dedication with two of Camp 25 Brothers as members of the Round Table.

During the month of May Camp 15, Springfield, MA had a very busy schedule:

May 1st, 2008, Camp 15 Color Guard along with Cub Scout Pack 57, Belchertown, MA, marched in a parade for the opening of the Shrine Circus in West Springfield, MA.

May 1st, 2008, Camp 15 Color Guard along with Cub Scout Pack 57, presented the Colors for the opening of the Shrine Circus at the Big E, West Springfield, MA.

May 7th, 2008, PDC Robert Knight presented ROTC Medals to JR ROTC students at Dean Vocational High School in Holyoke, MA.

May 25th, 2008, Brothers of Camp 15 participated in the Memorial Day Observances at the National Cemetery at Bourne, MA.

May 25th, 2008, Camp 15 Brothers along with Auxiliary 10 and a Cub Scout from Pack 57 participated in Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware, MA.

May 25th, 2008, Camp 15, Auxiliary 10 and Cub Scout Pack 57 participated in the Memorial Day Services at Springfield Cemetery, Springfield, MA.

May 25th, 2008, Camp 15, Auxiliary 10 and Cub Scout Pack 57 participated in the Memorial Day Services at Oak Grove Cemetery of Springfield, MA.

May 26th, 2008, Camp 15 participated in Memorial Day Services and parade for the Town of Agawam, MA.

May 26th, 2008, Camp 15 participated in the Memorial Day Services at the State Veterans Cemetery at Agawam, MA

Even though the Commander of Camp 15, Ed Knight was on vacation with his family in Northern Maine for the first 2 weeks of July, he still found time to locate and record well over 60 graves of Civil War Veterans that are buried in that remote part of Maine.

On May 3rd, 2008, I attended along with many other Brothers from MA and NH to the Dept of Connecticut annual Encampment held at the Vernon/Rockville Town Hall. The second floor is the location of the Vernon GAR Hall. After C-in-C Kuhn installed the Dept of CT Officers a group of Brothers joined the Dept of CT Auxiliary for a superb lunch at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT. The Auxiliary held a memorial service after lunch to conclude the Encampment.

During the first three weeks of May the Brothers, Sisters and children of the Massachusetts Camps either cleaned up or flagged several cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day Services.

On Sunday May 18th and Monday May 19th, 2008, the Dept of MA had the sad duty of attending the wake and funeral services of one of our long time members, Sgt. Benjamin P. "Benny" Emerick of Uxbridge, MA. Benny was well known as the founder and director of several fife and drum corps and served as principal director of the former Commonwealth F&D, the Captain James Buxton F&D, the AA Sherman Camp 18 of the SUVCW, The Sturbridge Martial Band, Uxbridge Minutemen and friend to so many others. If there was a committee or an organization that had anything to do with historical preservation and recognition, he was on it. Benny will be sorely missed by all that knew him. The Dept of MA color guard led the funeral procession into the grave site.

On Sunday May 25th, 2008, Camp 25, Worcester, MA and Auxiliary 25 participated in the Annual Water Ceremony held at Elm Park, Worcester, MA, at the Harriet H. Horgan Memorial Bridge. This ceremony was started by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and honors those lost at sea by tossing wreaths into the pond below. The longstanding city tradition is held each year in a tribute to men and women lost at sea during wartime or in other military tours. The ceremony has been attended by Camp 25 Brothers for many years.

On Sunday May 25th, 2008, I attended the Massachusetts National Cemetery Memorial Day Services held at Bourne, MA. As is the custom for this parade into the cemetery, the SUVCW was right up front in back of the band. The Color Guard and marching unit was made up of Brothers from across the state and CW reenactors. After placing the wreath in memory of the Civil War Veterans, the SUVCW conducted a ceremony first at the single Unknown Soldier and then at the six Unknown

Soldiers that are buried in the National Cemetery, Bourne, MA.

On Monday May 26th, 2008, I with Brothers of Camp 25, Worcester, MA and Auxiliary 25 participated in the 121st Annual Worcester, MA, Memorial Day Observance held at Hope Cemetery, Worcester, MA. At the conclusion of the main ceremonies, Camp 25 and Auxiliary 25 members conducted a brief ceremony at the grave sites of the two Medal of Honor Winners, Sgt. Major Charles H. Pinkham, 57th Massachusetts Infantry and Sgt. Thomas Plunkett, 21st Infantry Massachusetts Volunteers. We then traveled to Rural Cemetery to recognize Willie Grout's and George Ward's graves. On Memorial Day 1894, Willie Grout Camp 25 established a new custom of holding a special service at the grave of Willie Grout, this marked Camp 25's 114th anniversary of this tradition.

On May 30th, 2008, I attended the Memorial Day Services held by W.W. Brown Camp 1 and Thomas M. Carr Auxiliary No.7, of Hillsboro, NH. The services were held at the GAR lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, NH.

In the afternoon of May 30th, 2008, I attended the Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Day Ceremony in Rindge, NH. I had escorted Diane Mellor National Chief of Staff. She was representing the Auxiliary National President Judith Trepanier at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

On May 31st, 2008, I had the extreme pleasure in assisting the Department of Rhode Island and C-in-C Kuhn with proudly giving honors and the proper internment of Pvt. Michael McElroy, 2nd Regiment Rhode Island Infantry Company D. The internment was in Prescott Post No 1, GAR Burial Site, North Burial Ground, Providence, RI. The ceremony was well attended by many National Officers, SUVCW Brother and Sisters from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New Jersey and Maryland. The ceremony was also attended by the RI Army National Guard, Re-enactors and many members of the general public.

On June 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2008, I had the pleasure of attending the Annual New York Encampment in Waterloo, NY. This was the first Encampment that I had attended that DUVCW was a part of the Encampment. This was a pleasure to see. We need to have more Encampments like this with three or more organizations involved. The harmony was great among the Allied Orders; it was like being in New England again. On Sunday, after the Encampment there was a Memorial Service at the new American Civil War Memorial, Waterloo, NY (under construction). The American Civil War Memorial pays tribute to the sacrifice made by citizens of Waterloo during the Civil War, and recognizes the soldiers from the North and the South who gave their lives in the conflict. This is a must see Memorial.

On Sunday June 8th, 2008, Camp 104, Wakefield, MA, along with members of the 5th MA Battery (E) from Newton NH attended the Memorial Service for the family of Civil War Veteran James Chase Averill. Mrs. Evelyn F. Kacavas along with thirty-four members of the Averill family from across the country were in attendance to witness the GAR Memorial Service held at Highland Cemetery, Newburyport, MA. The ceremony was covered and reported by The Daily News, Newburyport, MA.

On Thursday June 12th, 2008, I assisted the Department of New Hampshire in the Initiation and Installation of Officers for the Major McKinley Camp # 9, Lebanon, NH. This is another new camp for the Department of New Hampshire. In attendance were Brothers and Sisters from throughout the state of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. We also had the Auxiliary National Vice President Jan Harding from the Maryland/Delaware Department in attendance. The ceremony was conducted in the newly refurbished GAR Hall, Lebanon, NH.

On June 20th & 21st, 2008, I was honored to attend the Annual Department of Pennsylvania Encampment held in Ligonier, PA. This was the first time that I had visited the PA Encampment. We were made to feel right at home while we were at the Encampment. At this Encampment they also had the DUVCW as part of the Encampment. The unity was everywhere that we went during the PA Encampment. As a side trip we went to Fort Ligonier which dates back to the French and Indian War in 1758 -1766.

On June 29th, 2008, I presented my first SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Sean T. Eagan from Chelmsford, MA. This was a new road that I have not taken before, but it will happen again.

On July 4th, 2008, the Town of Wakefield, MA, held its Annual 4th of July Parade. Camp 104, Wakefield, MA Color Guard was right up front in the parade. This parade is billed as the largest 4th of July Parade in the area. As they bring in bands from around the country. The parade lasted for about 2 ½ hours before it concluded.

On July 19th, 2008, the New England Regional Association will hold its annual meeting at the Veterans Headquarters, Weirs Beach, Laconia, NH. This will be the end of my year as N E Regional Commander.

On September 27th, 2008, Camp 129 Haverhill, MA, will be having a Memorial Service to recognize the final resting place of 111 forgotten Civil War Soldiers. The Memorial Service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery, 96 Salem St., Bradford, MA at 1:00 P.M. The camp has been installing brass plaques for the past two years on these forgotten graves.

Department of Wisconsin Bruce C. Laine, Commander

The Wisconsin Department consists of the following camps:

Camp #1 Milwaukee	Camp #2 Madison
Camp #4 Waukesha	Camp #5 Saukville
Camp #8 Appleton	Camp #49 Boscobel
Camp #56 Minneapolis/St. Paul.	

Our camps have been involved in many activities and events throughout this past year. The following are some of the highlights:

- + Our Memorials Officer, Kim Heltemes, Brothers Pat Kulas and Robert Koenecke, lead a tireless, and successful, campaign to restore the 2 Naval cannon to the Civil War Memorial in Racine's city square.
- + Our U.S. Grant Awards ROTC Officer, Alan Hembel, and others, awarded 9 U.S. Grant Awards at University of Wisconsin at Madison and Oshkosh, Marquette University, St. John's Military Academy, Greenfield High School, Bradley Tech of Milwaukee and North High School in St. Paul, MN.
- + Our website is maintained by our Signals Officer Kent Peterson, the Department Dispatch and 3 camp newsletters are available for download on the site. We also have a growing collection of photographs of Wisconsin Civil War Memorials, a listing of most of the Last Soldier, from many of our counties and biographies of many of our Past Department Commanders.
- + The Department Dispatch is distributed, via U.S. Mail to 190 members and friends, as well as, being emailed to 34.
- + The Department held it's 2nd Annual Leadership Conference this year in Milwaukee.
- + C.K. Pier – Badger Camp #1 hosted the Member Orientation Program again this year, as well as, participating in the Milwaukee Veteran's Day Parade, Memorial Day Ceremony's at Forest Home and Calvary Cemeteries, where a number of new headstones were dedicated. This year, the camp held it's 38th Annual Patriotic Luncheon, and were honored to have CinC Kuhn in attendance. Camp #1 has been very involved in the restoration of the Soldiers Home Chapel at the Z.A. Zablocki V.A. Medical Center in Milwaukee.
- + Henry Harnden Camp #2 is working replacing the carriage and wheels of cannon that are part of a Memorial that are at the Camp Randall Stadium in Madison. The camp has also participated in Memorial Day events in our Capital City of Madison.

- + Major General John Gibbon Camp #4, participated in the Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day ceremonies in Madison and Milwaukee and “school days” at re-enactments in Brookfield, Mt. Horeb & Milwaukee. The 6th Annual Gibbon Celebration Dinner was held in April, in celebration of John Gibbon’s birthday, the keynote speaker was author, Lance Herdegen.
- + Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5 has been involved in many events and activities throughout the year, including their Annual Ancestor Day in Sheboygan and “school days” at a number of re-enactments in the area.
- + Old Abe Camp #8 has been working with the Oshkosh Public Museum and donates \$500 per year for the purchase of Civil War artifacts. They have participated in ceremonies and parades on Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day and Memorial Day in Oshkosh and King. Brothers from the camp have worked diligently on the Last Soldier Project and have identified many of the “Last Soldiers” in the state. They have also replaced many headstones and rededicated many of these. The camp is also working on the restoration of the SUVCW fountain at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King.
- + L. G. Armstrong Camp #49 continues to work on the restoration of the state’s last remaining GAR Hall in Boscobel. This year it was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The camp participates in a number of events, including the 15th Annual Muskets & Memories Civil War Era Reenactment and GAR Heritage Encampment and the SVR “School of the Piece” in Boscobel, and the 4th of July Parade and Ceremony.
- + William Colvill Camp #56 presented a recovered Union Soldiers, 144-year-old wallet to the descendants of Captain James Bryant of the 1st Minnesota Infantry, Company D.

Department of Indiana

Jack O. Shaw, Commander

The following is a list of events the Department of Indiana have been involved in for the good of the order. These events and SUVCW activities have occurred in 2007, through 2008.

December 15th, 2007, The Orlando A. Somers Camp #1, Celebrated their 25th Anniversary. The Camp was organized in 1982, By Brother Allen W. Moore.

February 10, 2008, The Department of Indiana Took Part in the Lincoln Day Ceremony in Lincoln City, Indiana. The Dept, of Indiana and the S.V.R lead the procession from the Lincoln Memorial to the Grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln to present Wreaths at her grave.

April 5, 2008, The Department of Indiana rededicated a Civil War Cannon that has stood watch in the Rose Hill Cemetery for 104 Years. In attendance were Alan Teller, Mike Tomey, Larry Myer, Dennis Hutchinson, Mike Beck, Garry Walls and Tim Beckman.

April 12, 2008, The Department of Indiana traveled to Springfield, Ill to Participate in the 52nd annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating 143rd anniversary of Lincoln’s death.

May 10, 2008, Orlando Somers Camp #1 Found a permanent home for the “Kokomo” Cannon. This was a 6 year project for Camp #1. The Cannon was discovered in Highland Park (Kokomo) , was taken and refurbished, mounted on a gun carriage and returned to the park. It now stands about 100 yards from where it was originally found.

June 28, 2008, The David D. Porter Camp, along with the SVR and the La Porte County Historical Society, Honored Colonel Gilbert Hathaway with the unveiling of a new headstone and a ceremony honoring his service during the Civil War. In attendance was Department of Indiana Commander, Jack O. Shaw and Department Secretary, Alan Teller.

Jack O. Shaw, Department Commander	Senior Vice Commander, Matthew J. Elkin
Junior Vice Commander, Michael Beck	Secretary, Alan Teller
Treasurer, Gilbert H. Young	Council #1, Bruce Kolb
Council #2, Thomas Crawford	Council #3, Russell Kirchner
Patriotic Instructor, Cody H. Shaw	Chaplain, Richard W. McConnell
Graves Registration Officer, Alan Teller	GAR Highway Officer, Michael P. Downs
C.W. Monuments Officer, Phillip McClure	Eagle Scout Coordinator, Michael W. Beck
Counselor, William S. Gordon	Historian, Stephen T. Jackson
Indiana Legion Editor, Jennifer Thompson	

Graves Registration: As of May 7, 2008, 19,909 Graves of Civil War Soldiers Buried in the state of Indiana have been entered into the SUVCW Graves registration data base.

Department of Kansas

Craig Sundell, Commander

We have been blessed by both recognition and opportunity in the past year. At the National Encampment in St. Louis, MO, members Alan Russ and Doug McGovern were honored with Meritorious Service awards for their outstanding and continuing work for our order. In October we were informed that the Dept. of Kansas was selected to host the 2010 National Encampment. This is both a great honor and opportunity. It is due to the excellent work of PDCs Jim Knopke, Thomas Schmidt and Alan Russ with help from PDC Roy Lafferty. Primary focus for the next 2 years will be successful execution of this event, the first of its kind to be held in Kansas. We hope as many members from other Departments will be able to attend and see where the Civil War began...Kansas.

Our Department was ably represented at the National Encampment and at the Central Regional Council meeting in Crawfordsville, IN. We are a dynamic and growing department. This year we turned inward and concentrated on consolidating our camps and their membership. Our winter training session was attended by members of all five Dept. camps. Wisdom and experience was shared from our older members with many of our newer camp officers, to the benefit of all. This process is not one way. Effective communication of needs of the Camps and their members is being used to strengthen the entire Department. A new Webmaster was appointed and the Department webpage has become more useful and helpful for existing members and as a recruiting tool.

'Lincoln Remembered Day' was another successful fundraiser and educational program for the Wichita Camp. It is a fine example of resourceful ideas and hard work leading by example for the benefit of our order and our department. In April, brothers joined together at our annual Mine Creek Battlefield 'work day.' This annual event unites our members and upholds the goals of our order. Much excellent work was also done to honor our civil war ancestors during Memorial Day activities and flag display in major cemeteries in all four of the major metropolitan areas of Kansas (Wichita, Johnson County, Topeka and Lawrence). I was honored to participate in several of these.

It is a major goal of the Dept. of Kansas to effectively involve and interact with Cub and Boy Scout units in the Department. This is a major effort in community outreach, education and recruiting efforts. The efforts of many Scouts were recognized and immensely helpful in honoring Union Veterans with flag placement this past Memorial Day.

Our past Commander, Roy Lafferty, challenged our Dept. to renew our recruiting efforts to the levels of our Grant Trophy recognition in 2004-6. I am challenging our brothers to embrace the 'Soldier's State' Project. From the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854 to the Bleeding Kansas era to the Civil War to the tremendous number of Union Veterans who chose to make Kansas their home

and final resting place after the Great Conflict, this is a unique part of Kansas History and the history of the GAR. We hope to build better data bases of information on Union veterans who found final rest in Kansas while we use these searches to involve not only our own brothers, but the community at large in educational, research and recruiting efforts.

Department of Michigan

Dennis C. Derr II, Commander

The following is a brief summary of what has been going on in the Department of Michigan since the last National Encampment of the SUVCW.

On 17 November 2007 Brothers of the Department of Michigan participated in both the Remembrance Day Ceremony and the First Special National Encampment held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101 of Detroit, Michigan surrendered its' Camp Charter and disbanded on 23 February 2008. The reason given by the Camp Commander, simply put, was that no Brother of the Camp was willing to step forward to fill the position of Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary or Treasurer. The Camp Commander also informed me that the Brothers of the Camp would prefer to belong to a Camp without the responsibilities of running a Camp. The Department has made every effort to get the Brothers of Camp No. 101 to transfer into other Camps in the Department.

On 12 April 2008 several Brothers from the Department of Michigan attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois.

The Department of Michigan continues to set the example in regards to on time reporting. This year the Department had only one Camp that failed to submit its' Form 27 Camp Annual Report on time. This Camp narrowly avoided suspension by submitting its' Annual Report on 2 May 2008. Based on this level of compliance by the Camps of the Department there is no reason to expect anything less than 100% compliance with reporting deadlines next year.

Even though the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War is a little over two years away, the Department of Michigan has already started making preliminary plans to work with the State of Michigan. This is not only a great opportunity to further educate the public on the Civil War, but it also provides the Department of Michigan and the SUVCW with an excellent opportunity to promote the Order.

Department of Kentucky

John A. Witt, Commander

At present the Department of Kentucky has four camps in good standing. These camps are active with a stable membership and dedicated experienced leadership. A fifth camp, Gen. T. L. Crittenden Camp #2, recently voluntarily relinquished their charter. It is likely that several of their members thereof will transfer to the closest camp.

The camps in Department of Kentucky have been involved along with the SVR units in Memorial Day, Decoration Day, Veterans Day and Flag Day ceremonies and observances. Although our membership has somewhat dwindled over the past years, the core membership has always stepped up and held the SUVCW banner high.

Fort Duffield Camp #1 has had members participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Louisville. They have held several fundraisers for the benefit for the camp and have actively taken part in the preservation and maintenance of Fort Duffield. Members of the camp have also taken part in both Memorial Day services at Fort Duffield and their own twilight Decoration Day service at the New Albany National Cemetery in Indiana. They also resurrected our department's original SVR unit, Company A, 1st Regiment, Capital Guards. They have also had a lot of new membership take leadership roles, with the camp commander, SVC and JVC only being members for just 3 years.

Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3 is directly tied to the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum in Fort Mitchell. These brothers are always on the educational forefront with not only their camp meetings, but with monthly living history programs being held at the museum. They are the first to volunteer to help with any project and have garnered lots of attention for their work in the Northern Kentucky area.

Eligah P. Marrs, Camp #5 is home to our Department Eagle Scout coordinator and Senior Vice Commander John Burch, who presented almost 200 Eagle Scouts certificates this year. They have participated in many elementary school programs and recently presented a University of Kentucky AFROTC cadet with a medal and certificate. They were also directly involved with the placement of a new grave marker for a Sultana soldier, of which the dedication service got some great media attention in the Central Kentucky area. Working hand and hand with Camp Nelson and its National Cemetery, Camp 5 emphasizes commemoration and dedication with its large, solid core membership.

Maj. James H. Bridgewater, Camp #7 is the newest of our camps and hit the ground running. Under PDC Tim Downey, the camp has been busy at dedications, memorial services, recruitment drives and informational gatherings. They formed up their own SVR Unit, the Bridgewater Scouts, and actively attended reenactments and living histories all across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, sharing fellowship with all.

As a department, we are now in the process of planning for the 2009 National Encampment in Louisville and are excited that our brothers will join us here next year.

Sons of Veterans Reserve of the National Military Department Don Darby, Lt. Colonel, Adjutant General

The purpose of this report is to provide the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve with an overview of the past 12 months of activity. A Change-of-Command Ceremony was held at the Remembrance Day SVR Breakfast in November 2007. BG David V. Medert turned over command of the SVR to BG Robert E. Grim on that day. BG Medert's tenure of 10 years saw an increase in SVR membership from a few hundred to well over 1,000. In terms of numbers the SVR has grown by 149 members since August 19, 2007 (1164 in 2007 to 1313 in 2008.) or 12.8%. The largest increase being shown in the 2nd Military District, with an increase of 53 members.

A very successful Artillery School was conducted by the 4th Military District with 94 participants.

There have been a few changes submitted to the Military Affairs Committee for their review/action in the past year. The first being the addition of the manning protocol for Naval and Marine Corps units within the SVR, which they authorized and should submit to this Encampment for approval. The second, and lengthier, was a revision to the SVR Regulations. The reason for this requested revision was to have a “one-stop shopping” for the SVR members when it comes to regulations. Currently, Commanders/members must click on three items to see all the changes/revisions from the past. This revision would incorporate all matters dealing with the SVR under “SVR Regulations.”

There still continues to be some confusion regarding reporting by units of the SVR and its relationship to the SUVCW. First, the SVR is considered a department within the SUVCW and as such SVR units do not fall under the auspices of an SUVCW Camp. All financial matters and properties of the SVR units are to be kept separate from those of the SUVCW Camp. This matter came up when SVR units were reporting the required EIN of the Camps as their own and further investigation revealed a “co-mingling” of funds. Each SVR Unit must have its own EIN, and separate bank account. There was also some discussion as to the reason for the EIN. **It is a requirement of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** in order for the unit to maintain its tax-exempt status. Both the Commander-in-Chief and the Commanding General of the SVR issued General Orders stating that camps and SVR units must comply with the **IRS requirement**.

Another issue remains to be REPORTING. Once again, units were delinquent in their reporting. It was well into the first week in July and some units were continually being reminded to get their reports in. As such, one unit, Springfield Rifles of the 3rd Military District, was declared as “inactive” by order of the Commanding General. It should be noted that the Camp to which many of its members are associated has been suspended by the Department of Ohio for non-reporting.

General and Special Orders

As of the date of this report 14 SVR General Orders and 1 SVR Special Order has been issued in the name of the Commanding General.

General Staff Changes

There have been only three changes in the General Staff this year. Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr. is now the Deputy Commander, Lt. Colonel Donald E. Darby was appointed as the Adjutant General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Major Martin W. Lowery Jr was promoted to the position of Commander, Third Military District.

Unit Strength and Membership

Active Units	Strength	
	On Duty 8/19/2007	On Duty 7/14/2008
General Staff	18	18
Inactive Reserve	28	29
HQ Company	24	24
Total	69	71
1st Military District		
District Staff	2	2
Co. A 3 rd RI Heavy Arty.	9	8
Co. E, 15 th MA Vol. Inf.	13	12
Co. F, 11 ME Vol. Inf.	11	10
Co. G, 43 rd MA Vol. Militia	8	8
Co. K, 14 th CT Vol. Inf.	10	10
Co. A, 12 th NH Vol. Inf.	13	10
Total	66	60
2nd Military District		
District Staff	6	6
355 th Northcoast Vol. Inf.	24	25
Co. A, 1 st NJ Vol. Inf.	28	27
Co. A, Potomac Guards	15	18
Co. B, 26 th PA Vol. Inf.	42	41
Co. C, 28 th PA Vol. Inf.	50	47
Co. C Du Pont Guard	16	17
Co. E, 148 th NY Vol. Inf.	11	13
Co. I, 83 rd NY Vol. Inf.	39	39
Gettysburg Blues	21	25
Co. A, WV Home Guard	7	7
Co. A, 7 th NJ Vol. Inf.	9	9
Delany-Delacy Guard	60	60
134 th NY Vol. Inf.	20	23
Co. A, James River Rifles	6	6
Co. A, 1 st NJ Bat'n (Inf.)*	0	27
Weber Guard	15	15
Cole's Cavalry	0	8
1 st Mt. Rifles 7 th NY Cav.*	0	9
Total	369	422
3rd Military District		
District Staff	3	5
District HQ Staff	5	2
Batt. I 1 st OH Light Arty	32	32
Batt. L 1 st OH Light Arty.	15	15
Co. C, 20 th OH Vol. Inf.	21	21
Co. G, 63 rd Ohio Vol. Inf.	24	25

Co. C, 8 th KY Vol. Inf.	34	33
Co. A, 16 th OH Vol. Inf.	11	12
Co. D, 27 th IN Vol. Inf.	27	30
Co. K, Springfield Rifles	9	0
Bridgewater Scouts	10	21
Co. A, 14 th Michigan	9	10
Co. A, 1 st Reg't Capital Guards*	0	8
Total	200	214

4th Military District

District Staff	6	6
HQ Company	22	20
Batt. L 1 st IL Light Arty.	12	15
Co. A, 2 nd MO Vol. Inf.	23	30
Co. C, 34 th IL Vol. Inf.	25	28
Cushing's Battery	9	10
Batt. A, 3 rd IA Light Arty.	7	8
Co. M, 1 st MO Light Arty.	6	6
Co. C, 5 th Reg't. MO Vol. Cav.	20	22
Co. B, 20 th IA Vol. Inf.	9	14
Co. A, 37 th IA Vol. Inf.	16	7
Co. B, 10 th IA Vol. Inf.	13	16
Nebraska Rangers	22	26
Co. B, 28 th WI Vol. Inf.	14	14
Co. F, 3 rd IA Vol. Inf.	11	13
Co. E, 47 th MO Inf.*	0	12
Total	215	247

5th Military District

Reserved

6th Military District

District Staff	4	3
Co. A, 5 th CA Vol. Inf.	7	5
Co. C, 8 th CA Vol. Inf.	26	22
Co. G, 1 st CA Vol. Inf.	21	20
Co. G, 5 th CA Vol. Inf.	37	38
Co. B, 1 st NV Vol. Inf.	29	38
Co. B, 8 th CA Vol. Inf.	16	33
Batt. A 3 rd U.S. Arty	19	19
Co. B, 71 st PA Vol. Inf.	26	30
U.S. Marine Corps Guard M.I.	11	10
1 st Reg't. Indian Terr, Home Guard	7	10
Co. A, 8 th U.S. Inf.*	0	20
Total	203	248

7th Military District		
District Staff	3	3
Co. G, 42 nd IN Vol. Inf.	13	8
14 th Corps HQ Guard	8	19
Amzi D. Harmon Co.	18	16
HQ Company Army of TN	0	5
Total	42	51
Total Strength	1164	1313

* Denotes new unit

Finances

The current checking account was opened 2/13/2008 and maintained at the Fifth Third Bank in Chillicothe, Ohio. A Saving Account was also opened at the same financial establishment. In keeping with the Chief of Staff's email to keep this report short and sweet I will not list all the receipts (6 pages) or disbursements (2 pages) in this report. I will however, make them available to anyone that wishes to view them. The same were presented to the Military Affairs Committee for their review/audit last night. The balances for the accounts as of 7/7/2008 were as follows:

Checking Account	\$4,628.63
Savings Account	\$9,472.92
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 14,101.55</i>

REGULATIONS
OF THE
SONS OF VETERANS
RESERVE



Headquarters
Sons of Veterans Reserve
National Military Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

INTRODUCTION

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is organized and regulated in accordance with Chapter IV of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). That SUVCW Regulation is as follows:

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Regulations
2001**

**Chapter IV
Sons of Veterans Reserve
Organization and Structure**

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) shall constitute the authorized military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). It shall include all military bodies of the Order (SUVCW) with the exception that Camps and Departments may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp Guard or Department Guard for parades, services and ceremonies under the auspices of the Camp or Department with which the unit is associated. The highest military rank attainable within any Camp or Department Guard shall be that of Captain. At all functions where Camp Guard units, Department Guard units and SVR units are participating, the highest ranking SVR commissioned or non-commissioned officer shall have command of all military bodies of the SUVCW, regardless of the rank of an officer in a Camp Guard or Department Guard.

Section 2. To be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR, a Brother shall be a member or Associate in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Section 3. The SVR shall be governed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) and the Regulations of the SVR, herein incorporated in these Regulations by reference. The responsibilities of the SVR shall include participation in ceremonies, programs, and parades such as Remembrance Day, Lincoln Birthday, Memorial Day, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, and National Encampment programs, and at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, special ceremonies and parades on behalf of and representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Individual units of the SVR and individual members of the SVR units may participate in non-SVR or SUVCW sponsored National Civil War re-enactments, living histories and educational demonstrations. Non-SVR members of independent Civil War re-enactment units may participate with the SVR at SVR or SUVCW sponsored events and/or programs.

Section 4. The standing National Military Affairs Committee created under Chapter III, Article VII of these Regulations shall be composed of five (5) Brothers of the Order (SUVCW) appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. The Committee shall have continuity of membership with the

Commander-in-Chief appointing in 1997 three (3) Brothers to serve two (2) years and two (2) Brothers to serve one (1) year and, in subsequent years, appointing two (2) Brothers in even numbered years and three (3) Brothers in odd numbered years to serve two (2) years. The Chair of the National Military Affairs Committee shall be appointed from among the committee members by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief. The duties of the Committee shall include preparation of the initial Regulations in 1997 and subsequent modifications of the Regulations through proposed amendments, general oversight of the SVR and, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, appointment of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The Regulations and any amendments thereof must be approved by the Commandery-in-Chief at the National Encampment.

Section 5. The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be appointed by the National Military Affairs Committee with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. The appointment shall be made for a period of not more than three (3) years and may be renewed for an *(delete the word an)* additional three (3) year terms subject to the same procedures used for the original appointment. The duties of the Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be to administer and commander *(change the word commander to command)* the SVR pursuant to the Regulations of the SUVCW and the Regulations of the SVR.

The rank of the Commanding Officer of the SVR shall not be higher than that provided for in the Regulations and based upon the total membership of the SVR. In no case may the rank of the Commanding Officer be higher than Major General. Current and past Commanding Officers holding ranks higher than that permitted *according (delete the word according)* by the Regulations, may retain their current rank for the remaining period of the SVR appointment, adhere to the rank permissible under the Regulations, transfer to the Inactive Reserve, or retire from the SVR at their current rank. The Commanding Officer of the SVR may be relieved by a two-thirds majority of the National Military Affairs Committee, subject to the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 6. The SVR shall be administered by a national body known as the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve (NMD, SVR). The Commanding Officer of the SVR may appoint a NMD staff consistent with the Regulations. All NMD appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The period of all such appointments shall be concurrent with that of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. Current holders of such appointments, who hold ranks higher than the maximum provided for such appointment in the Regulations may adhere to the stated ranks, transfer to the Inactive Reserve at their current ranks or retire from the SVR at their current ranks. All NMD staff shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR.

The following Regulations as established by the National Military Affairs Committee (NMAC) and approved by the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), shall govern the operation of the National Military Department (NMD), Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR).

Article I
National Military Department

1. **The NMD, SVR shall be composed of a National Headquarters and the following seven Military Districts:**
 - A. **FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.**
 - B. **SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C. and West Virginia.**
 - C. **THIRD MILITARY DISTRICT: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.**
 - D. **FOURTH MILITARY DISTRICT: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.**
 - E. **FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT: Reserved**
 - F. **SIXTH MILITARY DISTRICT: Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.**
 - G. **SEVENTH MILITARY DISTRICT: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida.**
2. **The number and composition of the NMD, SVR Military Districts may be modified at the discretion of the NMAC.**

Article II
National Headquarters

1. **The officer in charge of the NMD, SVR shall be known as the Commanding Officer, SVR. Pursuant to Section 5, (Change to 5 from section 6) Chapter IV of the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW, the Commanding Officer shall be appointed by the National Military Affairs Committee with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW. The appointment shall be made for a period of not more than three (3) years and may be renewed for additional three (3) year terms subject to the same procedures used for the original appointment. The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall serve at the pleasure of the majority of the NMAC and may be relieved by the NMAC subject to the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW.**
2. **The Commanding Officer, SVR, shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the NMD, SVR. The rank of the Commanding Officer, SVR, and all National and District Headquarters Officers, shall be based upon the total membership of the SVR. In no case shall the rank of the Commanding Officer be higher than that of Major General. The rank of the Commanding Officer shall be determined by the NMAC. All other ranks shall be determined by the Commanding Officer based on the total membership of the SVR.**

3. **Current and past SVR Commanding Officers, National, District and Battalion Headquarters Officers and Special Staff Officers holding ranks higher than permitted according to the Regulations may retain their current rank for the remaining period of their SVR appointment, adhere to the rank permissible under the Regulations, transfer to the Inactive Reserves at their current rank, or retire from the SVR at their current rank.**
4. **All National, District, Battalion Headquarters Officers and Special Staff Officers rank shall be BREVIT. Rank shall be a function of the position held. Once the position is vacated, so shall the rank associated with that position be vacated. In such situations where a National, District or Battalion Headquarters or Special Staff position be vacated, the vacating individual shall be subject to the conditions provided for in Article II, Section 3 of these Regulations.**
5. **The Commanding Officer, SVR, may appoint a National Headquarters Staff. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The following table defines the maximum rank for a position based on total SVR membership. Should the membership drop below 500, the rank structure shall be determined by Section 3 of **these Regulations.****

Position	Less than 500	500-1500	Over 1500
Commanding Officer	Colonel	Brigadier General	Major General
Deputy Commander	Lt. Colonel	Colonel	Brigadier General
Chief of Staff	Lt. Colonel	Colonel	Colonel
Adjutant General	Lt. Colonel	Colonel	Colonel
Inspector General	Lt. Colonel	Colonel	Colonel
DC Liaison Officer	Lt. Colonel	Colonel	Colonel
Judge Advocate General	Captain	Major	Major Lt. Col.
Quartermaster	Captain	Major	Major
Provost Marshal	Captain	Major	Major
National Chaplain	1 st Lieutenant	Captain Major	Captain Lt. Col.
Public Information Officer	1 st Lieutenant	Captain	Captain Major
Deputy Provost Marshal	2 nd Lieutenant	1 st Lieutenant	1 st Lt. Captain

6. **The assignment to staff positions will be concurrent with the Commanding Officer, unless relieved of duty. Upon ending his tenure in a staff officer position, the officer may transfer to his original unit, at a rank current with the structure of the unit, or transfer to the inactive Reserve at his present rank**
7. **The Commanding Officer may, with the written approval of the NMAC, add positions to both National and District level Headquarters that he deems necessary to efficiently operate the SVR. Job descriptions shall accompany all new position requests. *(Delete this last sentence. We should drop the job description unless we are prepared to write job descriptions for all positions.)***
8. **The Commanding Officer may appoint a Special Staff to coordinate Civil War living history pageants, parades, ceremonies, training schools, and/or reenactments. Said appointments shall be announced by Special Orders and terminate with the end of the**

event. Members of the Special Staff shall have no authority or responsibility on the National Headquarters Staff or in the operation of the SVR.

9. Provision is hereby made for the establishment of a Headquarters Company to administer the membership-at-large status whereby not enough members can be obtained to form a unit. The headquarters Company shall be organized according to the Regulations.
10. Provision is hereby made for a Headquarters Inactive Reserve within the Headquarters Company to accommodate SVR members no longer wishing to remain active. Inactive Reserve members may, at all times, participate in SVR formations and other events in the proper uniform pursuant to Article VII of these Regulations and represent the organization. The Inactive Reserve shall be administered by the Headquarters Company Staff. Inactive Reserve members carry no authority with their rank. Transfers to the Inactive Reserve may be at the discretion of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. *(We have added Inactive to all so there is no confusion between the Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Inactive Reserve.)*

Article III District Headquarters

1. The Commander in charge of a Military District shall be known as the District Commander. The District organization shall consist of a District Headquarters and assigned SVR units with its geographical boundaries as defined in Article I of these Regulations. The Commanding Officer shall appoint all District Commanders who shall serve at his pleasure. The period of such appointments shall be made concurrent with that of the Commanding Officer of the SVR.
2. The District Commander shall be responsible to the Commanding Officer of the SVR for planning, policymaking, evaluation, inspection and military and administrative direction of all personnel and units within his district.
3. As part of his administrative duties, the District Adjutant shall be responsible for and shall ensure that all Units within his District shall file with him, on or before 01 April of each year, commencing in April 2007, an Annual Unit Application (Form 3), and Annual Unit Strength Report (SVR Form 19), an updated Annual Roster, Annual District dues and National dues. *(Move this paragraph so that all the District Commander duties are together, and the District Adjutant duties are together. That will make it easier to read and find info. We will need to make this paragraph 6 and renumber 4, 5, and 6 and 3, 4, and 5.)*
4. As part of his administrative duties, the District Commander shall be responsible for and shall ensure that all Annual Unit Applications (SVR Form 3), all Annual Unit Strength Reports (SVR Form 19), all updated Annual Rosters and all Annual National dues for each Unit within his District are received by the Adjutant General, SVR, on or before 30 April of each year, commencing in April of 2007.
5. Insofar as all District Commanders serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer, SVR, as so provided in Article III Section 1 of these Regulations, the failure of any District Commander to comply with the provisions of Section 4 hereinabove may result in the

Commanding Officer, SVR, removing that District Commander from his position as District Commander.

- The District Commander may appoint a District Staff. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the District Commander. The period of all such appointments shall be made concurrent with that of the District Commander. The following table defines the maximum rank allowed per designated position upon the total District SVR membership.**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Under 250 members</u>	<u>Over 250 members</u>
District Commander	Major	Lt. Colonel
District Adjutant	Captain	Major
District Chief of Staff	Captain	Major
District Inspector General	Captain	Major
District Chaplain	2nd Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant
District Public Information Officer	2nd Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant

- If the District membership falls below three (3) units, the District Headquarters staff shall be dissolved by the Commanding Officer, SVR, and the remaining SVR units in said District shall then report to the Adjutant General, SVR**
- In the event a Military District Headquarters ceases to exist, all properties and monies shall be turned over to the Commanding Officer, SVR or his duly authorized representative. Said properties and monies then become the property of the National Headquarters, SVR**

Article IV Battalion Headquarters

- A battalion may be formed when three (3) or more companies within a District petition the Commanding Officer, SVR, through the District Headquarters to be considered a battalion. The minimum number of men to form a battalion shall be ninety (90) enlisted men. The Battalion Commander shall be elected by the votes of the Company Commanders that compose said battalion. If the battalion falls below sixty (60) (90) men, the Battalion Headquarters shall be dissolved by the Commanding Officer, SVR at the recommendation of the District Commanders. *(If we must have 90 members to start a Battalion why can it fall to 60? I suspect this is a typo, but it needs to be changed to 90 both times.)***
- The Battalion Commander may hold the rank of Major and may appoint the following staff with respective maximum ranks**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Battalion Adjutant	1st Lieutenant
Battalion Chief of Staff	Captain
Battalion Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major
Battalion Information NCO	Sergeant

Article V
Company Headquarters

1. The Company shall be the basic infantry unit of the SVR. The officer or NCO-in-charge shall be known as the Company Commander. The minimum number of soldiers to constitute a Company shall be six (6). A Company commander shall be elected to serve for a one-year (1) term and may be re-elected for subsequent one-year terms. Said election shall be directed by Battalion Commander, his designate or next higher authority. *(Recommend deleting what is indicated in bold print as not all Districts have Battalion Commanders adding "the" before "next higher authority" covers all bases.)*
2. As part of his administrative duties, each Unit Commander shall be responsible for and shall ensure that an Annual Unit Application (SVR Form 3), and Annual Unit Strength Report (SVR Form 19), an updated Annual Roster, Annual District dues and Annual National dues shall be received by his District Commander, on or before 01 April of each year, commencing in April of 2007
3. In the event that any Unit within the Military District fails and neglects to file such Annual Reports, Rosters and dues as so required by Paragraph 2 hereinabove, then by Special Order, the Commanding Officer, SVR may render such delinquent Unit inactive and may, by Special Order, render void the Commission of all Officers in said delinquent Unit.
4. Such delinquent Units rendered inactive hereinabove set forth in Paragraph 2 may, upon application duly made to the District Commander, be returned to active status upon filing with the District Commander the following: (1) an Annual Unit Application (SVR Form 3); (2) An Annual Unit Strength Report (SVR Form 19); an updated Annual Roster; (4) all delinquent and current District dues; (5) all delinquent and current National dues; (6) a National Processing fee in the sum of \$1.00 per man in said delinquent Unit. The District Commander shall, within 5 business days of the receipt thereof, forward to the Adjutant General, SVR, said Reports, Rosters, National dues and Processing fees. Thereupon, the Commanding Officer, SVR, by Special Order, may reinstate said Unit to active status
5. Officer's Commissions rendered void and so provided in Paragraph 3 hereinabove, may be reinstated upon the filing with the District Commander, a Request for Commission (SVR Form 1A), the payment of a \$3.00 Commission Fee and the payment of a \$2.00 National Processing Fee. The Commission Fee and the Processing Fee shall be made payable to "TAG-SVR." Upon receipt of the aforementioned Fees and approval of the same by the District Commander, said District Commander shall, within 5 business days of the receipt thereof, forward to the Adjutant General, SVR, said Request for Commission together with the required Commission Fee and Processing Fee. Thereupon, the Commanding Officer, SVR, by Special Order, may reinstate said Officer's Commission.
6. Infantry Company rank distribution shall be dependant upon the number of men on the rolls. Infantry Companies shall be organized as follows

<u>Unit Size</u>	<u>Rank</u>
6-10 enlisted men	1 st Sergeant
11 to 15 enlisted men	1 st Sergeant, 2 Corporals
16 to 20 enlisted men	2 nd Lieutenant, 1 st Sergeant, 2 Corporals

21- to 30 enlisted men	1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Sergeant, Sergeant, 4 Corporals
31-40 enlisted men	Captain, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Sergeant, 2 Sergeants 4 Corporals
41 and up enlisted men	Captain, 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Sergeant, 4 Sergeants and 1 Corporal for every 8 enlisted men

7. Navy Sailor Unit: As the rank structure within Naval Units differ greatly from that of Army (e.g. a Navy Captain is equivalent to an Army Colonel, A Navy Lieutenant is equivalent to an Army Captain) the rank distribution for

Naval units shall be as follows:

<u>Unit Size</u>	<u>Rank</u>
6-10 enlisted men	Master-At-Arms (Leading Petty Officer (LPO))
11 to 15 enlisted men	Master-At-Arms (LPO), 1 Captain of the Forecastle, 1 Quarter Gunner
16 to 20 enlisted men	1 Ensign, 1 Master-at-Arms (LPO), 1 Captain of the Forecastle, 1 Quarter Gunner
21 to 30 enlisted men	1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 1 Master-at-Arms (LPO), 1 Masters Mate (rated), 1 Captain of the Forecastle, 1 Quarter Gunner, 1 Captain of the Tops, 1 Coxswain
31 to 40 enlisted men	1 Lieutenant, Ensign, 1 Master-At-Arms (LPO) 1 Master's Mate (rated)**, 1 Steward, 1 Quarter Gunner, 1 Captain of the Tops, 1 Coxswain, 1 Armorer
41 and up enlisted men	1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 1 Master's Mate (shipped)*, 1 Master- At-Arms (LPO), 1 Master's Mate (rated)**, 1 of the following ranks: Quarter Gunner, Captain of the Forecastle, Captain of the Tops, Coxswain, Armorer, Captain of the Afterguard, and Captain of the Hold for every 8 enlisted men.

In keeping with Naval Regulations of the time, recruits below the age of 14 can be recruited onboard a unit with the rank of "Boy." (Also known as a "Powder Monkey" for they job they did during battle) Until such time as they obtain age. Those recruited without "sea service" knowledge will be known as "Landsmen" through their first enlistment. After such time, they will be "Ordinary Seaman" unless promoted to "Seaman" by the unit Commander.

- A Master's Mate (shipped) is an officer rank, later to be known as a Warrant Officer
- A Master's Mate (rated) is an enlisted rank.

8. Marine Corps Company Unit: The rank distribution for a Marine Corps Company unit shall be as follows:

<u>Unit Size</u>	<u>Rank</u>
6 to 10 Marines	Orderly Sergeant
11 to 15 Marines	Orderly Sergeant and 2 Corporals
16 to 20 Marines	2 nd Lieutenant, Orderly Sergeant, 2 Corporals
21 to 30 Marines	1 st Lieutenant of Marines, 2 nd Lieutenant of Marines,

31 to 40 Marines	Orderly Sergeant, Sergeant, 4 Corporals Captain of Marines, 2 nd Lieutenant of Marines,
41 Marines and up	Orderly Sergeant, 2 Sergeants, 4 Corporals Captain of Marines, 1 st Lieutenant of Marines, 2 nd Lieutenant of Marines, Orderly Sergeant, 4 Sergeants and 1 Corporal for every 8 enlisted Marines

9. **Minor deviation from the above minimums provided for in Section 3 of (Delete this reference to Section 3) this Article shall be permissible with the approval of the District Commander. The Company (Replace Company with word Unit) Commander shall be responsible for all administration and reporting aspects of his unit. There shall be discretion used when promoting individuals, keeping in mind that rank yields responsibility and every officer and NCO should have a specific function or duty within the Company (Replace Company with word Unit) to warrant the rank. Units shall annually review and adjust their rank structure accordingly at the beginning of each new year in order to remain in general compliance with Section 2 (Delete Section 2 reference) this Article.**
10. **Company grade officers and NCOs are strongly encouraged to study the revised U.S. Army Regulations of 1861 and 1863 and, in respect to the branch of the SVR they belong, one or more of the following books and /or instructions:**
- A. INFANTRY - School of the Soldier, Hardee’s Tactics; Casey’s Tactics and Coppee’s Tactics.**
 - B. ARTILLERY – Field Artillery Tactics by Captain William H. French, Captain William F. Barry and Captain H.J. Hunt**
 - C. CAVALRY – Cavalry Tactics or Regulations for the Instruction, Formations and Movement of the Cavalry of the Army and Volunteers of the United States by Philip St. Geo. Cooke**
 - D. BAND/FIELD MUSIC – (RESERVED)**
11. **The Company (Replace word Company with the word Unit) Commander shall be elected by a majority vote of the men in the Company (Replace word Company with the word Unit). Company (Replace the word Company with the word Unit) Commanders shall be responsible to the next higher authority within the District.**
12. **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 properties and monies then becomes the property of the Military District’s authorized representative, to which the Unit is attached. (Replace this sentence with the following sentence: Said properties and monies then become the property of the Military District.**

ARTICLE VI
Correlated Branches

1. **Organization and command structure of Troops of Cavalry and Batteries of Artillery shall coincide with Article V, Company Headquarters, of these Regulations. Said Units shall be officered with the minimum number of officer consistent with the number of enlisted men.**
2. **Field Music units or Military Bands may be organized on the same basis as the Company Unit.**

ARTICLE VII
UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

1. **The uniform and equipment of the SVR shall be patterned from that of the U.S. Armed Forces uniforms 1861-1865. Material of the uniform shall be that of the branch of the Armed Forces for which the unit represents. The color and style of the uniform, trim, and accouterments shall conform to the REVISED U.S. Army Regulations of 1861 or 1863. Footwear and eyeglasses shall conform as close as possible to that of the Civil War era. Exceptions to the above shall include the following:**
 - a. **The metal or fabric SUV or SVR emblem and wreath, may be worn on appropriate headgear.**
 - b. **The SVR collar device along with the correct SUVCW medals may be worn on the uniforms.**
 - c. **The wearing of SUVCW and other medals shall not be inconsistent with that provided for within the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW**
 - d. **The SUVCW crest and SVR buttons may be used on the uniform.**
1. **SVR Infantry, cavalry and artillery weapons should be of the Civil War era and military design, and shall be appropriate for the branch of service and rank represented. Exceptions to the above shall include NCO and Officer swords that may be Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veteran reserve, Sons of Union Veterans, or Grand Army of the Republic.**
2. **Naval Units within the SVR shall conform to the Uniform for the U.S. Navy 1864.**
3. **Marine Corps units within the SVR shall conform to The Uniform and Dress of the United States Marine Corps – October 1859.**

ARTICLE VIII
Artillery Regulations

Rank distribution shall be in accordance with Article V, Section 6, of these Regulations with the following exceptions:

- 1. If the Unit's artillery pieces belong to individuals, one corporal will be assigned to each piece (Usually the owner of the piece).**
- 2. Officers and sergeants may be assigned as Battery Commander and Section Leaders.**
- 3. If an Artillery Unit has more than five (5) pieces, and a minimum manpower of 18, it may have a Captain as Battery Commander, 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant and Sergeant as section leaders.**
- 4. Safety Officers (which may be enlisted members) are encouraged with Batteries.**

Article IX
Cavalry Regulations

The organization and rank distribution shall be in accordance with Article V, Section 6 of these Regulations with the Following deviations:

- 1. To be considered a Cavalry Company, a minimum of six (6) troopers must be mounted**
- 2. Officers and NCOs may be assigned as Company Commander and Platoon Leaders.**
- 3. If the Unit has a minimum manpower of 15, it may have a Captain as Company Commander and a 1st Sergeant. If the Unit has a minimum manpower of 18, a 2nd Lieutenant may be appointed as Company Adjutant.**
- 4. Each Cavalry Company will have an appointed Safety Officer, which may be an enlisted trooper.**

Article X
Awards, Decorations, Devices and Insignia

- 1. Provision is hereby authorized for a Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership Badge. The badge shall be the SVR logo made of bronze and suspended from a ribbon of red, white, and blue and equipped with a safety clasp. The Commanding Officer's badge will be dipped in gold and members of the General Staff dipped in silver. All SVR Members in good standing may purchase the badge through the SUVCW Quartermaster. The SVR badge shall be worn over the left breast of coats, jackets and vests worn as outer garments and shall be at the extreme left of the wearer's right of all SUVCW badges. The order of arrangement shall be consistent with Chapter V, Article 3 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations unless stipulated by these Regulations. The SVR metal cutout is still**

authorized for wear on the SUVCW badge. A miniature Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership badge is hereby authorized to be worn, however, only on civilian attire, and in conjunction with the miniature Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Membership badge. The miniature Sons of Veterans Reserve badge may not be worn with any full size badge.

2. Individuals who have served as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are entitled to wear a Sons of Veterans Reserve Past Commanding Officer's badge which replaces the SVR Membership badge. This badge shall have the ribbon, one third blue, one third white and one third red with each section trimmed with gold color. The drop shall be the dark brass color SVR logo with a blue background surrounding the words "Sons of Veterans Reserve, S.U.V.C.W." In the center the letter S shall be white, the letter V shall be red, and the letter R shall be blue. The SVR logo shall be surrounded by a light brass color star-burst. *(Recommend this be Paragraph 2 instead of 1B as approved by 126th Encampment. It is a separate subject and should stand alone.)*
3. The Commanding Officer and General Staff's badges are the property of the SVR. Upon vacating their respective positions, the badges of their officers transferred to the incoming officers.
4. Authority to award personal and unit decorations within the SVR is vested with the Commanding Officer, SVR or his designee.
5. In order to recognize patriotic service, personal and unit achievements, and to promote *esprit de corps*, the following procedures are established regarding awards and decorations.
 - A. All decorations and badges described herein and those described in Chapter V, Article 3 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations may be worn on the SVR uniform. Other SVR decorations, ribbons, and badges previously awarded, remain authorized for continued wear.
 - B. Badges, emblems, insignia, ribbons, etc., given by an agency or organization other than the SUVCW or SVR as souvenirs, remain authorized for continued wear.
6. The following SVR personal and unit awards are hereby authorized:
 - A. **Meritorious Service Medal:** A silver star worn on the SVR membership badge may be awarded to those members who demonstrate outstanding meritorious service specifically on behalf of the SVR. It may also be awarded to those members who recruit a minimum of ten (10) new members into the SVR in a calendar year.
 - B. **Distinguished Service Medal:** A gold star worn on the SVR membership badge may be awarded to those members who demonstrate exceptional service of duty that reflects upon the accomplishments and prestige of the SUVCW and SVR on a national scale. Recognition shall be for extremely difficult duty which clearly aids the SVR in furthering the SUVCW mission objectives.
 - C. **SVR Unit Citation:** This may be awarded to those units for being exceptionally meritorious in promoting the goals and objectives of the SVR and the SUVCW which

clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. The SVR Unit Citation is a ribbon which is worn over the right breast of the wearer. Subsequent awards to the same unit will be awarded a bronze star for placement on the ribbon.

7. Nominations procedures for personal and unit awards are as follows:

A. Each Military District shall establish an Awards Board to review nominations for personal and unit awards.

B. Nominations shall be forwarded, in writing, to the respective District Awards Board giving a narrative justifying the member's/unit's achievements no later than 1 August of each year. Any SUVCW member having knowledge of an act of service meriting recognition may initiate a recommendation for an award.

C. All narratives submitted to the District Awards Board should be specific as to include dates, places and facts relating to achievement of service. The narrative must clearly portray how the Unit's or individual's achievements meet or exceed the criteria set forth in paragraph 4.

D. District Awards Boards shall record all nominations within their district and submit their nominations to the Deputy Commander, SVR, no later than 1 September of each year.

E. The Deputy Commander, SVR, will convene the National Awards Board (comprised of the General Staff), review all nominations submitted, and select those most qualified to receive awards.

F. All awards will be presented by the Commanding Officer, SVR or his representative, at the annual Remembrance Day SVR breakfast in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

8. Letters of Appreciation and Commendation: The following awards may be awarded by District Commanders and Commanding Officers of SVR Units for those individuals that do not meet the criteria for the Meritorious Service Medal or the Distinguished Service Medal who promote the principles of the SUVCW and SVR and who demonstrate sustained superior performance in their duties:

A. Commanding Officers of SVR units: Letter of Appreciation.

B. District Commanders: District Commander Letter of Appreciation and Letter of Commendation.

C. Commanding Officer, SVR: Letter of Appreciation and Letter of Commendation.

9. A commissioned officer or enlisted SVR Member may request through his Commanding Officer to be discharged from the SVR after serving one (1) year at his current rank. Requests shall be made in writing through the Unit Commander to the District Commander of which his unit reports. The District Commander shall cause to be issued an Honorable Discharge certificate to

the member.

10. A commissioned or enlisted SVR member may be retired at his request after an accredited service of ten (10) years of active service in the SVR. Requests shall be made (through channels) in writing to the Commanding Officer, SVR. The Commanding Officer, SVR shall cause to be issued a Certificate of Retirement in such cases.
11. Provision is hereby made for the SVR collar devices and SUVCW membership badge SVR devices.
12. Provision is hereby made for the following insignia: (new SVR logo):



Article XI
Discipline

1. The offenses cognizable by the SVR shall be:

First -- Disloyalty to the United States of America, or any other violation of any pledge given at the time of election into the SUVCW, or violation of any obligation or order given at the time of becoming a member of the SVR or assuming any office in the SUVCW or SVR.

Second -- Disobedience of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies, SOP or other lawful orders of the SUVCW or SVR, emanating from proper authority.

Third -- Disobedience of any lawful order, emanating from proper authority in the SVR.

Fourth -- Conviction of the commission of a serious misdemeanor or any felony crime against the laws of the United States or any State or Commonwealth thereof.

Fifth -- Conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the SUVCW and/or the SVR.

Sixth -- Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

2. The penalties shall be either:

First Dishonorable discharge from the SVR.

Second Reduction in rank.

- Third** **Degradation of honors.**
- Fourth** **Suspension from membership in the SVR for a specified period or indefinitely.**
- Fifth** **Verbal or written reprimand.**

3. All accusations shall be made in the form of charges alleging a violation of one or more of the offenses as contained in Section 1 of this Article and specifications as to the specific acts that are alleged to constitute the violations.

4 When charges are made by a member, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing **within sixty (60 days) of the date of the offense, or within sixty (60) days of the time a reasonable person should have known of the offense,** to the Commander of the District in which the alleged offense took place with a copy to

D. Judge Advocate General

E. Adjutant General

F. Deputy Commander

G. Chief of Staff

5. When charges are made by a member or members against a member or members of another Military District, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the District Commanders of both of the affected Military Districts with a copy to the chain of command identified in Section 4 of this Article.

6. All accusations must be made by one or more members against one or more members. Charges cannot be filed against a Military District, Battalion, Company or other military units.

7. **(a)** When a complaint is received consisting of charges and specifications, the District Commander in which the alleged offense occurred, shall appoint a Hearing Council **within thirty (30) days of receiving the complaint.** Said Hearing Council shall consist of at least five (5) members and no more than nine (9) members who can fairly and justly hear the matter and issue a fair and just decision.
- (b)** If the District Commander so appointing cannot locate sufficient member brothers within his District, he may call upon the Judge Advocate General for assistance in identifying members for the Hearing Council.
- (c)** The District Commander so receiving the Complaint shall insure that the accused is provided a copy of the charges and specifications **at the earliest possible opportunity (Replace the bold type phrase with the following: within ten (10) days of the date the complaint is received by the District Commander,)** and these charges and specifications shall not be disclosed to anyone until the accused has been provided with a copy thereof.
- (d)** **The District Commander shall provide the accused a written list of the persons appointed to the Hearing Council within five (5) days of their appointment.**

- (e) The District Commander shall select the date on which the Hearing Council shall convene, which date shall be no later than thirty (30) days from the date the District Commander made the appointment of the Hearing Council.
8. (a) The party preferring charges and the accused may challenge for cause the membership of the hearing council and may request the Hearing Council to remove one or more members of the Hearing Council.
- (b) The challenge must be in writing and filed with the Council Chairman no later than ten (10) days from the date the accused received notice of the challenged members' appointment to the Council.
- (c) The party making the request must show actual bias and a likelihood that the Hearing Council member cannot fairly hear and decide the issues. A vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Hearing Council is necessary to remove a member from the Hearing Council.
- (d) If a member of the Hearing Council is removed or resigns, then the District Commander shall select another member of the SVR to replace the removed/resigned member. After resolution of the composition of the Hearing Council, the Hearing Council shall proceed within ten (10) days their hearing or hearings.
9. (a) Upon **convening (substitute the word convening for the word appointment) appointment** of the Hearing Council, the Hearing Council shall **immediately** elect a chairman. **If the Hearing Council fails to elect a chairman within twenty-four (24) hours of convening then the District Commander shall appoint the chairman from among the Hearing Council members.** The Hearing Council shall then **proceed (remove the word convene) convene** and shall give at least ten (10) days' notice to the party preferring the charges and to the accused by certified mail, and shall state in such notice the time and place for the hearing. The Hearing Council shall have the power to postpone or continue the hearing, subpoena witnesses and shall impartially ascertain all the facts relative to the issue. A party to the issues may submit his evidence and argument by written statement, rather than personally attend a hearing.
10. The Commanding Officer, SVR, shall be tried for alleged offenses only on the request of three members of the National Military Affairs Committee and on such request; the Hearing Council shall consist of the appointed members of the National Military Affairs Committee, convened by its Chairman.
11. (a) The Hearing Council shall conduct the hearing in an informal manner so as to do substantial justice between the parties, according to the rules of substantive law. The Hearing Council shall not be bound by the statutory provisions or legal rules of practice, procedure, pleading, or evidence, except provisions relating to privileged communications.
- (b) The sole object of the hearing is to dispense expeditious justice between the parties. The Hearing Council shall conduct the hearing in conformance to the Constitution, Regulations, policy and any orders as may be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW or the Commanding Officer, SVR or other competent authority.

- (c) In the absence of the accused, after due notice of the time and place of hearing has been given him, Hearing Council may proceed in all respects as if he were present and had pled not guilty.
12. (a) All members of the SVR when summoned, shall attend as witnesses before any Hearing Council and their testimony shall be taken on their honor as brothers. Their testimony may be provided by written deposition if the brother lives over 100 miles from the site of the hearing or the brother is otherwise unable to attend in person.
- (b) The evidence of persons not members of the SVR shall be taken under oath or affirmation. Their testimony may be secured by written deposition, submitted under oath or affirmation and certified by a notary public (or other like official) if the individual lives over 100 miles from the site of the hearing or the individual is otherwise unable to attend in person.
- (c) The Hearing Council need not make a transcript of the proceedings, provided a clear audio record of the proceedings is made. Any party submitting exhibits or affidavits to the Hearing Council shall also provide exact copies of the same to the opposing party.
- (d) The Hearing Council shall then make specific findings of fact and issue their decision as either guilty or not guilty as to each specification, 2/3's affirmative vote necessary to convict.
- (e) If a guilty verdict is determined, the Hearing Council shall then determine an appropriate penalty as to the matter. *in consultation with the Judge Advocate General, Commanding Officer of the SVR, and the Chairman of the NMAC. (Drop this bold phrase.)*
13. No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SVR shall become effective, until the whole proceedings shall have been forwarded to the Commanding Officer, SVR, with the recommendation of the District Commander attached, for his confirmation or disapproval. This section is not applicable when the Hearing Council is convened by order of the Commanding Officer, SVR.
14. (a) When charges are preferred against any member holding office, the Commanding Officer, or the District Commander, in his respective jurisdiction, may suspend the accused from office. During the suspension of an elected or appointed District or National officer, their place shall be filled temporarily by the next officer in rank.
- (b) During the suspension of an appointed officer, the authority making the original appointment shall appoint someone within thirty (30) days to fill the office during the suspension.
- (c) If the accused is a District Commander, then only the Commanding Officer, SVR, may suspend the accused from office. When the accused is the Commanding Officer, SVR, a two-thirds (2/3) (replace an affirmative with two-thirds (2/3)) vote of the National Military Affairs Committee to suspend with approval of the Commander In Chief, SUVCW is required.
15. In case the accused is charged with an offense under Section 1, paragraph four, of this Article, the record of his conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be prima fascia evidence of his guilt of the offense of which he is charged.

16. (a) The Commander-in-Chief may take summary discipline action by completing and filing with the National Military Affairs Committee, (copy to the Council of Administration) a Complaint with charges and specifications per this Article. A majority vote of the NMAC is required to support the charges and specifications and authorize the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, The Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Commander, SVR may only vote to break a tie.
- (b) Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. Such summary discipline may only suspend a member from his status as a member in good standing and/or such summary discipline may temporarily suspend an officer of their duties.
- (c) The Commander, SVR then appoints a hearing council as per this Article. The matter shall proceed as per this article, however, a majority vote of the NMAC replacing the Commander-in-Chief in affirming any decision involving dishonorable discharge from the SVR.
- (d) If the discipline sought includes removal of an Officer of the General Staff from office, two-thirds affirmative vote is required; the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from voting and the Commander, SVR only voting to break a tie.
- (e) The accused shall not be present in the NMAC meeting room when the vote is taken. Such vote to be by secret ballot and the ballots to be destroyed upon the announcement of the vote. There shall be at least three tellers.
- (f) Upon removal of an Officer of the General Staff, the Commander, SVR, *(Remove the bold phrase) upon the approval of the NMAC,* may then make a provisional appointment to fill vacancy until the next NMAC meeting.
- (g) Appeals shall be to the National Council of Administration to the next National Encampment, unless the brother was removed from membership in the Order, in which case, the brother removed must file notice of appeal within thirty (30) days from the effective date of the order removing him from membership. Nothing herein shall prevent a brother still in good standing, who has been removed from Office, from being nominated and elected to the office he was removed from.
17. An appeal may be taken from the action of a Hearing Council as appointed by a District Commander to the Commanding Officer, SVR. Such appeal shall detail the reasons for the appeal and contain appropriate argument as to why the appeal should be granted. Such appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the final sentence.
18. Upon an appeal, all records and exhibits shall be transmitted by the party appealing to the authority receiving the appeal. The chairman of the Hearing Council shall forward the audio-tape of the proceeding to the authority receiving the appeal.
19. (a) Whenever a District Commander or the Commanding Officer shall receive an appeal, they shall appoint *within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal request a three-member* appeals panel. *(Hyphen between three and member)*
- (b) Such appeals panel shall consist of members of the SVR and shall, so far as practicable, not be acquainted with the individuals involved or as to the factual matters in dispute. Should it not be possible to reasonably find members of the SVR who are not acquainted with the individuals or the factual matters, then the appeals panel shall be selected from those members of this Order who can fairly and justly hear this appeal and issue a fair and just decision.

20. (a) The appeals panel shall convene within ten (10) days of appointment and shall immediately notify the opposite party on appeal, that he is *who shall then be* (drop the phrase “*who shall then be*”) entitled to file a written objection to the appeal, accompanied by written argument.
- (b) Any objection must be filed with the appeals panel within fifteen (15) days of receiving notice of the right to object. The appeals panel may, but shall not be required to, hold a hearing where the parties may appear to present further oral arguments.
21. (a) The appeals panel shall then render their decision within thirty (30) days from the last date available for filing an objection.
- (b) No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SVR shall become effective, until the whole appeal shall have been forwarded to the Commanding Officer, SVR, for his confirmation or disapproval and the Commanding Officer, SVR’s decision announced.
22. The decision of an appeals panel appointed by the Commanding Officer, SVR, upon the conclusion of the process as outlined in Section 21, is final and no further right of appeal exists. *(Remove the remainder of this paragraph)* A party may request leave to appeal to a National Military Affairs Committee, which request must be made within 30 days of the issuance of the decision of the appeals panel appointed by the Commanding Officer. Any decision of the National Military Affairs Committee is final and may not be reviewed by any authority at any future time. (If there is no further appeal as stated in the black portion of this paragraph THEN the accused cannot appeal to the NMAC)

Article XII
General Provisions

1. It shall be the policy of the SVR to strive, where possible, for a minimum amount of red tape and regulations. Military regulations as may be deemed to be absolutely necessary for the efficient operation of the SVR, shall be established by the Commanding Officer, SVR and shall not be in conflict with the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW. While it shall not be the policy to demand drastic or unreasonable requirements which may become burdensome to individual SVR members or units, adherence to these Regulations shall be expected.
2. All senior grade commissions (Major, Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel) shall be subject to approval of the NMAC.
3. All SVR members shall belong to and maintain their membership in the SUVCW. If a SVR member lets his SUVCW membership expire, he shall be automatically suspended from the SVR until he again becomes a member of the SUVCW.
4. These Regulations supersedes all previous SOPs and Regulations. Copies of these Regulations may be obtained through the office of the SVR Chief of Staff. Permission is hereby granted to copy these Regulations.

Article XIII
Regulation Approvals

The foregoing Regulations for the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve was approved 09 August 2008 by the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and amended by later National Encampments.

APPENDIX 2
Council of Administration Meeting Minutes
And Electronic Boardroom Votes

**Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2007
St. Louis, Missouri
Meeting Minutes (Revised 23 August 07)**

The Pre-Encampment Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl at approximately 8:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. An inspirational opening prayer was then offered by National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski. Upon the roll call of officers, the following were recorded present:

Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert
National Secretary Michael S. Bennett
National Treasurer Max L. Newman
National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler
Council Member Leo Kennedy
Council Member D. Brad Schall
Council Member Daniel Murray
Council Member James Hanby
Council Member Eric Schmincke
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby
National Counselor Donald Shaw
National Washington D.C. Representative and Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson

Additional Past Commanders-in-Chief present included Stephen A. Michaels, Edward J. Krieser, Keith G. Harrison, Charles W. Corfman and Richard L. Greenwalt.

Guests of the Council of Administration were: National Chief of Staff Donald Palmer, Executive Director Lee Walters, National Chaplain Kowalski, Assistant National Treasurer Eugene Mortorff, Banner Publisher John Hart, Foundation Director Robert Petrovic representing the Missouri Host Committee, and Brothers Neal Breagh from the Department of Michigan, Blair Rudy from the Department of Texas, and Commander Harvey Linscott from the Department of Florida.

Commander-in-Chief Pahl asked for a vote to affirm all votes of the Electronic Boardroom. A motion to do so was made and duly seconded, and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to amend the policy on the use of the name and emblem of the Order to add *challenge coins* to the list of items which Brothers, Camps and Departments are authorized to use the SUVCW name and symbols upon. The motion was seconded, and considerable discussion and debate took place, following which a vote was taken. The motion failed.

Brother Breagh was then recognized by Commander-in-Chief Pahl and given the floor to address the Council regarding a recommendation for Honorary Membership. After his presentation, and some discussion, no motion was made.

Past Commander-in-Chief Michaels then addressed the Council regarding his work as Editor of The Banner, presenting the 2006-2007 budget break-down and also showing a proposed budget of costs that would be incurred if the Banner was published by ProGraphics of Wisconsin. Banner Publisher John Hart was then given an opportunity to give his own presentation and proposal from Dunmore Publishing Inc. In addition to expressing their appreciation for Brother Hart visiting the meeting to share this information, the Council also extended their gratitude for his work on the Banner over the last six years, noting that the Banner has come a long way in that time. It was the Council's position that they would provide advice and guidance to the Banner Editor, but would allow him the latitude to make the final choices he felt were best for the publication.

Commander-in-Chief Pahl then shared Council Member Schall's request for clarification by asking the question, "What is the \$7 Encampment Registration Fee for?" After discussion, it was agreed that as funds (currently \$1500) are given to the Encampment Committee early on to help with some of their up-front expenses, the Encampment Registration Fee goes back to the National Organization to help offset that expense. It does not, as some have suggested, cover the cost of producing and distributing Encampment Proceedings, nor does it cover transcription and other related expenses. It was noted that the cost of producing Proceedings is in excess of \$6000 per Encampment.

The subject of internet discussion groups, such as those hosted by Yahoo, was brought up and it was noted that at least two now exist for the Sons of Union Veterans. Discussion then took place regarding the use of the SUVCW name or logos being used on these sites, as well as what guidelines or restrictions should be followed. SVCinC Kuhn recommended that the matter be referred to the Program & Policy Committee for their review and recommendations.

Whereupon the Commander-in-Chief declared the Council to be in Executive Session and respectfully asked all guests to temporarily leave the meeting room.

Upon resumption of the regular meeting, PCinC Darby requested that the Commander-in-Chief issue a General Order directing that all PCinCs whose Encampment Proceedings are outstanding, and who are delinquent in providing the materials needed to complete those Proceedings, be required to turn over all such materials by the Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting in November of 2007. The Proceedings of any who do not comply with this Order will then be compiled with the materials that are available – even if that should mean that those Proceedings merely list the date and location where the Encampment was held, and the names of those who were elected to Office. The motion was seconded by SVCinC Kuhn and passed unanimously.

National Chaplain Kowalski was given a moment to update the Council on his progress with the *Chaplain's Handbook*. He noted that he would be meeting with Camp and Department Chaplains during the course of this National Encampment, and asked for instructions as to what to do with this material when it is compiled. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Programs and Policies Committee for their review before it is made available to the membership. PCinC Corfman requested that it also be provided to the Council for their review, electronically, before being made available to the Order.

Treasurer Newman then updated the Council on our progress with submission of IRS Form 990s, noting that both the IRS and our new Auditors are working *with us* to bring this matter to a speedy resolution. He also briefed the Council on the IRS mandate that tax exempt entities must report to the IRS beginning in 2008 – the specifics of which reporting have not yet been determined. Those Camps or Departments that do not have an EIN (Employer Identification Number) are required to get one. Treasurer Newman then presented his budget for 2007-2008, noting that he had created a conservative budget for the coming year. With a couple of minor modifications, it was moved and seconded that the proposed budget be presented to the Encampment. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Newman then presented the Council with a proposed Records Retention Policy for the use of the Order, based on the mandate of the IRS. PCinC Darby suggested that this become a part of our Regulations, rather than a policy. Council Member Kennedy moved that adoption of this schedule as a regulation be recommended to the Encampment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hanby, and passed unanimously.

PCinC Darby then questioned whether all Brothers known to have materials belonging to the National Organization had turned them over for archiving at the National Headquarters as directed. It was unclear if a specific Brother had yet done this, and Council Member Schmincke agreed to make the necessary inquiry to confirm this.

Treasurer Newman then showed the Council a diagram of the design for a bench to be placed at the Grant Estate in Galena , IL . Some discussion took place regarding the specific text to appear on the memorial, which was followed by a motion from PCinC Darby that the additional funds required, less than \$500, be allocated from the additional monies added to the Monuments and Memorials Fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Schmincke and passed unanimously.

Secretary Bennett then brought up minor matters for discussion, including the completion of Camp Charters and the need for an update to the current ROTC application form. He also presented a newly designed *Camp Organization Instructions Form 50* and *Camp Charter Check-Off Sheet Form 53* , created to replace the current and somewhat outdated forms. It is hoped that these instructions will more closely match the current procedures being followed. They were referred to the Program and Policy Committee for its review.

Council Member Hanby noted that a resolution was provided to the National Secretary recommending that the CinC or his designee be present at the Andrew Johnson National Cemetery in Greenville , Tennessee for a wreath presentation in honor of the 200 th anniversary of President Andrew Johnson's birthday on December 29, 2008 .

PCinC Darby, who will end his service on the Council of Administration at the conclusion of this Encampment, offered his thanks to the Council and Order for seven years of fun.

Council Member Kennedy also stated his appreciation to the Council, noting that his term of service has been an outstanding adventure.

Council Member Schall noted that he too has had a fun three years, so much so that he intends to run for another three.

Chief of Staff Palmer thanked the Council as well, and reminded the Council that he would be running for the office of National Secretary.

PCinC Krieser reported that a Disciplinary Hearing was held in the matter of CinC James Pahl v. Keith Ashley on August 9, 2007 , at which Keith Ashley was not found guilty by the hearing panel. PCinC Pahl directed that Brother Krieser forward his recommendations regarding the required use of all internal remedies before litigation is initiated for all matters relating to the SUVCW to the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

Compliments were offered to Chief of Staff Palmer for his outstanding work in soliciting, organizing and assembling all of the Officer and Committee Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Pahl offered his appreciation to the Council for their service, and with no further business to come before the Council, ordered that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 11:30 PM .

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary, SUVCW

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration Meeting
August 12, 2007
St. Louis, Missouri
Meeting Minutes**

The Post-Encampment Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn at 8:00 am. The opening prayer was offered by National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll of officers was called, with the following recorded as present:

Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy
National Secretary Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
National Treasurer Max L. Newman
National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler
Council Member Daniel Murray
Council Member James Hanby
Council Member Eric Schmincke
Council Member D. Brad Schall
Council Member Robert Petrovic
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl
Washington, D.C. Representative Andrew Johnson

Additional Past Commanders-in-Chief present included Charles W. Corfman, Lowell V. Hammer, Edward J. Krieser, George L. Powell, Stephen A. Michaels and Donald E. Darby.

Guests of the Council of Administration included Executive Director Lee Walters, National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski and Past National Secretary Michael Bennett.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn issued the new username and password to the Council of Administration for the Electronic Boardroom for the 2007-2008 administrative year.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on 2007-2008 membership dues for National Members-at Large. A motion was made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert to keep the membership dues at \$31, prorated in July for 6 months, with a \$10 application fee. Second was made by PCinC Pahl. Motion passed.

The discussion relative to National Membership-at-Large continued with a vote on National Member-at-Large Coordinator. Motion was made by Council Member Petrovic to appoint Alan Russ as NMAL Coordinator for the 2007-2008 administrative year. Second was made by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kennedy. Motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on waiver of membership dues for Brothers serving in a combat zone. Motion made by PCinC James Pahl that dues and application fees for Brothers serving in a combat zone be waived. Second was made by Council Member Hanby. Motion passed. It was also noted that Camps must supply the letter requesting the waiver.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn opened a discussion on sale of 2007 National Encampment items. Motion made by Council Member Schmincke to grant approval to the Department of Missouri to sell items associated with the 2007 National Encampment until they are gone. Second was made by National Quartermaster Wheeler. Motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on pre-1996 Life Membership reimbursement. Motion made by Council Member Hanby to keep the reimbursement at \$6. Second was made by Council Member Schall. Motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn opened a discussion on the on-line application, noting that his goal is

to complete the process by the end of the 2007-2008 administrative year. The Commander-in-Chief noted his appointment of Jerry Sayre, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, as an Aide to the Committee on Membership. Senior Vice Commander Medert mentioned that many of the contacts listed on Department websites are out of date. He followed this with a motion to have any changes in contacts listed on Department websites be sent immediately to Executive Director Lee Walters and National Webmaster Ken Freshley. Second was made by Council Member Hanby. Motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on database software for Graves Registration and other functions of the Order. The Commander-in-Chief noted that this was turned over to the Committee on Communications & Technology and he would like to have this resolved by the end of the 2007-2008 administrative year. Council Member Schmincke offered to serve as a consultant if needed, and was subsequently appointed as an Aide to the Committee on Communications & Technology.

PCinC George Powell distributed a list of proposed changes to the Credentials Set-Up process from the Special Committee on National Encampment Registration. A discussion ensued relative to the item dealing with purchase of computers to support the National Encampment. Motion made by PCinC Pahl to appoint a committee to explore the possibility of purchasing three (3) laptops to go to the Executive Director, National Secretary and the BANNER Editor, including a process to make sure they get to the National Encampment, and assign the National Treasurer to investigate the feasibility of such a purchase. PCinC Powell offered a friendly amendment to include a printer, network switch and cables, and have the committee provide a report at the next Council of Administration meeting. The amendment was accepted by PCinC Pahl. Second was made by Council Member Schmincke. Motion passed, with one CoA member in opposition.

On the subject of Credentials, the Commander-in-Chief assigned the Committee on Program and Policy to investigate how to make Credentials information part of the National Database per the list of proposed changes submitted by PCinC Powell.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn opened a discussion on distribution of National Encampment proceedings. The Commander-in-Chief requested a change be made to the Credentials Card to include a box to be checked if a copy of the proceedings is requested. This is to be forwarded to the Committee on Program and Policy per the 126 th National Encampment. In addition, the Commander-in-Chief appointed the BANNER Editor to place an ad in the BANNER informing members that copies of old proceedings currently available to the membership will be disposed of in the Spring of 2008. Those wishing to receive back copies of proceedings should respond by that time.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on the "domain squatter" and the suvcw.com domain. The Commander-in-Chief noted that this issue was passed to the Council of Administration for action by the 126 th National Encampment. PCinC Pahl recommending sending a "less than friendly" letter to the domain squatter associated with the suvcw.com domain. The Commander-in-Chief volunteered to contact the National Counselor and request that a letter be sent on behalf of the Order.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn opened a discussion on licensing of the SUVCW name and logos and asked applicants to present their requests. On behalf of McCormick Camp #215 from the Department of Missouri, Council Member Petrovic presented a banner the Camp wishes to sell at a cost of \$175. Motion made by PCinC Pahl to approve this request as presented through the next post-Encampment Council of Administration meeting provided that one of the G.A.R. badges on the banner is changed to the badge of our Order. The motion was amended to clarify that the G.A.R. badge should be on the left and the SUVCW membership badge should be on the right. Second was made by Council Member Schmincke. Motion passed.

On the issue of the badges/challenge coins offered by Garfield Camp #142 from the Department of Ohio, PCinC Pahl made a motion to recall the badges/challenge coins, have the Camp refund all money and destroy the die. The motion was amended to state that funds returned be sent to the National organization to be deposited into the Monuments and Memorials Fund. Second was made by Quartermaster Danny Wheeler. Motion passed. The Commander-in-Chief requested that the National

Secretary send a letter highlighting the actions requested by the Council of Administration to the Garfield Camp on behalf of the National organization. The letter is to be reviewed by the National Counselor prior to release.

PCinC Powell presented two versions of golf shirts the Department of Pennsylvania would like to sell. The first incorporated the SUVCW logo with the words "Department of Pennsylvania". It was noted that if it was only for sale to Department members, that a license was not needed. The second incorporated the SUVCW coat of arms. Motion made by PCinC Pahl to approve the request. Second was made by Council Member Hanby. Motion passed.

Council Member Petrovic presented a polo shirt that contained the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge. Motion made by PCinC Powell to allow Council Member Petrovic to produce shirts/jackets containing the PCinC badge for sale to any PCinC. Second was made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert. Motion passed, with one CoA member in opposition.

There was no old business brought before the Council of Administration.

Under new business:

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn noted that there are currently no requirements in the Constitution & Regulations for a Camp to hold meetings. Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Medert to adopt a policy stating that Camps must hold meetings at least twice each year. Second was made by Council Member Hanby. Motion passed.

PCinC Pahl presented the \$250 "love token" from the Auxiliary to Commander-in-Chief Kuhn. The Commander-in-Chief tasked the National Secretary to send a letter of thanks.

On the subject of seniority, Commander-in-Chief Kuhn made a ruling that when a Brother on the Council of Administration is elected to a second consecutive term, his seniority begins on the date he was elected to his first term.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn announced the Memorial Grant Committee for 2007-2008. Council Member Schall, being senior member of the Council, will serve as Chairman, with Council Members Murray and Hanby also serving on the Committee.

For the "Good of the Order", Council Member Hanby announced three new Lincoln Fellows: Jim Crane from the Department of Ohio, National Webmaster Ken Freshley and Meade Camp #5 from the Department of Maryland.

On behalf of the Department of Missouri, Council Member Petrovic wished to thank the Council of Administration for the opportunity to host the 2007 National Encampment.

Quartermaster Wheeler announced that the Quartermaster Store did well at the National Encampment, with over \$6,100 in sales. The previous high at a National Encampment was \$3,100.

PCinC Pahl offered to serve as Assistant National Counselor for Digest.

PCinC Michaels requested that a reminder be sent to Department webmasters to update Department websites when new officers are elected.

Executive Director Walters highlighted a recommendation in his report to the Council of Administration to only use the current version of forms.

With no further business to come before the Council, Commander-in-Chief Kuhn adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC
National Secretary, SUVCW

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Council of Administration
Meeting Minutes
18 November 2007
Gettysburg, PA**

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn at 8:03 am. The opening prayer was offered by National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll of officers was called, with the following recorded as present:

Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy

National Secretary Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

National Treasurer Max L. Newman

National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler

Council Member Daniel Murray

Council Member James Hanby

Council Member Eric Schmincke

Council Member D. Brad Schall

Council Member Robert Petrovic

Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl

National Counselor Richard D. Orr

Washington, D.C. Representative Andrew Johnson

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert was excused due to an emergency at home.

Additional Past Commanders-in-Chief present included Charles W. Corfman, Edward J. Krieser, Stephen A. Michaels, Elmer F. Atkinson. Guests of the Council of Administration included Executive Director Lee Walters, National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe, National Chief of Staff Gene Mortorff and Massachusetts Department Commander Perley Mellor.

Old Business

National Treasurer Max Newman provided a status on delinquent IRS Form 990's. He reported that none of the audits have been completed as of yet.

Council Member James Hanby reported on delinquent National Encampment proceedings. Based on the National Treasurer's report, those proceedings previously reported as missing were either turned in to the committee as ordered or were otherwise accounted for. Motion made by James Hanby, second by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, to form a committee to determine which SUVCW members are still eligible to receive paper copies of past National Encampment proceedings. Motion passed. A concern was subsequently raised that there were still a couple missing that were not on the National Treasurer's list. Council Member Hanby responded that the committee would verify that all proceedings were accounted for.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn introduced National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe, who reported that there is a need for enhancements to current database software and expressed concern about the apparent lack of progress in this area. He also reported that the job has grown tremendously with the inclusion of photos of grave stones. Inputting graves registration data takes approximately four (4) minutes per entry. In addition, Brother Lowe mentioned that the entire Vermont graves database is incorrect, primarily due to incorrect unit information. There are approximately 15,000 Vermont records that need to be corrected. Brother Lowe also reported that there are three (3) Departments that still do not have a Department Graves Registration Officer identified. Due to the increased workload faced by the Graves Registration Committee, it was reported that Bruce Frail from Rhode Island was recently added as an Aide to the Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn asked for a status on the records retention policy required by the IRS. PCinC Richard Orr responded that he has the action to take it to the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

As a result of the changes to the Constitution and Regulations approved by the Special National Encampment held on 17 November in Gettysburg, Commander-in-Chief Kuhn tasked the National Secretary with distributing changes to the Constitution to Department Secretaries, along with a ratification cover sheet, so that action can be taken at the various Department Encampments in 2008. By action of the Special National Encampment, the changes to the Regulations become effective on 01 July 2008, assuming the changes to the Constitution are ratified.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn opened a discussion on protection of SUVCW insignias/emblems. The Order has a 100 year-old patent on the badge itself and a copyright on the emblem. The Commander-in-Chief assigned PCinC's Richard Orr and Jim Pahl to search for a patent attorney and get an opinion about how much protection the Order really has over the badge and emblem.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on processes for chartering new Camps. On the question previously posed regarding calligraphy for charters, Council Member Bob Petrovic offered the services of a calligrapher in the St. Louis area that would charge \$20 maximum for calligraphy on SUVCW charters. Due to calligraphy, shipping charges, etc., it was mentioned that the cost may exceed the \$25 charter fee imposed by the National organization. Motion made by PCinC Jim Pahl, second by Council Member Eric Schmincke, to provide calligraphy on new charters and have the National organization absorb any cost above the \$25 charter fee. Motion passed. Also on the subject of chartering new Camps, a discussion ensued on empowering Departments to give Camps permission to form (Form 51). The current process requires the National organization to grant permission to new Camps wishing to form. PCinC Richard Orr volunteered to take this item to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for further action.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on revisions to the Membership Application (Form 1). A request to add space to include the name of the cemetery where the qualifying ancestor is buried (if known) was submitted previously to the Program and Policy Committee for review. Other ideas, including creating a supplemental form for adding additional family members, were brought

forward. Motion made by Council Member Eric Schmincke, second by Council Member Brad Schall, to assign the Program and Policy Committee to amend the Job Description of the Graves Registration Officer to include recording graves registration information from Membership Applications. Motion passed.

On the subject of per capita dues for Dual Members, an issue was raised regarding Brothers who have dual membership paying per capita dues for both Camps. The consensus reached by the Council of Administration was that Brothers who are dual members should pay per capita dues for both Camps. PCinC Richard Orr mentioned that at one time, Forms 27 and 35 had blanks identifying dual members, and were dropped during the latest revisions of these forms (going from quarterly reporting to annual reporting). PCinC Orr recommended, for the purpose of membership count accuracy, that this issue of identifying dual members be brought to the Program and Policy Committee for action and possible revision of the referenced forms.

New Business

PCinC Ed Krieser updated the Council of Administration on plans for Lincoln Death Day, scheduled for Saturday, 12 April 2008 in Springfield, IL. He mentioned that contract with the hotel, the State House Inn, should be in place.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn followed the discussion on Lincoln Death Day with an announcement on the Spring Council of Administration meeting. The meeting will be held in conjunction with Lincoln Death Day in Springfield, IL on Saturday, 12 April 2008 at 6:00 pm. The Commander-in-Chief wishes the Council meeting to be a “working dinner” format, with food provided.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on the Lincoln Bicentennial. PCinC Ed Krieser mentioned that the coin being developed by PCinC Al Loomis to commemorate the Lincoln Bicentennial was turned over to the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. Council Member James Hanby offered information on events associated with the official observance of the Lincoln Bicentennial and suggested that the Commander-in-Chief or his representative be present in Kentucky next February as the President of the U.S. will be there for the kickoff of the two year observance. Council Member Hanby also suggested that the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee be tasked with following the Lincoln Bicentennial events. Commander-in-Chief Kuhn responded that he would task this committee to do so.

Council Member Brad Schall provided the Council of Administration with background information on a request for funds for a GAR monument for a cemetery in Tulsa, OK. Apparently, there is no monument to the GAR in the state of Oklahoma. The Indian Nations Camp has asked for funds from the Memorials/Monuments Grant Committee. The Camp has raised \$4500 out of the \$9000 needed, including \$1,000 from the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. Motion made by Council Member Bob Petrovic, second by Council Member James Hanby to donate \$1000 out of the GAR Fund to support this activity. Motion passed (6 votes for – Schall, Wheeler, Hanby, Palmer, Petrovic, Pahl; 3 votes against – Schmincke, Kennedy, Murray; 1 abstention – Newman)

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn opened a discussion on Council of Administration approval of Camp items. PCinC Richard Orr noted that there is nothing in the National charter that restricts Camps from using the name of the organization, only the emblem. The discussion turned to Garfield Camp #142 items address at the post-Encampment Council meeting in St. Louis. Motion made by PCinC Jim Pahl, second by Council Member Eric Schmincke, to (1) rescind the action from the previous meeting; (2) accept the offer from the Ohio Department Commander; and (3) table further discussion on CoA approval of Camp items until the Spring Council meeting. Motion passed. The Commander-in-Chief tasked the National Secretary with sending a letter to the Department of Ohio noting the action by the Council of Administration.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated a discussion on expediting the election process at National Encampments, noting the time-consuming affair at the 126 th National Encampment in St. Louis. Much of the discussion focused on empowering Department Commanders and/or chairmen of Department delegations to take more control of delegate counts during roll calls. The Commander-in-Chief announced that he will be issuing a General Order on this subject and tasked Council Member Eric Schmincke with coordinating with Credentials Committee Chairman George Powell prior to issuance.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn brought up the subject of Honorary Membership in light of the recent vote on the nomination of Ken Burns. The viewpoint of the Commander-in-Chief is that the current criteria are too stringent; however, based on an informal survey, most of the Council of Administration believes the criteria are acceptable as currently stated. On a related subject, the Commander-in-Chief tasked the Department of Maryland with approaching historian Ed Bearss with Honorary Membership in the SUVCW.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn, given the recent actions requiring a Special National Encampment, noted that the organization should investigate ways to shorten the process for changing the Constitution. Both PCinC's Richard Orr and Jim Pahl offered that the solution is to submit proposed changes to the Regulations well in advance so that an adequate review can take place. This would help avoid a situation similar to the Junior Associate action taken at the 126 th National Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn declared a break for an Executive Session at 11:00 am. The session concluded at 11:15 am.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn nominated a brother for a Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. Motion made by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, second by Council Member James Hanby, to approve the nomination. Motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn asked for a status on developing a CD that contains the Constitution, Regulations, Digest, Policies, etc. PCinC Jim Pahl responded that he will develop this CD once the proposed changes to the Constitution and Regulations are made official.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn asked National Chief of Staff Gene Mortorff to provide a status on the schedule of Department Encampments for 2008. There were 11 Department Encampments that had no National elected officer assigned to attend. Those assignments were made. The Chief of Staff noted that there were still several Departments that have yet to respond with dates for their Encampments.

National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski presented a proposal for a 20-minute church service at the Council of Administration meetings in Gettysburg and Springfield, and the National Encampment. The services will be held on Sundays at 7 am. Motion made by Council Member James Hanby, second by Council Member Brad Schall, to accept this proposal. Motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn brought up the issue associated with presidential candidate Barack Obama and his failure to place his hand over his heart during the National Anthem. The Commander-in-Chief was considering sending a letter taking exception to his behavior. The general consensus of the Council of Administration was that this was a political issue that the organization should not get involved with.

National Secretary Don Palmer brought up an issue with the current job description for the National Secretary. Item #5 states that the Secretary provide monthly reports of the numerical and financial strength of the Order to the Council of Administration. He noted that, based on feedback from his predecessors, that it has been many years since this information has been presented. He offered to provide this information, but would need to enlist the help of the Executive Director and the National Treasurer to assemble the data. Based on consensus from the Council of Administration, this issue will be turned over to the Program and Policy Committee to amend the National Secretary job description by removing item #5.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn brought up a request from the Department of Wisconsin to use the SUVCW emblem/log on a ribbon and pin-back button to support their 125 th Department Encampment in 2008. Motion made by Council Member James Hanby, second by Council Member Eric Schmincke, to approve this request. Motion passed. The National Secretary was tasked with sending a letter notifying the Department of Wisconsin of this action.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn brought up a request from the Department of New Hampshire to use the SUVCW emblem/logo for a Department challenge coin. Motion made by Eric Schmincke, second by Council Member James Hanby, to approve this request. Motion passed. The National Secretary was tasked with sending a letter notifying the Department of New Hampshire of this action.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn mentioned a letter received by PCinC Jim Pahl regarding partial distribution of the William E. Little Trust. The information was passed on to PCinC Steve Michaels to place information in the BANNER.

PCinC Richard Orr brought up several items. First, he recommended some wording changes to the Rituals of the Order as they may be inappropriate for Juniors. Second, ribbons and voting cards from the Special National Encampment will be sold as a set for \$7.00, including shipping and handling. Finally, he mentioned that the G.A.R. Sesquicentennial Committee is recommending that the SUVCW seek authorization from Congress to have the U.S. Mint commemorate coins in gold, silver and platinum. Since the mint cannot make a profit, proceeds above and beyond the cost of production are directed to non-profit organizations. Motion made by PCinC Jim Pahl, second by Council Member Eric Schmincke, to direct money received from sales of these coins to the G.A.R. Fund. Motion passed.

Council Member Bob Petrovic recommended that, in addition to the three (3) laptop computers being purchased for the Executive Director, BANNER Editor and National Secretary, the National organization purchase a fourth computer for the National Treasurer. Council Member Petrovic put this in the form of a motion, with a second from Council Member Eric Schmincke. Motion passed.

Council Member Eric Schmincke mentioned that Camp Letterman (just north of Gettysburg) is under attack by developers. Camp Letterman served as a hospital for those wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. Homes are being built on the grounds, requiring movement of the monument.

With no further business to come before the Council, Commander-in-Chief Kuhn adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC
National Secretary, SUVCW

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Council of Administration
Meeting Minutes
12 April 2008
Springfield, IL

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn at 7:06 pm. An opening prayer was offered, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll of officers was called, with the following recorded as present:

Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert
National Secretary Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
National Treasurer Max L. Newman
National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler
Council Member James Hanby
Council Member D. Brad Schall
Council Member Robert Petrovic
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy and Council Members Daniel W. Murray and Eric J. Schmincke were excused by the Commander-in-Chief.

Additional Past Commanders-in-Chief present included Keith G. Harrison, Edward J. Krieser and Stephen A. Michaels.

Officers Reports

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn conducted a review of the officers reports submitted to the National Chief of Staff and highlighted a number of items for discussion.

Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief –

Item 2(g) regarding on-line application procedures and a request that the Council of Administration approve the recommendation from the then Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief presented at the 2007 National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief ruled that the Council of Administration cannot deal with this and that the current Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief submit this as one of his recommendations to the upcoming National Encampment.

Item 3(a) regarding use of SUVCW name/logos as they relate to internet discussion groups and the recommendation that this be assigned to the Communications & Technology Committee for action. The Commander-in-Chief so ordered.

Item 3(e) regarding drafting a policy that Camps be required to meet twice each year and the recommendation that this be assigned to the Constitution & Regulations Committee for action. The Commander-in-Chief so ordered.

Item 4(a) regarding changes to Job Descriptions and the recommendation that changing Job Descriptions be deleted from the Job Description of the Program & Policy Committee due to the fact that Job Descriptions are part of the Constitution & Regulations. The Commander-in-Chief subsequently assigned this request to the Constitution & Regulations Committee.

Report of the Junior-Vice Commander-in-Chief – receiving requests regarding status of applications received over a year ago. Most Departments don't report back to National where Departments place new members. PCinC Keith Harrison responded by stating that the process appears to be working as there are only two Departments that are not on board with timely placement of new applicants.

Report of the National Treasurer – raised an issue regarding the cost of the audits associated with the years 2004-2007. The total cost will be \$12,000, but it appears that only \$7,500 was listed in the budget. Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to increase the budget to \$15,000 to reflect additional costs needed to complete the audit. Second by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler. A friendly amendment was offered by PCinC Jim Pahl that if revenue is not sufficient to cover cost, the differences may be drawn from the reserve. The friendly amendment was accepted. Motion passed.

Report of the Executive Director – requesting that the current computer at National Headquarters be replaced with a Dell Inspiron Desktop running Windows XP Professional plus Access Database. Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to have the Executive Director immediately purchase desktop through Dell while XP is still available. Second made by Council Member Bob Petrovic. Motion passed. The Commander-in-Chief expressed the need to back up all data to a server and a desire to have back-up at two locations. The National Secretary was tasked with contacting National Webmaster Ken Freshley to determine the best course of action in addressing this need.

Report of the Washington, D.C. Representative – the Commander-in-Chief brought the item regarding actions being taken by the Alliance Defense Fund and the American Legion to protect veteran's monuments from legal attacks from organizations such as the ACLU to the attention of the Council of Administration.

Old Business

The Commander-in-Chief initiated a discussion on database software, stating his desire that this issue be brought to a conclusion as it has been a topic of discussion for at least two administrations. PCinC Keith Harrison took the action to discuss this issue with National Webmaster Ken Freshley to see where this item stands.

To follow up an item raised at the November 2007 Council of Administration meeting, the Commander-in-Chief brought up the need to determine what the SUVCW must do above and beyond what is stated in the Federal charter for protection relative to patent and trademark issues. National Secretary Don Palmer took the action to discuss this issue with an attorney he has worked with in the past relative to patent application filings.

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn brought up a recommendation raised at the 126th National Encampment to allow Departments to form Camps. PCinC Jim Pahl noted that under the administration of PCinC Orr, a General Order was issued to allow Departments to grant initial approval to form Camps (General Order #4, Series 1997-1998). As a result, the Commander-in-Chief appointed the Program & Policy Committee to revise Form 51 to eliminate the need for C-in-C approval. The C-in-C also requested the Constitution & Regulations Committee consider recommending a revision to Chapter I, Article I, Section 2 of the Regulations to state that the charter application fee shall be no less than \$25. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert stated his desire to re-organize the Constitution & Regulations to minimize the need to search multiple Articles, Sections, etc. that pertain to the same topic.

In continuing a discussion on delinquent National Encampment proceedings from the November 2007 Council of Administration meeting, Council Member James Hanby reported that that the proceedings of the 109th and 121st National Encampments are complete and will be sent to the Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings. It was also reported that the proceedings of the 118th National Encampment will be completed prior to the upcoming National Encampment in Peabody, MA.

New Business

Commander-in-Chief Kuhn initiated discussion focused on documenting procedures for forming a Department. National Secretary Don Palmer recommended that since Departments don't form very often, revisions to the existing Forms 51, 53, 54, and 55 be considered as opposed to developing a new

set of forms specifically for Departments. The Commander-in-Chief tasked the Program & Policy Committee to review the existing forms and recommend revisions to include Department formation. The Commander-in-Chief took the action to draft a process for forming Departments.

Questions were raised recently regarding the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and who audits the SVR. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert mentioned that the Military Affairs Committee serves in relation to the SVR much in the same way as a Department Council does in relation to Departments. It was also mentioned that reports of the Military Affairs Committee are presented to the National Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief initiated a discussion about interactive on-line forms. PCinC Keith Harrison clarified the difference between versions of Adobe software. He mentioned that Adobe Acrobat Reader would not save data input into the "writable" PDF forms while on line. There is software available, specifically Adobe Acrobat and PDF Creator, that would save the data while online. Adobe software is somewhat expensive, whereas PDF Creator is not. PCinC Harrison suggested that information on these software packages be distributed to Camps and Departments. Either software package could be purchased; however, if the form was downloaded prior to inputting data, as indicated in the online instructions, there should not be a problem. The Commander-in-Chief indicated that he would include this information in his next newsletter.

An issue was raised regarding the War Medal Application and the differences in eligibility dates between those in the regulations and those recognized by the American Legion. Motion made by PCinC Jim Pahl, second by Council Member James Hanby, to reinstate the eligibility dates recognized by the American Legion and include the dates proposed by Brother Todd Shillington. Motion passed. The Commander-in-Chief subsequently ordered the Program & Policy Committee to revise the War Medal application form to reflect these changes.

On the subject of Memorial Grant funds, Council Member Brad Schall motioned (1) that the Memorial Grant committee chairman provide his original signature and electronic signatures of the other committee members to the National Treasurer (as opposed to original signatures of all committee members) in order to release the funds and (2) that only two of the three committee member signatures are required. Second made by Council Member James Hanby. Motion passed.

National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler provided an update of the ROTC program and presented a letter of thanks and photo of a recent award recipient. Given the increase in activity associated with this awards program, PCinC Wheeler requested permission to appoint an assistant. Permission was granted by the Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief raised an issue regarding proof of service and ancestry associated with the membership application. PCinC Jim Pahl responded that this issue was already addressed by a National Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief presented the two nominations brought forward during this administrative year for the Founders Award. A vote was taken and Ken Burns was announced as the winner of the Founders Award for 2008.

The Commander-in-Chief brought forward a request from Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp #149 of the Department of Pennsylvania to allow them to develop a medal to commemorate their 100th anniversary. Motion made by PCinC Jim Pahl, second by Council Member James Hanby, to grant permission. Motion passed.

The National Welsh-American Foundation is requesting assistance from the SUVCW to help justify awarding a Medal of Honor to Sgt. Harry Reese of the 48th Pennsylvania Infantry for his actions at the Battle of the Crater (Petersburg Campaign). Council Member James Hanby volunteered to follow up with this request.

The Jackson County Genealogical Society (JCGS) in Mississippi is requesting assistance from the SUVCW to identify and mark graves of Mexican War veterans buried there. PCinC Steve Michaels was tasked with communicating with the Sons of Mexican War Veterans regarding the JCGS request.

The Commander-in-Chief brought forward information provided to him by a group that produces 2 minute infomercials and their interest in producing one for the SUVCW. The cost is approximately \$22,000. Motion made by PCinC Jim Pahl, second by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, to decline the opportunity. Motion passed.

National Treasurer Max Newman raised an issue regarding a Camp in the Department of New York where three checks submitted by the Camp have bounced. The National Treasurer is requesting permission to respond to the Camp in question with a request for certified funds or cashiers checks. The Commander-in-Chief took the action to send a letter to the New York Department Commander expressing concern and requesting that he take action.

Council Member James Hanby brought forward two requests to produce challenge coins. The first was a coin to be produced by French Camp #17 from the Department of New York. Motion by Council Member Hanby, second by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert, to grant permission. Motion passed.

The second was a request from the Department of Maryland to produce an Irish Brigade challenge coin. Motion by Council Member Hanby, second by Council Member Bob Petrovic, to grant permission. Motion passed.

The Commander-in-Chief noted that those receiving approval to produce items will need to re-apply at the National Encampment.

With no further business to come before the Council, Commander-in-Chief Kuhn adjourned the meeting at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC
National Secretary, SUVCW

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration
Electronic Boardroom Vote Records
2007 – 2008**

August 24, 2007

Past National Secretary Michael Bennett submitted the pre-Encampment Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. A motion was made initially to adopt the meeting minutes as presented; however, clarification was requested relative to one of the actions of the meeting. An amended version was subsequently submitted by National Secretary Don Palmer for review. A substitute motion was made by PCinC Jim Pahl to adopt the pre-Encampment meeting minutes as amended. Second made by JVCinC Leo Kennedy.

Votes in Favor – 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

September 9, 2007

National Secretary Don Palmer submitted the post-Encampment Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. A clarification was requested by PCinC Jim Pahl and a minor correction was recommended by PCinC Don Darby. An amended version of the minutes was subsequently submitted by the National Secretary. A motion was made by Council Member James Hanby to adopt the post-Encampment meeting minutes as amended. Second made by Council Member Bob Petrovic.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

September 15, 2007

In the event that a Department, by proper resolution, petitions the National organization to amend the Constitutions and Regulations of our Order to allow for Juniors and/or Associate Juniors, PCinC Jim Pahl moves that the Council of Administration approve and permit the Commander-in-Chief to convene a special National Encampment so as to consider these amendments. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

October 4, 2007

Motion made by Council Member James Hanby to grant honorary membership in the SUVCW to Ken Burns, producer of the PBS documentary on the Civil War and other documentaries focused on American history. Second made by Council Member Dan Murray.

Votes in Favor - 4 (Hanby, Medert, Murray, Wheeler)

Votes Against - 7 (Pahl, Schmincke, Petrovic, Schall, Palmer, Kennedy, Newman)

Abstentions - 0

November 1, 2007

Motion made by Council Member Brad Schall to allocate up to \$300 to support the Special National Encampment to be held in Gettysburg, PA on November 17, 2007. Second made by Council Member Dan Murray.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

November 2, 2007

Motion made by Council Member Eric Schmincke to allow the Commander-in-Chief to use the SUVCW name and logo to produce gifts for the National staff. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall.

Votes in Favor - 10

Votes Against - 1 (Pahl)

Abstentions - 0

November 29, 2007

Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to approve changes to the Credentials Card as submitted by the Program and Policy Committee. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

November 30, 2007

Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to approve the National Secretary Job Description as amended by the Program and Policy Committee. Second made by Council Member Dan Murray.

Motion ruled out of order by Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn on December 4, 2007 noting that changes to National officer job descriptions require wording changes to the Regulations of the Order, thus requiring a vote by the National Encampment.

December 17, 2007

National Secretary Don Palmer submitted the November 18, 2007 Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. Minor corrections were recommended by Commander-in-Chief Kuhn PCinC Jim Pahl and Council Member James Hanby. An amended version of the minutes was subsequently submitted by the National Secretary. Motion made by Council Member Brad Schall to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2007 Council of Administration meeting held in Gettysburg, PA as amended. Second made by Council Member Dan Murray.

Votes in Favor - 10

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

No Vote - 1 (Murray)

February 5, 2008

Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to allow PCinC Richard Orr to use the SUVCW logo and medal to produce a model railroad car commemorating the founding of the SUVCW. Second made by Council Member Bob Petrovic.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

February 6, 2008

Motion made by Council Member James Hanby to grant an extension to the Department of Wisconsin to allow Maj. Gen. John Gibbon Camp #4 to install their officers on 13 February 2008. Second made by PCinC Jim Pahl.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

February 9, 2008

Motion made by Junior Vice Commander Leo Kennedy to grant an extension to the Department of California & Pacific to allow Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp #25 to install their officers on 10 February 2008. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

March 8, 2008

Motion made by PCinC Jim Pahl that any individual, Camp or Department, or any other entity holding a license as granted by the Council of Administration for the sale of items becomes suspended, then their license is automatically suspended. If that suspension lasts more than 90 days, then the license is revoked. Second made by Council Member Brad Schall.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

May 10, 2008

Motion made by Council Member Dan Murray, second by PCinC Jim Pahl, to permit the Commander-in-Chief to present the Meritorious Award with Gold Star to Brother James Davenport from the Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

Votes in Favor - 11

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 0

June 19, 2008

Motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dave Medert to accept the minutes from the 12 April 2008 Council of Administration meeting (Springfield, IL) as amended. Second by Council Member James Hanby.

Votes in Favor - 9

Votes Against - 0

Abstentions - 2 (Kennedy, Murray)

Note: There are 11 voting members of the Council of Administration, plus the Commander-in-Chief who may vote, but usually only votes in the event of a tie. The other voting members are the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, and five elected Council Members.

Note: All dates provided for Electronic Boardroom votes represent the date the first vote was cast. The actual motion may have been a day or two before, and the remaining votes were likely cast in the days that followed.

APPENDIX 3
General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

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**GENERAL ORDER #1
SERIES 2007 – 2008
18 August, 2007**

1. The Grand Army of the Republic has sounded its final tattoo and that long line of blue has marched off into the sunset leaving behind a rich history and a legacy that will endure as long as we make it. We are all that is left of their dreams, hopes and desires. Their blood courses through our veins. They have passed the torch of freedom and democratic government to us and we must not fail in the sacred charge to pass it along to future generations.

2. We too as an organization have a rich history. Just as our forefathers defended this great Nation, we have done the same. The blood of Sons have been spilt on every battlefield since it's conception and our banners have flown over San Juan Hill and in the muddy trenches of France. Even today Sons serve all over the world and some still die for the cause of freedom and liberty. We owe it to every Brother of our Order who has ever put on a uniform of the United States Armed Forces to keep the history of this Order intact in a permanent way so that our deeds will be known by future generations.

3. It is for this reason that I have proposed several committees be formed and with their implementation we will be placed on good footing for the future. The great history of this organization must be preserved for future generations to study and understand in a permanent location. The problem of archival and artifact storage has plagued this organization for many years. Records, files and documents have disappeared that were almost invaluable. Important historic documents have been saved from public auction by concerned Brothers of this Order when these items should never have left our possession to begin with. Camp and Department artifacts have disappeared and have surfaced at antique dealers about the Nation because of not having a permanent location to store them. This must stop. With action taken at the 126th National Encampment on this recommendation a Long Range Planning Committee has been established and charged with examining the problem, finding solutions and reporting back to the 127th National Encampment in Boston with their recommendations for a solution to the problem.

4. As we move into the next decade the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War will be upon us. We as the living breathing descendants of the "Boys who wore the Blue" have a moral obligation to lead this Nation in this observance. Many functions will take place throughout the Nation and the Order will benefit from endorsing some of them, by setting up memorable ceremonies that will fall under the public eye and producing memorabilia that will serve to remind ours and future generations of the sacrifices of our forefathers. With action taken at the 126th National Encampment on this recommendation a Civil War Sequa-Centennial Committee has been charged with just that and to prepare the Order for this venerable time in this Nations History.

5. Also My Brothers, we are quickly approaching the Sequa – Centennial of the forming of the Grand Army of the Republic. As per action taken at the 126th National Encampment on a recommendation made by Past Commander in Chief Richard Orr, I have appointed the GAR Sequa-Centennial

Committee to serve through 2016 National Encampment in order to lead the Nation during this monumental celebration.

- The Headquarters of the Commander in Chief of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the following address:

Charles E. Kuhn Jr.
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East Berlin , PA 17316
(717) 259-6156

cinc@suvcw.org

The administrative Headquarters of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the following address:

National Headquarters SUVCW
Attn. Lee Walters, DC, Executive Director
P.O. Box 1865
Harrisburg , PA 17105-1865
execdir@suvcw.org

All Bills of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War must be filed with the National Treasurer at the following address:

Max L. Newman
4995 E. Wilkinson Road
Owosso , MI 48867-9616
(989) 743-3525
treasurer@suvcw.org

All correspondence concerning the Order shall be directed to the National Secretary at the following address:

Donald D. Palmer Jr., PDC
147 Lucerne Place Dr.
Ballwin, MO 63011-3218
(636) 230-3656
secretary@suvcw.org

7. As per the report of the National Treasurer at the 126th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all Camps and Departments are required by the Internal Revenue Service to have an Employee Identification Number (EIN). Those Departments and Camps that do not have an EIN will now be required to report separately to the Internal Revenue Service and will not be included under the blanket report of the National Order. Check with the National Treasurer to see if your Camp or Department has an EIN on file with the National Order.

8. All applications for Civil War Memorials Grant funds should be sent to following address:

D. Brad Schall, PDC, Chair
2754 Woodacre Court
Lincoln , CA 95648
Phone: (916) 408-4482 Fax: (916) 408-4482
CofA6@suvcw.org

9. All Camps and Departments should make every effort to keep their web site updated and fresh. This information is vital to a growing organization. Sites that are out of date only cause frustration to those who may wish to contact us or for those wishing to join our Order. Our Order can not afford to discourage a single applicant from joining by ineffective and out-dated information posted to a public forum. Please update your site if it has not been done recently and continue to update it regularly. This will alleviate many problems down the road. This same information should also be transmitted to Lee Walters our Executive Director if it varies from the posted information.

10. I would like to extend my congratulations to the newly elected National Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865 (DUVCW), The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). I wish you a productive year and extend the Brotherly love of our Order to each of your Orders.

11. This administration will continue the practice established some time ago of recognizing Brothers for their recruitment efforts. Brothers that recruit 5 new Members or Associates into the Order will be considered as a National Aid and Brothers that recruit 3 new Members or Associates into the Order will be entitled to wear a piece of National ribbon behind their Membership or Associates Badge. I look forward to seeing our Order grow and wish to recognize all those Brothers that accomplish exceptional recruiting goals.

12. We have a busy year ahead of us. With you my Brothers we will advance the Order on the road to the future. I do not know what that road may hold ahead for us but with you I make this solemn trust, that I will try my hardest to grow and help the Order as a whole.

13. In closing I would like to thank every Brother of the Order for their support and their vote of confidence by placing me to the Office of Commander in Chief. I am honored that the Brothers of this Order have chosen me to lead them over the next 12 months. I am sure that it will be an exciting time for both the Order and myself. May God bless the United States of America , this Order and you, my Brothers.

So ordered this 18th day of August, 2007;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary,
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**GENERAL ORDER #2
SERIES 2007 – 2008
18 August, 2007**

- A discussion arose at the Post Encampment Council of Administration meeting concerning the determination of the seniority of Council Members. Because of this discussion I have made the following ruling;

Council Members that are re-elected to consecutive terms will calculate their seniority based on their election to the position of Council Member from their first term of office. When there are two Council seats voted on at any election, the Brother who receives the first election to the first vacant Council seat will be senior to the second Brother to fill the second Council seat even though both men were elected on the same day.

So ordered this 18th day of August, 2007;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary,
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**GENERAL ORDER #3
SERIES 2007 – 2008
18 August, 2007**

1. After a lawfully chosen Hearing Council was selected and proper notice conformant to the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was given to both parties, the Hearing Council assigned to take testimony in the matter of Commander in Chief James B. Pahl vs. Keith D. Ashley, PDC, convened and held a hearing in abstentia on August 9, 2007 at the Hilton Frontenac Hotel at 1:00 PM local time in St. Louis, Missouri.
2. The Hearing Council was unable to reach a consensus as to guilt or innocence of Brother Keith D. Ashley, PDC.
3. The Constitution and Regulations as well as the Digest of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are mute in this circumstance.
4. It is my ruling that if a Brother who is brought before a Hearing Council and a consensus of guilt or innocence is not reached by the Hearing Council, he must be treated as if he were found not guilty.
5. In as much as Keith D. Ashley, PDC had resigned from the Order in a letter dated July 18, 2007 to Brooks Grant Camp #7, Department of Ohio and this letter was not received prior to the date of the hearing, he resigned while under suspension. Therefore, as stated in the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Chapter V, Article 1, Section 3(e) General Discharge for the Good of the Order - a certificate of a less than honorable discharge, but not a punitive discharge issued to a Brother who has been dropped for nonpayment of dues or is not in good standing at the time he requested a discharge.) Keith D. Ashley, PDC is only entitled to a General Discharge for the Good of the Order as he was not found guilty by the Hearing Council and he resigned while under suspension leaving any proof of guilt or innocence unanswered.
- ~~6. In resigning from the Order, Keith D. Ashley, PDC also resigned his Life Membership. Should he ever seek and be granted admission to the Order in the future, his Life Membership will be reinstated under the terms of his original life membership.~~
7. In as much as Keith D. Ashley, PDC was a Past Department Commander the matter of past honors must be addressed. Since the Constitution and Regulations as well as the Digest of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are mute regarding past honors when a Brother resigns from the Order, it is my ruling that under such circumstance the Brother also resigns all claims to past honors. Should the former Brother seek readmission to the order, he must seek restoration of rank through the process provided in the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such a former Brother will still be listed on the rolls of the Order, Department or Camp as a Commander for the terms during which he served but without rights to the respective past honors associated with his past service.

8. All parties to this case have the right to appeal this ruling to the National Encampment. Written notice to the National Secretary of the intent to appeal must be received by the National Secretary at least 30 days prior to the National Encampment.

9. In the absence of any language in the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War regarding the time to appeal to the National Encampment, it is my ruling that such appeal must be made to the next following National Encampment if the ruling is issued prior to 30 days before the National Encampment or the right to appeal is foregone. In the case of the ruling being issued within 30 days of the National Encampment, the appellant must appeal to the next following National Encampment or the right to appeal is foregone.

10. Any appeal of this Order and Ruling must be made to the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held in Peabody Massachusetts from August 7th through 10th, 2008.

So ordered this 18th day of August, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**GENERAL ORDER #4
SERIES 2007 – 2008
28 August, 2007**

1. Brothers, after careful consideration and a great deal of effort of the National Councilor and the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations they have reported back to this office the results of the efforts of the 126 th National Encampment on the matter pertaining to Junior Associates. In the rush to create a class of Membership known as Junior Associates the vote of the Brothers seated at the 126 th National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have placed their efforts in contradiction to the Congressional Charter, our National Constitution and the Regulations of this Order.
2. The Constitution speaks to the classes of membership and specifically segregates Associates from Members. It further states there shall be one (1) class of Associates (Article VII, Section 2). The creation of a second class of Associates in the form of Junior Associates is clearly in conflict with this provision of the Constitution.
3. In instances when there is conflict between the Regulations and the Constitution, both the Regulations and Constitution are mute. However there are several applicable decisions to be found in the Digest of Decisions;
 - The Commander-in-Chief or the Division Commander cannot by special dispensation or otherwise, alter, amend or abrogate any provision of the Constitution. CinC Griffin Op. VI, Blue Book 11; also Op. LXXVI, Blue Book, 73
 - The Commander-in-Chief] has no power of approving the action of any division on any subject, where action does not conform to the constitution and regulations of the Order. CinC Hall Dec. IX, 12 th, 29
 - There is no authority by which even the Commander-in-Chief may grant a dispensation to permit a violation of the Constitution. CinC Rake, Dec. IV, 16 th, 29
 - ...as the CR&R provide[s], Camp or Division By-Laws conflicting with the CR&R in this or other respects [are] invalid. CinC Griffin, Op. SSSV, Blue Book, 34
- 4.) It is generally accepted that the Commander-in-Chief cannot change an action of an Encampment while at the same time the Commander in Chief is sworn to protect the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. Therefore I have come to the following conclusions and decisions;

- The Commander-in-Chief cannot give any dispensation to allow a provision of the Regulations which is in conflict with the Constitution to be implemented until such time as the conflict is resolved by a subsequent Encampment.
- When a conflict exists between governing instruments, the instrument with higher precedence must be considered to be the ruling instrument.
- The order of precedence of our controlling instruments is the Congressional Articles of Incorporation (Congressional Charter), the Constitution, the Regulations, Department by-laws, and Camp by-laws.
- The amendment to the Regulations adopted by the 2007 National Encampment regarding the creation of a class of Associates known as Junior Associates is in conflict with the provisions of the National Constitution Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Article VII, Section 2, and will require the process described in Article IX of the National Constitution in order to amend the same.

5.) After considering the above it is also my decision that the acceptance of Junior Associates into any Camp, Department or the National Order shall cease immediately and be held in abeyance until such time as the conflict between the Constitution and Regulations can be resolved by a National Encampment and the Brothers seated there in.

6. Any Junior Associate that has been accepted into a Camp, Department or the National Order after 28 August, 2007 may remain as long as they comply with all restrictions relevant to Juniors and Associates combined.

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**GENERAL ORDER #4A
SERIES 2007 – 2008
28 August, 2007**

1. Upon further consideration I have determined that paragraph 6 of General Order #4 is Incorrect. Whereas many Camps have not yet met since the 126th National Encampment and whereas this Office recognizes the need for Juniors, Members or Associates, and whereas Camps may have already recruited Junior Associates due to action of the 126th National Encampment and have not had time to act upon these applications, it is my decision that paragraph 6 of General Order #4 must be amended to accommodate such circumstances. I hereby Order that paragraph 6 be stricken from General Order #4, Series 2007 – 2008 and replaced with the following;

“6. Applications for Junior Associates that have applied to a Camp, Department or the National Order prior to 29 August 2007 may be initiated into the same. Junior Associates that have applied prior to this date and are initiated into the Order are subject to all rules and regulations pertaining to both Juniors and Associates. Any further recruitment of Junior Associates shall cease until such time as the Constitution and Regulations of the Order are no longer in conflict concerning Junior Associates.”

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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GENERAL ORDER #5

SERIES 2007 – 2008

28 August, 2007

1. With the recent action that took place at the 126th National Encampment concerning Junior Associates, the National Counselor, the Constitution and Regulations Committee, Past Commanders in Chiefs, Brothers of this Order who have expertise in the legal field as well as this Office have spent large amounts of time in examining all areas of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. There is one other area of the Constitution that is in conflict with the Regulations of the Order.
2. These types of things occur when we try to address Constitutional issues by amending the Regulations. The Constitution defines who we are and why we are here. The Regulations place rules upon each of the items in the Constitution. That is why we cannot repair Constitutional issues such as Membership in the Order with amendments to the Regulations.
3. Membership must be addressed with Constitutional amendments. For the same reasons set forth in General Order #4, Series 2007 – 2008, Junior Membership as a whole has placed the Constitution in conflict with the Regulations of the Order. This is a situation that is non tenable.
4. The Constitution is very specific in defining Membership in the Order. It specifically states that there will be three (3) classes of Members. They are Members, Life Members, and Honorary Members.
5. Therefore with a heavy heart and a great deal of thought as well as reluctance to issue this Order it is the general consensus that further recruitment of Junior Members must be held in abeyance until such time that the Constitution and the Regulations of this Order are no longer in conflict with each other concerning this issue.
6. Juniors that have already been initiated into the Order, and are currently on the Roster of the same, shall remain with the same restrictions as are currently in force concerning them.
7. Applications for Juniors that have applied to a Camp, Department or the National Order prior to 29 August 2007 may be initiated into the same. Any further recruitment of Juniors shall cease until such time as the Constitution and Regulations of the Order are no longer in conflict concerning Juniors.
8. It is my earnest hope that this issue will be brought to a close during this Administration. I will do everything within my powers as Commander in Chief to bring this to a successful conclusion and re-establish Juniors and Junior Associates within the Order if at all possible, for this issue also affects this Office as well. I too have a Grandson that will be eligible to become a Junior next year.

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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GENERAL ORDER #6
SERIES 2007 – 2008
6 October 2007

Pursuant to Article IX of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, resolutions proposing amending the Constitution of the Order have been submitted in writing by the Pennsylvania Department on 6 October, 2007 . The resolutions propose the following changes;

First Resolution;

ARTICLE VII.

Membership

Section 1. Membership classes. There shall be three (3)~~four~~ (4) classes of membership.

(a) Members. Males at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 *Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998*. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

(d) Junior Members. Males less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998. The minimum age for Junior Members shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.

Section 4. A Member *Brother* in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or Honorable Discharge *of the appropriate type* and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.

Section 5. Restrictions on Junior Members and Junior Associates.

(a) Neither Junior Members nor Junior Associates may be elected to any National, Department or Camp office.

(b)The National Organization may further provide for the regulations of Junior Members and/or Junior Associates in the Regulations provided they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

Second Resolution;

Section 2. Associates. There shall be one~~two~~ classes of Associates.

(a) Associates are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 *200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998* but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

(b) Junior Associates are males less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998 but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization. The minimum age for Junior Associates shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.

(c) The *combined* number of Associates *and Junior Associates* in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

(d) Associates may not be elected, appointed, or otherwise assume the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer or be appointed Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

(e) Associates *and Junior Associates* shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp. The names of Associates *and Junior Associates* may not appear on the Camp Charter nor may Associates *or Junior Associates* be designated as Charter Members of the Camp. Associates otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership

Section 3. Establishment of Associates *and Junior Associates* by Departments and Camps. Departments, at their own discretion, may establish Associates *and/or Junior Associates provided that no Department may establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates*. Departments may impose further restrictions on Associates *and Junior Associates*, provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department specifically establishes Associates *and/or Junior Associates* by amending its By-Laws, Camps within said Department may amend the Camp By-Laws and establish Associates *and/or Junior Associates provided that no Camp shall establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates*. Camps may impose further restrictions in accordance with the provisions of the Department By-Laws and provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department does not establish Associates *and/or Junior Associates*, Camps within the Department's jurisdiction may not establish Associates *or Junior Associates*.

Third Resolution;

**POWER OF THE CINC TO DELAY AN ACTION
OF A NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

ARTICLE V

Organization

Section 2

The supreme power and authority ...

- *If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of a National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and or United States law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order(s) authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication.*
- Action shall be taken at the next meeting of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War upon each of these individual resolutions, and tentative language changes in the Regulations shall be adopted pertaining to Junior Members and or Junior Associates. Activation of said changes in the Regulation shall be subject to the ratification of pertinent changes to the Constitution by a simple majority of all Departments but not prior to the final Department Encampment of that year.

So ordered this 6th day of October, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Donald Palmer, Secretary

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**GENERAL ORDER #7
SERIES 2007 – 2008
6 October 2007**

1. In order to correct the discrepancies in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order created from action taken at the 126 th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War concerning Juniors and Junior Associates, I hereby order a Special Meeting of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by the powers granted me pursuant to Chapter III, Article III, Section 2 of the Regulations of the Order and with the express consent of the National Council of Administration for the purpose of adopting language to amend the Regulations of the Order and take action upon resolutions for proposed changes in the Constitution of the Order submitted by the Pennsylvania Department as published in General Order #6.
 - The meeting shall convene at the Eisenhower Inn located at 2634 Emmitsburg Rd. , Gettysburg , PA at 3:30 PM local time on 17 November, 2007 in the main ball room.
 - Other than the death of A. P. Davis this will be the first Special Meeting of the National Organization in its 126 year history. The meeting will be recorded as the 1st Special National Encampment.
 - Brothers will be required to have credentials to attend this meeting. If you plan to attend you should contact your Department Secretary for proper Credentials. Make sure you have 1st Special National Encampment appearing on your credentials.

So ordered this 6th day of October, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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**General Order #8
Series 2007 – 2008
17 November, 2007**

1. Through the course of events that manage and rule our lives and this Order we at times have the opportunity to meet those who stand out above others. This is the case with Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding Officer Sons of Veterans Reserve.
2. General Medert assumed Command of the Sons of Veterans Reserve on 29 July, 1997 with a strength of roughly 500 men. Over the past 10 years, he has built the Sons of Veterans Reserve to be a unit of over 1100 troops. He has also built an infrastructure to accommodate this growth and streamlined the operation of the same.
3. General Medert has requested to be relieved of his Command and moved into the Inactive Reserve Corps of the Sons of Veterans Reserve so that he may pursue the Office of Commander in Chief at the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Peabody Massachusetts .
4. I hereby officially accept the transfer of Brigadier General David V. Medert as Commanding Officer Sons of Veterans Reserve.
5. The National Military Affairs Committee has recommended that Colonel Robert E. Grim , Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, be appointed as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
6. I find that this recommendation is well taken and approve the appointment of Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, at the rank of Brigadier General, commencing immediately and ending on 16 November 2010 or until properly relieved.

So ordered this 17th day of November, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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General Order #9
Series 2007 – 2008
23 November, 2007**

Brothers,

1. The laws have changed and all Camps and Departments will now be required to file an e-post card with the IRS.
2. Pursuant to the direction of the Internal Revenue Service the following is hereby placed for your examination;

IRS Reporting Update

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file Form 990, may now be required to file an annual electronic notice, IRS Form 990-N, with the Internal Revenue Service. If they do not file an annual electronic notice (e-Postcard) they may risk losing their tax-exempt status. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006 and MUST be completed by May 15, 2008 for 2007 calendar year entities. Failure to comply will result in loss of tax-exempt status.

Our Independent Auditor for the National Treasurer's Financial Records & Reports has confirmed with the IRS Exempt Organizations Unit that this provision will apply to our Camps, Departments, and SVR Units, with gross receipts of \$25,000.00 or less. Those with receipts greater than \$25,000.00 should already be filing Form 990-EZ or 990.

The format of this new filing is not completed yet, but it will be in the form of an "e-Postcard" that will be accessed through the IRS web site at www.irs.gov . The required information will be your legal Camp name & number and Department name, mailing address, web site address, name and address of a principal officer (usually the Treasurer) and evidence of the continuing basis of your exemption from Form 990 filing requirements (i.e. gross revenues are \$25,000.00 or less).

However, I shall still be including your Unit and all Contact Information on the Subordinate Listing of the Order, which I am required by the IRS to submit to them annually between January 15th and March 31st (concerning each Camp, Department & SVR Unit, who have an EIN Number). From what I understand, the IRS is trying to confirm the existence of all the Camps, Departments, & SVR Units, which I am reporting as being under our Group Exemption Number (GEN # 0429).

In addition, it is very important that all Camps, Departments, & SVR Units, make sure that they each have their own Employee Identification Number (EIN #) and that they submit this number (along with their correct Contact Information, annually, as your unit's Contact Information may change from year to year) to the National Treasurer for inclusion in his annual filing with the IRS. This is necessary for the individual units to be included in the overall group exemption of the Order. Failure to be included in this report would require the individual units to secure its own separate exemption from tax and to file a Form 990-EZ or Form 990 with the IRS. [NOTE: NO unit will be allowed to use the Parent Organization's, (i.e. National Organization, SUVCW's) EIN #.]

In summary, if any individual unit is on the annual report of Subordinates of the Group Exemption Number 0429 List of the Order and their gross receipts are \$25,000.00 or less, they may only have to file an annual electronic notice, IRS Form 990-N, with the Internal Revenue Service.

3. All Departments, Camps and SVR Units are hereby *ordered* to comply with the above directive from the Internal Revenue Service.

So ordered this 23rd day of November, 2007;

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Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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General Order #10
Series 2007 – 2008
21 January 2008

Brothers,

1. With the formation of two Departments, there have been substantial questions over the standing of a Past Camp Commander concerning their right to voting credentials at a Department Encampment. In order to clarify this I am hereby publishing this General Order;
2. Past Camp Commanders in good standing are only entitled to credentials from the Camp that they Commanded.
3. Should a Past Camp Commander allow his dues to go into arrears and is no longer in good standing with the Camp that he had commanded, his voting status as a Past Camp Commander is forfeited.
4. If a Past Camp Commander should transfer to a new Camp, their voting status as a Past Camp Commander is forfeited.
5. If the Camp that a Past Camp Commander is a member of ceases to exist, their Past Camp Commander voting status is forfeited.
6. If the Past Camp Commander remains a member in good standing of the Camp that he Commanded and joins another Camp as a dual Member he still holds voting rights as a Past Camp Commander in the Camp that he commanded but doesn't have the voting rights as a Past Camp Commander in the Camp he has just joined.
7. Should a Past Camp Commander transfer from the Camp that he had commanded, then at a latter date rejoins the Camp he had commanded, he must request and be approved for the restoration of rank prior to him being issued a credentials card as being a Past Camp Commander. A credentials card can not be issued to him as a Past Camp Commander until his rank has been restored.
8. Past Camp Commanders that desire to have a credential card to the Department Encampment and for what ever reason no longer qualify for voting credentials as a Past Camp Commander may apply for the restoration of rank through the process described in the Constitution and Regulations. A credentials card for a Department Encampment as a Past Camp Commander can not be issued to him until the restoration of rank is approved.

So ordered this 20th day of January, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

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Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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**General Order #10
ADDENDUM
Series 2007 – 2008
21 January 2008**

Brothers,

1. While trying to cover all possible options in General Order #10 concerning the restoration of a Past Camp Commanders voting status within a Department it appears that I have missed one such option that is available to him.
2. A Past Camp Commander that transfers from the Camp that he has commanded to another Camp may make request in writing to that Camp of which he has just joined for the restoration of his rank as a Past Camp Commander. If acted upon favorably by the Camp in regular session, said request shall be forwarded to the Department Commander, setting forth the causes of loss of rank, and reasons for request or restoration. The Department Commander shall examine the request to assure completeness and if in order shall present said request to the Department Encampment for action. If approved his rank as a Past Camp Commander shall be restored with all of the rights and privileges granted to him in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

So ordered this 20th day of January, 2008;

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Attest:

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**General Order #11
Series 2007 – 2008
28 January 2008**

Brothers,

1. Upon the written request of Department Commander Hintze, and the suspension of the Charter more than two years ago I hereby revoke the Charter of Sanders Camp #1, Department of Tennessee.
2. Sanders Camp has been inactive for many years. Their Membership has fallen to less than the required numbers as prescribed in the National Constitution and Regulations. They have not filed their annual reports or paid per-capita for more than two years.
3. The Camp shall surrender their Charter, all material assets as well as all Camp records to the Department of Tennessee.

So ordered this 28th day of January, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

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Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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**General Order #12
Series 2007 – 2008
1 February 2008**

Brothers,

1. Upon the written request of Department Commander Walters, I hereby revoke the Charter of General John W. McLane Camp #83, Department of Pennsylvania.
2. McLane Camp #83 has been inactive for two years. The Camp was suspended for a period of time in 2007 for failing to file reports. They have not held Elections or Officers installations as per the National Constitution and Regulations. Their Membership has fallen to less than the required numbers as prescribed in the National Constitution and Regulations. They have had a number of internal difficulties and the current Members are not willing to continue as a Camp of the Order.
3. The Camp shall immediately surrender their Charter, all material assets as well as all Camp records to the Department of Pennsylvania.
4. All remaining Members shall be assigned to the Department Membership at Large or a Camp of their choosing within the boundaries of the Department of Pennsylvania.

So ordered this 1st day of February, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**General Order #13
Series 2007 – 2008
4 February 2008**

Brothers,

1. We are fortunate to have been blessed with the lives of many Past Commanders in Chiefs that have given many years of service to the Order. Three of these esteemed Brethren have reached landmark birthdays this year. They have joined an exclusive club that few have the opportunity to join. It is a small club since many never reach this goal on the road of life and sometimes ever shrinking since the boatman visits it frequently.
2. Past Commander in Chief Lowell Hammer, Past Commander in Chief Richard Greenwalt and Past Commander in Chief David Medert all reached the milestone birthday of 80 years of age this year. They are certainly not alone in this neighborhood. Past Commander in Chief Bud Atkinson and Past Commander in Chief Richard Partington have passed this milestone a while back.
3. On behalf of the entire National Order I extend a hearty and healthy happy birthday to these three Past Commanders in Chief on their milestone birthdays and the same wish to all of the members of that exclusive club. It certainly is a mile marker on the road of life.

So ordered this 4th day of February, 2008;
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Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
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**General Order #14
Series 2007 – 2008
29 March 2008**

Brothers,

1. There has been some discussion concerning action of a National Encampment and some questions concerning the time of its implementation. Because of this I must make a ruling concerning the action of any National Encampment.
2. Action from a National Encampment can only affect from the date the action was taken forward. Any action taken by a National Encampment can not change or affect past procedures already in place and in use prior to the passing of said action. The action will only affect the procedures from that time forward.

So ordered this 29th day of March, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

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Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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**Special General Order #1
Series 2007 – 2008
29 March 2008**

Brothers,

1. It is my sad duty to report to you the passing of the National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 – 1865, Beverly Massey. Sister Beverly passed away at 9:00 PM on Friday 28 March, 2008 . Sister Beverly had two ancestors that served during the civil war. Both Simon P. Waltz and Noah Bisel volunteered and served in Company D 140 th Indiana Infantry.
2. Sister Beverly has two sons Bruce and Victor, who are both Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
3. Your condolences to the family can be sent to the following address:
 1. Beverly Massey Family
2545 Washington St .
Columbus, IN 47201-3670
4. Calling will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday 1 April, 2008 and the funeral will be at 10:00 AM on Wednesday 2 April, 2008 at the Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home located at 1029 Washington Street in Columbus , Indiana.
5. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the local Hospice or you may consider making an Honor Role donation to the SUVCW in her name. If you would like to send flowers Claudia's Flowers was recommended by the funeral home. Their number is (812) 342-0001.
6. All Departments and Camps are hereby ordered to drape their Charters for a period of 30 days from the date of this Special Order in memory of Sister Beverly Massey. The National Web site will also be draped for the same period of time.

So ordered this 29th day of March, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

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Attest:

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Secretary

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General Order #15
Series 2007 – 2008
3 April 2008

Brothers,

1. There have been several questions concerning an alternates right to vote when being appointed to replace an elected delegate.
2. Alternate votes are permitted to replace elected delegate votes only. Alternates cannot replace the vote of a Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Past Camp Commander, any seated Camp, Department or National Officer that has a right to vote by virtue of the office he holds and whose vote does not count towards the allotted delegate counts for Camps or Departments.
3. If a Brother holding an office or past honor does not attend and appoints or otherwise designates another Brother to vote on his behalf or in his place this amounts to absentee or proxy voting. Chapter V, Article I Section 4 states “
 - o Section 4. Voting.
 - Proxy voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further proxy voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council .
 - Absentee voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further absentee voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council .

Rulings by previous Commanders-in-Chief have held that proxy voting and absentee voting by delegates is not permissible nor can a Camp Commander or Past Camp Commander vote by proxy.

Delegates to Division [Department] Encampment cannot be represented by proxy. CinC Griffin, Op. XLVI, Blue Book, 41.

A Delegate or Past Captain [Commander] cannot vote by proxy in the Division Encampment, nor can one delegate cast the entire vote of his camp if the other delegates and past captains are not present. CinC Bundy, Dec. XXXI, 14th, 36.

4. Therefore, any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Past Camp Commander, or seated Camp Commander, Department Commander, elected Department Officer or elected National Officer with automatic credentials by virtue of the office or past honors he holds must be present to vote and cannot be replaced by an alternate.

So ordered this 3rd day of April, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

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Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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**General Order #16
Series 2007 – 2008
19 April 2008**

Brothers,

1. I have the great pleasure this day to establish the Department of North Carolina. On the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 2008 they are hereby established and they shall have rank from that day forward.
2. The Officers were lawfully elected and installed and shall enter upon any such business as may legally and lawfully come before it.

So ordered this 19th day of April, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
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**Special General Order #2
Series 2007 – 2008
30 April 2008**

Brothers,

1. It is my sad duty to report the illness of one of this organizations most active Members. PDC Bob Lowe of the Department of California and Pacific, National Graves Registration Officer. He is currently in the hospital and we hope that he will recover. Cards and letters of well wishes may be sent to his home as published on the national web site. He has requested that no one call him but if you would care to drop him a line I think that he would greatly appreciate knowing the Brothers of the Order are thinking of him. Brother Bob will have a long road ahead of him to recover from his illness and thus he will not be able to function as the Chairman of the Graves Registration Committee until he has recovered.
2. Subsequently, I hereby relieved Brother Lowe of his responsibilities as Chairman of the Graves Registration Committee until such time as he feels that he is able to resume his responsibilities. The Committee in the interim will be co-chaired by Brother Jim Davenport, PDC and Brother Mahlon Erickson, PDC. Their contact information is available on the National web site.
3. On another note, Sister Pat Mullinex, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 - 1865 has suffered a major heart attack while attending the Nebraska Department Encampment last Sunday. Cards and well wishes for her recovery can be mailed to the following address; Immanuel Medical Center , 6901 North 72nd Street. Omaha , Nebraska 68122 . Gifts and flowers are not permitted in this facility so please do not send any.
4. In light of the illnesses of these two invaluable Members of the Allied Orders all Brothers of the Order are requested to include Brother Bob and Sister Pat in their daily prayers and every Camp is hereby Ordered to include a prayer for their recovery at some point during their next meeting.

So ordered this 30th day of April, 2008;
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Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
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**General Order #17
Series 2007 – 2008
5 May 2008**

Brothers,

1. On 5 May, 1868 General John A. Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, published General Order #11 “establishing the 30 th day of May for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion, and who’s bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet church yard in the land.” Today commemorates the 140 th anniversary of the signing of this magnificent piece of work.
2. This day was known as Decoration Day. Its name was changed to Memorial Day and the observance was to honor all who gave their lives in defense of this Nation during time of war.
3. We as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have a sacred trust to uphold and observe this sacred day. We are the descendants of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Revenue Cutter Servicemen who preserved this Nation from certain destruction during this critical time in American history. Their blood courses through our veins. We are the legal and binding heirs to their legacy. We are sworn to uphold this day sacred to their sacrifice and deeds.
4. All Camps are strongly encouraged to participate in some form of appropriate observance of this day that we now call Memorial Day.

So ordered this 5th day of May, 2008;
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Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**General Order #18
Series 2007 – 2008
10 May 2008**

Brothers,

1. I have the great pleasure this day to establish the Department of Georgia and South Carolina . On the 10th day of May in the year of our Lord 2008. They are hereby established and they shall have rank from that day forward.
2. The Officers were lawfully elected and installed and shall enter upon any such business as may legally and lawfully come before it.

So ordered this 10th day of May, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
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**General Order #19
Series 2007 – 2008
2 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. It is my sad duty to accept the retirement of PDC Bob Lowe as Graves Registration Officer. Because of continued health problems Bob has come to this decision after a great deal of hard thought.
2. Bob has served this Order on the Graves Registration Committee for many years and served as Graves Registration Officer under a number of consecutive administrations. His efforts have led the way in Graves Registration and the Graves Registration Data Base would not be what it is today without his efforts. Bob's love of this project has been quite extensive. We wish Brother Lowe the very best and pray for his recovery.
3. I also would like to recognize his wife Rosemary Lowe for her continued support and efforts at the time of Bob's illness in helping to maintain the data base. Brothers we have it today because of her efforts while Bob was down.
4. Bob will be replaced as Graves Registration Officer by Brother James Davenport of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming . Anything concerning Graves Registration should be directed to Brother Davenport rather than Brother Lowe. I am confident that Brother Davenport will be able to pick up and continue the work that Brother Lowe has thus far so nobly advanced.

So ordered this 2nd day of June, 2008;
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Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**General Order #20
Series 2007 – 2008
2 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. The following Departments have not filed their annual report with the National Order;

**California and Pacific
Colorado and Wyoming
Connecticut
Illinois
Iowa
Kentucky
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
Oklahoma
Texas
Wisconsin**

2. These Departments are in violation of Chapter III, Article VI, Section 1 of the National Regulations.
3. By the authority granted to me as the Commander in Chief of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I hereby place these Departments under suspension.
4. These Departments **may not meet or transact business of any type, or their Delegates to the National Encampment may not be seated** until such time that they bring themselves into good standing with the National Order by filing their annual report with the Executive Director and paying their per capita to the National Order. They may also deposit these items with the official National Officer that is designated to attend their Encampment if they have not yet met in annual session.

So ordered this 2nd day of June, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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General Order #21
Series 2007 – 2008
9 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. The following Departments have filed their annual report with the National Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;

California and Pacific - June 9th, 2008

Kentucky - June 7th, 2008

Maine - June 9th, 2008

New Hampshire - June 9th, 2008

New Jersey - June 7th, 2008

Wisconsin - June 7th, 2008

So ordered this 9th day of June, 2008;

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Attest:

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Secretary

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General Order #22
Series 2007 – 2008
16 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. The following Departments have filed their annual report with the National Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;

Colorado/Wyoming - June 13, 2008

Massachusetts – June 13, 2008

So ordered this 16th day of June, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

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**General Order #23
Series 2007 – 2008
18 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. The following Department has filed its annual report with the National Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;

Texas – June 18, 2008

2. The Departments of Connecticut , Illinois , Iowa and Oklahoma have yet to file their annual reports with the National Order and still remain under suspension.

So ordered this 18th day of June, 2008;
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Secretary
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**General Order #24
Series 2007 – 2008
22 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. Pursuant to Article IX of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, resolutions proposing amending the Constitution of the Order have been submitted in writing by the Pennsylvania Department on 22 June, 2008 . The resolutions propose the following changes;

**POWER OF THE CINC TO DELAY AN ACTION
OF A NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
ARTICLE V
Organization**

Section 2

- a. The supreme power and authority ...
 - b. *If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of a National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and or United States law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order(s) authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication.*
2. Action shall be taken at the next Encampment of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War upon this resolution. Activation of said changes shall be subject to the ratification of the same by a simple majority of all Departments but not prior to the final Department Encampment of that year.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
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Revised General Order #25
Series 2007 – 2008
24 June 2008

Brothers,

1. Upon further examination of the Regulations of the Order it is apparent that this Order affects other areas in the Regulations. In order to understand the ruling of C-in-C Spinks, one must understand the history of the Organization and where the Order stood when the order was written.
2. When Commander in Chief Spinks wrote this decision the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was at its zenith. The Order was flush with Members and there was not a problem filling any of the vacated positions, in fact there was a great deal of political contest even at the Camp level for the seats of the Council and Junior and Senior Vice Commander.
3. At the time this Decision worked. Unfortunately the Order has greatly declined in Membership over the last 100 years and in some cases there are not enough Brothers to even fill the elected seats without even filling the appointed positions.
4. There have even been cases where the elected Officers of one Camp joined and were elected the Officers of other Camps in order to revive a Camp that was on the verge of collapse. This has happened several times here in the Pennsylvania Department with great success. These Camps where this happened now are some of the most active and vibrant in the Department.
5. As a result it is sometimes necessary for a man to hold more than one elected office in a particular Camp or in several Camps at the same time.
6. This even affects the required number of Members to form a new Camp. The current requirement is a minimum of five (5) Members to form a new Camp. Simple math will prove that someone must fill more than one seat in order to fill all of the seats of the Camp.
7. Therefore I hereby repeal General Order #25 until such time that it can be brought to the floor of the National Encampment and settled by the Brothers seated there in.

So ordered this 24th day of June, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
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**General Order #26
Series 2007 – 2008
22 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. It is my happy duty to announce the ratification of the Constitutional changes effecting Juniors and Junior Associates. All changes to the National Constitution and Regulations adopted by the 1st Special National Encampment held on 17 November, 2007 in Gettysburg are hereby in force.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**General Order #27
Series 2007 – 2008
22 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. With no further action being taken on the part of General John Sedgewick Camp #10 Camp at Large located in the State of Oregon to bring themselves into good standing with the National Order by filing the necessary reports and paying the required per-capita to the National Order, and more than 12 months having passed since the due date of said reports were due, and more than 10 months having passed since the issuance of General Order #15 by then Commander in Chief James B. Pahl on August 11, 2007 suspending this Camp for failure to file said paperwork, I hereby revoke the Charter of General John Sedgewick Camp #10 Camp at Large in the state of Oregon.
2. The Camp is hereby ordered to surrender their Charter, all records and all properties to the office of the Executive Director to be received by him no later than 1 August, 2008 or face further action.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008;
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Attest:
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**General Order #28
Series 2007 – 2008
22 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. It is my sad duty to report to the Brothers of this Order the passing of a Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Elizabeth Koch on Thursday June 19, 2008 .
2. Sister Betty was a Member of the Allied Orders for more than 74 years and was married Elton O. Koch who served this Order as Commander in Chief from 1979 – 1980.
3. Sister Betty joined the LGAR at a young age and served in nearly all offices of that Order over the years with service as National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1976 – 1977.
4. Her service and devotion to the Allied Orders will be greatly missed at our joint gatherings.
5. Services will be held on Tuesday June 24 th at 10:30 AM at the White Luttrell Funeral Home, 311 Swarthmore, Ridley Park , PA. Burial will take place following the service at the Chester Rural Cemetery in Chester , PA. Floral arrangements can be arranged through Ridley Park Florists, (610) 521-3366. Those wishing to call can do so from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM the same day.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
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Attest:
Donald Palmer
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**General Order #29
Series 2007 – 2008
24 June 2008**

Brothers,

1. It is my sad duty to report to the Brothers of this Order the passing of Brother Bob Lowe, PDC from the Department of California and Pacific. Bob passed away peacefully on Monday evening 23 June, 2008 at 5:22 PM pacific time.
2. Brother Bob was the National Graves Registration Officer through many administrations. He was the recipient of the Cornelius Whitehouse award as outstanding Brother of the year and recipient of the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star and one of the driving forces in the Department of California and Pacific.
3. A Memorial Service will be held at the El Cajon Elks Lodge 1812, 1400 East Washington Avenue , El Cajon , CA on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 1:00pm . In Lieu of flowers donations may be sent to San Diego Hospice.
4. Your cards and condolences can be sent to his loving wife Rosemary at the following address;
Rosemary Lowe
780 Paulsen Avenue
El Cajon , CA 92020-7346
5. Bob's face will be missed at future Encampments. Brothers we have lost a good man.

So ordered this 24th day of June, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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General Order #30
Series 2007 – 2008
26 June 2008

Brothers,

1. The following Department has filed its annual report with the National Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;
Iowa – June 26, 2008
2. The Departments of Connecticut , Illinois and Oklahoma have yet to file their annual reports with the National Order and still remain under suspension.

So ordered this 26th day of June, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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General Order #31
Series 2007 – 2008
17 July 2008

Brothers,

1. The following Department has filed its annual report with the National Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;
Illinois – July 16, 2008
2. The Departments of Connecticut , and Oklahoma have yet to file their annual reports with the National Order and still remain under suspension.

So ordered this 16th day of July, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

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General Order #32
Series 2007 – 2008
22 July 2008**

Brothers,

1. The following Department has filed its annual report with the National Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;
Oklahoma – July 22, 2008

2. The Department of Connecticut has yet to file their annual report with the National Order and still remains under suspension.

So ordered this 22nd day of July, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief

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Attest:

Donald Palmer
Secretary

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General Order #33
Series 2007 – 2008
24 July 2008**

Brothers,

1. The following Department has filed its annual report with the National Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;
Connecticut – July 24, 2008

2. All Departments are currently in good standing with the National Order and their delegates and Past Department Commanders are authorized to be seated at the 127th National Encampment.

So ordered this 24th day of July, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Donald Palmer, Secretary

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General Order #34
Series 2007 – 2008
27 July 2008

Brothers,

1. The 127th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held August 7th through the 10th at the Boston Marriott Peabody located at 8A Centennial Drive , Peabody , Massachusetts .
2. The Office of the Commander in Chief shall be headquartered at the Boston Marriott Peabody commencing 5 August, 2008.
3. Delegates, Alternates, Department Commanders and Past Department Commanders to the 127th National Encampment must have a Credentials Card signed by their Department Secretary or they shall not be seated as a voting member of the Encampment. Seated Elected National Officers and Past Commanders in Chiefs shall have a Credentials Card signed by either the National Secretary or the Secretary from the Department from which he hails from. **Credentials Cards will not be issued by the Credentials Committee.**
4. Vacancies in the Delegates from any particular Department may be filled by the Department Commander or Chairman of that particular Delegation, if the Department Commander is not present, from the credentialed Alternates of that delegation only.
5. It is the intent of the Commander in Chief to expedite the elections of Officers at the 127th National Encampment by having the nominations for the various seats as the last piece of business on Friday 8 August, 2008 , and Elections for said seats on Saturday morning, first thing, 9 August, 2008 .
6. When arriving at the meeting room on Saturday morning 9 August, Brothers will pass by the credentials table and give their name and Department and check in. When all have entered, the doors will be locked and the elections will take place. During this time no one will be allowed to leave the room.
7. Plan on arriving at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of business on Saturday the 9th of August so that we can get all of the Brethren in and seated and get started with elections as soon as possible.

So ordered this 27th day of July, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
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**General Order #35
Series 2007 – 2008
9 August 2008**

Brothers,

The following awards are hereby presented to the following Brothers, Camps and Departments;

1. Meritorious Service Awards have been presented to the following Brothers of the Order;

Larry Green, Dept. of NY

Phil Soring, Dept. of NY

Will Tisch, Dept. of Cal/Pac

Kevin Motter, Dept. of NC

Eric Peterson, Dept. of GA/SC

Gene Turner, Dept. of OK

Carl Fallen, Dept. of OK

John “Tucker” McHugh, Dept. of OK

2. Meritorious Service Awards with Gold Star have been presented to the following;

Ken Freshley, Dept. of OH

James Davenport, Dept. of Col/Wy

3. The Abraham Lincoln Award goes to The Col. E. D. Baker Camp #6 in Oregon for raising over \$20,000 for the construction of a replacement bronze statue that was stolen from a cemetery and the replacement of over 35 gravestones in the GAR plot where the monument stood.
4. The Marshal Hope Award goes to the C. K. Pier Badger Camp #1 – “ Camp Orders ” - for the best newsletter in the Nation.
5. The Joseph S. Rippey Award goes to the John A. Logan Camp #4, Department of North Carolina for the best new Camp during the preceding Calendar year.
6. Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award goes to the Department of New York with 54 new Members.
7. The U. S. Grant Cup goes to the Department of Nebraska for the greatest percentage gain in Membership. They had a gain of 14%.
8. The Founders Award this year goes to a man who I do not even need to tell you what he has done to aid in the remembrance of all veterans. With his landmark documentary series “The Civil War” and his new documentary “The War”, the award goes to Mr. Ken Burns.
9. The following Brothers are hereby appointed as a National Aid for recruiting 5 new Members;

Jeffrey French, Dept. of MD

Raymond LeMay, Dept. of NY

Bruce Glaser, Dept. of NY

Joe Hervan, Dept. of NY

George Weinmann, Dept. of NY

10. The B. F. Stephenson Award goes to Brother Jeff French of the Department of Maryland for recruiting 10 new Members.
11. The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Outstanding Brother of the Year Award goes to a man who has worked for the past two years researching a burial list of some 75 souls exhumed during construction of a roadway and preparing, planning and organizing a proper military burial of one of them that was a Civil War veteran. He still continues to research many more that are still buried under the roadway where Private Michael McElroy was unearthed. The possibility that 52 more civil war veterans remain, Brother Bruce Frail of the Department of RI.
12. The following Brother and Sister were selected to receive our two annual educational scholarships;
 - James Michael Rasch, James A. Garfield Camp #142, Dept. of Ohio
 - Rachael Diane Johnson, Lincoln Cushing Aux. #3, Dept. of Maryland

So ordered this 9th day of August, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

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General Order #36
Series 2007 – 2008
30 July 2008

Brothers,

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Real Son, Norman Collins on March 21, 2008 . Brother Collins was proud to be a Member of this Order.
2. Brother Collins has answered the final roll call and has gone to the great Camp beyond and there will share the fellowship of our forefathers. We shall meet again.
3. All Department and Camp Charters shall be draped, the National website shall be draped and all Membership Badges shall be draped for a period of 30 days from the date of this Order.

So ordered this 30th day of July, 2008;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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General Order #37
Series 2007 – 2008
9 August 2008**

Brothers,

1. A disciplinary Hearing Committee being convened within the Department of Missouri and having found Brother Charles Funk, Guilty on all counts of a complaint filed by Brother Robert Petrovic and having appealed this finding to the Commander in Chief and an Appeals Committee being formed and finding the same and Brother Charles Funk having requested to leave the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Brother Charles Funk having fully exhausted his legal recourse granted him in the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the following action is hereby taken.
3. Consistent with the decision of the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War not to hear the appeal of Brother Charles Funk and discipline reverting to the Appeals Committee decision, the following action is hereby taken:
 - a. Brother Charles Funk of the Department of Missouri is hereby removed from that Department permanently.
 - b. Brother Charles Funk may not apply to or be accepted into any Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War under the jurisdiction of the Department of Missouri for the remainder of his natural life.
 - c. The Rank of Past Department Commander of the Department of Missouri is hereby revoked permanently from Brother Charles Funk.
 - d. The Department of Missouri is hereby ordered to immediately provide to Brother Charles Funk a valid Transfer Card that he may deposit with a Camp within the jurisdiction of another Department operating under the authority of a valid Charter granted by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

So ordered this 9th day of August, 2008;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

APPENDIX 4
Speeches of the Commander-in-Chief

Medal of Honor Day
March 29, 2008
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND

Good morning. To Pastor Brie, Mayor McCarron, Representative Elliot, Sergeant Buffington's Descendants, Brothers of the Order and all those others in attendance I bring the greetings of the National Order of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

We have come here today to honor the ordinary American soldier. I say ordinary because in all respects John Buffington was an ordinary American just as so many are that receive the highest award that this Nation can give, the Medal of Honor.

It is those men that when in a desperate situation overcame their fears and did over and above what was thought humanly possible in defense of this Nation and their comrades. For them uncommon valor was common place. In everything else they were the typical soldier, sailor, marine, revenue cutter serviceman that did their duty and when the war ended they came home to their family and built this Nation to be what it is today.

I had the opportunity to meet and speak with a Medal of Honor recipient in Milwaukee two years ago. For the most part this man I met was just as any other that you might meet on the street but when the chips were down he mustered strength and will that was almost humanly impossible. He had told me that he wears the award for the countless others that did not receive it that probably deserved it. I would suspect that John Buffington's opinion may have been similar.

Wars have been for the most part the most defining moments in the history of mankind. Its outcome has brought both good and bad and for those that have experienced it, war seems to be a defining moment in their lives. Anyone that has experienced it will tell you that you will never experience anything like it in your life and you can not predict how you will react in that situation. It is men like John Buffington that stood out above the ordinary. It is this that we honor today, the citizen soldier with exceptional courage.

As I have said war has defined human history. It carries with it the gates of hell and its outcome can bring forth God's miraculous work. This very thing we all should pray daily for the abolition of it but until that time we must with the same breath give thanks for the life of John Buffington and many more like him throughout the course of this Nation's history.

To all those who have received the Medal of Honor I salute you this day and offer my many thanks and greatest respect for we can never give you and your comrades the thanks you deserve.

ADDRESS DELIVERED AT LINCOLN'S TOMB
BY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, S.U.V.C.W.
CHARLES E. KUHN, JR.
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
APRIL 12, 2008

We have come today to celebrate the life of, arguably, one of America's greatest President, Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln was a very diverse man. Self taught, Lincoln would go on to be one of the greatest statesmen that this Nation ever had. His wit, common sense and humor would be historic.

But upon this tall gaunt man from Illinois, would be cast the weight of a Nation being torn asunder by the turmoil of civil war. Through all of this Lincoln would persevere and come out with victory.

Although Lincoln himself never fought this war with muskets, horse or cannon, the weight of his decision would rest heavily upon his heart with the great loss of life that attended the contest. This is evident in the numerous photos of him throughout his Presidency. Lincoln's weapons in the paramount struggle would be his words. As early as the Lincoln – Douglas debates he used his words to fight the good fight. As almost prophetic, Lincoln would set the tone of the great struggle ahead of this young burgeoning Nation.

But words are just that, letters that were written on a piece of paper that form rudimentary sounds. Unless those words are taken to heart they mean nothing. You might as well take the paper that they were written upon and cast it into the fire.

In his immortal speech given in Gettysburg on November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the National Cemetery there, he eulogized the lives of all who have died in defense of a cause that they believed in. In this same speech he also placed upon us, the American people, certain responsibilities that we have to those who have paid their last full measure of devotion by being dedicated to that same cause. We are to also persevere in the great task that remained before us. That task still remains!!

What is the task that still remains before us? How do we fulfill this great command? It is that great experiment of Democratic Government. We still learn as we move forward through the progression of time. We must exercise our right to our freedoms such as the freedom of speech, and the freedom of opinion. This can never be more evident than the right to choose our leadership of this great Nation.

We have watched most recently in foreign lands, where a liberated people have had the opportunity to exercise that very right for the first time, the right to vote. We as a people take this for granted while they are willing to risk their very lives to accomplish the goal of choosing their leadership.

Within the last 20 years we have also witnessed the break up of one of the largest communist empires in the world, the Soviet Union. Since the time of Lincoln, we have witnessed the rise and fall of many other Nations that would oppress the rights of its people and in every case we have bore the brunt of their oppression and stood for freedom, justice and equality to the extent that we are still that shining

citadel on the hill representing all that is good and righteous. I know this to be true because so many still come here in search of that thing we call freedom.

We must educate our children in the history of this great Nation. They must understand that we are here today because there were those that were not afraid to bare their breast to the storm of steel in defense of this country. These things are what Lincoln spoke of. If we fail in these great charges then those who have paid the ultimate price have died in vain. In this sacred trust we must not fail!!

So here in Springfield Illinois, on this consecrated ground, beside the last mortal remains of this great man, let us make this high resolve. That we shall go forth from this place and hour and do everything within our power to help preserve this great experiment in democratic government that we call the United States of America. Let us educate our children and our grandchildren about the great sacrifices made by our forefathers so that we can live in peace in this great land, and let us exercise our rights and freedoms that have been purchased by the blood, sweat, tears, and in some cases lives of those brave Americans that have served this Nation during its darkest hours. But most of all let us never forget the cost that has been paid for those rights and freedoms.

Thank you for allowing me to speak here today at this venerable occasion.

**ADDRESS DELIVERED AT U. S. GRANT'S TOMB
BY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, S.U.V.C.W.
CHARLES E. KUHN, JR.
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK
APRIL 20, 2008**

We have come today to celebrate the life of, arguably, one of America's greatest military leaders, and former President, Ulysses Grant. Grant was deliberate in his every effort. His dogged campaign in 1864 against the southern forces was consistent with the way he dealt with the many things that faced him. He met his problems head on and never turned away from them.

His Presidency was much the same with the many issues that gripped his administration concerning the re-construction of the south. He stood up for what we now call civil liberties and enforced that even at the expense of military intervention if necessary. He was a firm believer in the Constitutional rights of all and believed in what the Constitution exemplified, that "all men were created equal".

I many times have wondered what men like Grant would think of this country we live in today. Has it turned out the way that he thought it would? Would he be proud of what we have become?

We no doubt live in the freest society in the world. These United States that started as a great experiment in Democratic Government have come a great distance but at the same time yet we do not even exercised the rights that men like Grant have purchased for us with the blood, sweat tears and even their lives.

Grant dedicated nearly his entire adult life to the service of this great Nation but we continually ignore the gifts that we have been granted by these types of people. How then do we pay tribute to this man? Is it with stone and granite that surrounds us? I say no!! It is what we do with this great experiment that we call democracy.

We have watched most recently in foreign lands, where a liberated people, for the first time, have had the opportunity to exercise a right we many times take fore granted, the right to vote. We as a people make a poor turn out at the poles while they were willing to risk their very lives to accomplish the goal of choosing their leadership.

Within the last 20 years we have also witnessed the break up of one of the largest communist empires in the world, the Soviet Union. Since the time of Grant, we have witnessed the rise and fall of many other Nations that would oppress the rights of its people and in every case we have bore the brunt of their oppression and stood for freedom, justice and equality to the extent that we are still that shining citadel on the hill representing all that is good and righteous. I know this to be true because so many still come here in search of that thing we call freedom.

So how do we accomplish this great task that remains before us? We must educate our children in the history of this great Nation. They must understand that we are here today because there were those like Grant that were willing to stand up and fight for what they believed was right and just and defend this place we call our home. If we fail in these great charges then those who have paid the ultimate price have died in vain and men like Grant will have wasted their time with this great

experiment we call democracy. In this sacred trust we must not fail!!

So here in New York City, on this consecrated ground, beside the last mortal remains of this great man, let us make this high resolve. That we shall go forth from this place and hour and do everything within our power to help preserve this great experiment in democratic government that we call the United States of America. Let us educate our children and our grandchildren about the great sacrifices made by our forefathers so that we can live in peace in this great land, and let us exercise our rights and freedoms that have been purchased by the blood, sweat, tears, and in some cases lives of those brave Americans that have served this Nation during its darkest hours. But most of all let us never forget the cost that has been paid for those rights and freedoms.

Thank you for allowing me to speak here today at this venerable occasion. May the great creator of the universe pour out his blessings upon all of us and may God bless these United States of America.

**Commander-in-Chief Statement at
Oklahoma GAR Monument
26 May, 2008**

To; The Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and those assembled at this venerable occasion.

It is a fitting tribute that is taking place there today. Today you are gathered to recognize and honor the greatest veteran's organization that ever existed, The Grand Army of the Republic. I would much like to be with you today but prior commitments keep me at the 141st Annual Memorial Day Observance in Gettysburg, PA.

The Grand Army of the Republic led this Nation through one of the greatest periods of growth this country has ever seen, the "Gilded Age". With the reconstruction of the south and the continuation of the industrialization of the United States, the Grand Army forged out a place in the hearts and minds of the American people.

It placed numerous Presidents in office not to mention Senators and Congressmen. They procured many benefits for those who were disabled as a result of their service and to this day the veterans that receive a pension for disability have the GAR to thank for that. They supported the dreams set forth in Lincoln's second inaugural address; to bind the wounds of the Nation to care for him who has bore the battle and for his widow and orphan. They did this not out of ego or selfish want but out of love for their fellow comrades that paid a cost for the freedoms we now have.

The Grand Army was so instrumental to this Nation that many local communities had special services when the last man of the local GAR Post passed away. Then finally, at last, in Indianapolis, with but 1 Member left that was able to attend the Campfire Program in their last Encampment, the final chapter was closed on this grand organization and the last living memories of that terrible war drifted into oblivion.

It is for us, the descendants of those "Boys who wore the Blue", to carry on their legacy and keep green their memory. What you do there today is accomplishing that mission. So on this fitting day, Memorial Day here at the site of this granite testament to the deeds of these American Heroes, let us make the high resolve that we shall never forget them and we will teach our children and our grandchildren of the cost of the freedoms that we have so graciously received from the hands of our forefathers.

May God bless you all and these United States of America.

**MEMORIAL DAY SPEECH
DELIVERED AT ARLINGTON
NATIONAL CEMETERY MAY 30, 2008
BY CHARLES E. KUHN JR.
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, S.U.V.C.W.**

It is written in the Holy Scriptures in the book of Isaiah; He shall judge between the Nations and shall decide for many peoples and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against Nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

It is also written in Joel; Proclaim this among the Nations: Prepare war. Stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near. Let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak say "I am a warrior."

Throughout the history of the existence of man upon this earth, mankind has continually had war. It is an act in many cases of greed or the struggle for control or power. There have been very few peoples that fight for much more than these things with the exception of a few. The American GI is among those few.

The American GI is a unique individual. He does not fight for want or power or fame, he is drawn into the desperate struggle war for a far greater thing. The American GI fights for a word we call freedom.

Although freedom is not just a word. It is far more than that. It is an ideal. A concept so great that many through the brief course of this Nations history have given their lives for.

It is often times said that freedom is not free. In fact I will state that freedom is probably one of the most expensive things there is on the face of the earth. It comes with a very heavy price tag. As we look around us today we can weigh that cost in human life and suffering. That cost can be counted in the granite and marble stones that stand mute in this cemetery and in nearly every other village and hamlet cemetery throughout this great land. That is what this day is all about, remembering the cost of the freedoms that we have so graciously received from our forefathers.

It is also written that; "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." I say to you all this day that greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for generations he knows not. That is exactly what we honor here today. Those who have paid their last full measure of devotion for generations they did not know but were so committed to that ideal of freedom that they were willing to offer up their very lives to give that gift to us.

Every day I pray for the day when we may be able to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and no nation shall lift up sword against our Nation, but for now we pray for peace but prepare for war.

How do we bring this about, this great act of biblical proportions? We dedicate ourselves to that ideal of freedom, the very thing that these brave Americans died for so that they will not have died in vain.

Abraham Lincoln said it far better than anyone before him or those who came after him when he said; “That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion.” So let us here on Memorial Day make this high resolve that on this consecrated ground, in this National shine, to this Nation’s fallen heroes that we will devote ourselves to that cause for which these brave Americans died for, Freedom.

May God continue to grant us the blessings of freedom in this great Nation and may God bless these United States of America.

**ADDRESS DELIVERED IN PROVIDENCE, RI
AT THE RE-INTERMENT OF PVT. McELROY
BY CHARLES E. KUHN, JR.
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, S.U.V.C.W.
ON MAY 31, 2008**

We the People of the United States. These immortal words are the preamble to our Constitution. They set the tone for the formation of our government. They indicate that we the people are the government.

This again was reaffirmed some 87 years latter by Abraham Lincoln in my home town of Gettysburg, PA that we are a government of the people, by the people and for the people. We are the government.

But a free society comes at a very high cost. It comes at the cost of human sacrifice. These gracious gifts have been purchased on the backs of the men and women of our armed forces, those just like Pvt. McElroy and his comrades.

Pvt. McElroy served during the bloodiest four years of this Nation's history, the American Civil War. This Nation exists today as one Nation under God and a race of people are free because of the blood, sweat and tears of Pvt. McElroy and his comrades.

Abraham Lincoln gave this Nation a great charge in his second inaugural address when he said that we must bind the wounds of the Nation and care for them who have bore the brunt of battle and their widow and orphan.

We live in the most affluent society on the face of the earth, a place where a person can be or do nearly what ever they want. Why is it then that Pvt. McElroy could die in abject poverty and absolute indigence?

It is for the same reason that as we stand here today there are several thousand cremated remains of U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coastguardsmen sitting on shelves around this land awaiting proper military burial. Some of the remains have been sitting there for nearly 100 years. Estimates are that all tolled the numbers could go as high as 10,000. It is for the same reason that our veterans in some areas of this affluent Nation, veterans seek treatment and care at hospital that are in deplorable condition.

This did not happen over night. The evidence rests right here before us. The reason is forgetfulness. How quick we as a people become complacent with the past and forget what was done. We have failed as a people to care for those that have bore the brunt of battle.

What we do here today is the proper thing to do. Those of us who are here are living by Lincoln's great charge. The question before us though is how do we bring about a change that will affect the way that we treat and care for our veterans?

We as a people owe them much. They have had many long marches and suffered in the hot sun and freezing cold. They have stood in mud to their knees in France and sweated in the jungle of the

pacific. They have sacrificed suffered and in some case died for generations that they knew not. They are why we live in affluence in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

In order to make a difference we must first start at home by teaching our children and grandchildren of the great sufferings that have been given so that they can live in a free society, we must teach them to respect our flag and the Republic for which it stands. They must become an integral part of our society. This though, must be done by example. We can not expect them to do this if we do not do it ourselves.

Next we must make others aware of these sacrifices made by these brave Americans. We must contact our local, state and federal representatives and demand an improvement to the way that we treat those who have paid that cost for our freedoms. It is the right thing to do.

So today here on this consecrated ground beside the last mortal remains of this ordinary soldier, let us make the high resolve that we will work to fulfill Lincoln's charge to us, because it is within our power to do this fore we are the people.

**Remarks By Commander-in-Chief at
Fairview Cemetery Civil War Memorial
July 19, 2008**

To the Brothers and visitors assembled at the Civil War Monument in Fairview Cemetery, Greetings!

The monument that stands before you was dedicated to the deeds of the brave men that served this country during the darkest hour of American history. More than 630,000 Americans would perish at the hands of their Brothers and fellow countrymen during the American Civil War.

The American Civil War was the most defining moment in American history. In my mind it is probably the most important war ever fought in the history of the world. If this Nation would not have remained one Nation under God, we would have never been able to defeat a fascist enemy on two fronts in World War II, a Communist enemy during the Cold War and bring this Nation to be the world leader that it is today.

No one on the face of this planet can dispute the might and power of these United States. As the U.S. goes, so goes the world. We stand here today a free people because of the fact that we remained one Nation nearly 150 years ago. I could hardly think it possible for us to have engineered the Atomic Bomb or placed a man on the moon if we were divided physically as well as in spirit.

You have come here today to dedicate a monument to the deeds of these brave souls. The work that you are honoring today came through many long and arduous hours of dedicated service to not just the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War but to the Community of Stillwater as well. John Erickson has lended much to this auspicious occasion by his research and canvassing of this cemetery. John did this as his Eagle Scout project.

I would like to tell John that I too am an Eagle Scout and there is a long road ahead of you in your life.

Eagle Scouts have obtained places of honor in American history. From commanding Armies in the field to being the first human being to walk on the face of the moon, Eagle Scouts have led this Nation to be the greatest Nation on the face of the earth.

But being an Eagle Scout also carries a certain amount of responsibility. These responsibilities are varied and several. They extend from being a leader and worker in your community to living in a manner that will not bring disrespect or discredit upon the honor that soon will be bestowed upon you.

I am certain that John will be able to embrace these responsibilities and continue to achieve great things throughout the rest of his life and be a leader in the community around him. I wish John the best of luck in the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen it has been an honor to be asked to prepare just these few words to be read at this dedication today. May God bless each and every one of you and may God bless these United States of America.

APPENDIX 5
Attendees of the 127th National Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
127th Annual National Encampment
Attendees by Department**

Department of California and Pacific

Tad D. Campbell	Glen L. Roosevelt	Jerry Sayre	D. Brad Schall
Frank Avila	Daniel Bunnell	Phillip L Caines	Floyd Farrar
Charles Mabie			

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Gary E. Parrott

Department of Connecticut

Robert Carro	Henry T. Cullinane	Mark Depathy	Alexander Oliphant I
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Department of Florida

Charles D. Custer	Michael Farrell	Ellis C. L. Adams	Daniel W. Hans
James G. Ward			

Georgia and South Carolina

Theodore H. Golab	Eric Peterson		
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Department of Iowa

Thomas Gaard

Department of Illinois

Jerry Kowalski	Steven Westlake		
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Department of Indiana

Edward J. Krieser	Jack O. Shaw	Alan J. Teller	James L. Bonifas
Michael P. Downs	Ronald B. Gill		

Department of Kansas

James R. Knopke	Roy A. Lafferty	Alan L. Russ	
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Department of Maine

Morris C. Berry	Eric Boothroyd	Larry R. Smith	Charles J. McGillicuddy
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Department of Maryland

Michael Beard	Mark Day	Jeffrey I. French	James R. Hanby, Sr.
Andrew M. Johnson	Eugene Mortorff	Lee D. Stone	R. Keith Young
Michael Virts	Robert D. Pollock	Charles Odell	Michael A. Paquette
Robert H. Moore II	Kevin Martin	Logan W. Hovis, MD	Kenneth D. Hershbe
Neil Hanion	Stephen S. Hammon		

Department of Massachusetts

John W. Bates III	Daniel Burns	Timothy Callahan	Edward T. Kelley
Robert Knight	George Maple	Perley Mellor	Kevin Tucker
Steve Twining	Charles H. Tucker	A. Dean Sargent	William T. Ryerson
Jeremy R. Ryerson	Peter Rotondo	Reynold Rodriguez	Michael Needleman
Keith Norris	Edward Norris	Richard Nichols	Steven Morgan
Henry McCarl	Edward T. Knight	Paul E. Kenworthy	Douglas E. Jenkins
Richard A. Cultrera	David Colpitts	Stuart H. Chambers	Kenneth R. Burn
James H. Blackwell	Dexter A. Bishop		

Department of Michigan

Paul D. Arnold	George Boller	Neal F. Breaugh	Gary L. Gibson
Max L. Newman	James B. Pahl	James A. K. Pahl	Gary Granger

Department of Missouri

Walter E. Busch	Charles E. Funk	Donald Palmer	Robert M. Petrovic
Emmett P. Taylor			

Department of Nebraska

Merle Rudebusch

Department of New Hampshire

Daniel W. Murray	David Proper	Dana Frost	Christian Goodnow
George H. Rutter, Jr.	Gary A. Ward	Peter B. Whelpton	Richard Woodbury

Department of New Jersey

Wayne R. Johnson	Joseph S. Seliga	Buzz Smithcors	Robert Whilhelm
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Department of New York

Michael S. Bennett	Peter J. Linderman	Todd Shillington	Danny L. Wheeler
Jeffrey Albanese	Lyman E. Baker	Scott W. French	Donald R. Holz
Elijah A. Monroe	George J. Weinman	Raymond B. Wheaton	

Department of North Carolina

Douglas P. Elwell

Department of Ohio

Kerby Bauerman	Dennis Brown	Charles W. Corfman	James T. Crane
Donald E. Darby	Tim Graham	Thomas W. Graham	Robert E. Grim
James G. Hilton	James H. Houston	David R. Medert	David V. Medert
Henry E. Shaw, Jr.	Craig Keller	Robert W. Davis	Gordon R. Bury

Department of Pennsylvania

David R. Acheson	Elmer F. Atkinson	David W. Demmy	Charles E. Kuhn
George L. Powell	Lee F. Walters	Thomas C. Besedell	JoshuaMcMillin
Douglas McMillin	Paul McMillin	Steve Indan	John M. McNulty
John T. McNulty	Gary Oswald	Richard D. Orr	David Sosnowski
David H. Ward			

Department of Rhode Island

William C. Vieira	Joseph S. Hall	Leo Kennedy	Ellsworth W. Brown
Stephen E. Hackett	Bruce D. Frail	Benjamin J. Frail	Henry Duquette
Robert Bromley	Michael Lennigan	Gregory A. Mierka	Gregory H. Payne

Department of Tennessee

Charles H. Engle	Goeffrey C. Hintze	Douglas K. Fidler, PhD	
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Department of Texas

Stephen Schulze

Department of Vermont

Merlin Doyle	Harold L. Jones		
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Department of Wisconsin

Stephen A. Michaels	Eric Graff		
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Department-at-Large

Adam Gaines

Total In Attendance: 179 from 27 Departments

APPENDIX 6
Past Commanders-in-Chief of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armsrong	Michigan
2004	Stephen A. Michaels	Wisconsin
2005	Donald E. Darby	Ohio
2006	James B. Pahl	Pennsylvania
2007	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Missouri

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

APPENDIX 7
National Encampments of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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
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

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
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
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

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
117th	1998	August 6 - 9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19 - 22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17 - 20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10 – 12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9 - 11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8 - 10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12 – 15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4 – 7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11 – 13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
126 th	2007	August 10 – 12	St. Louis, Missouri
127 th	2008	August 7 – 10	Boston, Massachusetts

APPENDIX 8
National Treasurer's Spreadsheets

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
FINANCIAL REPORT
2007-2008**

ITEM	2007-2008 APPROVED BUDGET	2007-2008 ACTUAL YTD July 31, 2008	BALANCE OVER / UNDER () BUDGET TO DATE
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GENERAL FUND

INCOME

	(Prorated)	5900	5854.93	(45.07)
Members Paid				
Per Capita Dues (\$15.00)		\$88,500.00	\$87,824.00	(\$676.00)
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$15.00)		\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	\$0.00
Sale of Supplies		\$31,000.00	\$44,057.11	\$13,057.11
Shipping & Handling		\$1,600.00	\$793.80	(\$806.20)
Nat.QM Sales of ROTC Metals		\$1,150.00	\$901.46	(\$248.54)
Nat.QM ROTC Metals Shipping & Handling		\$600.00	\$531.54	(\$68.46)
Subscriptions Banner		\$480.00	\$768.00	\$288.00
Advertising in the Banner		\$900.00	\$400.00	(\$500.00)
Reg Fee Nat. Encamp't		\$1,500.00	\$1,838.00	\$338.00
App. Fee New Camps		\$300.00	\$200.00	(\$100.00)
WebPage Service Revenue		\$720.00	\$60.00	(\$660.00)
Aux. Love Gift		\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Donations		\$50.00	\$550.00	\$500.00
NMAL Donation		\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$200.00
Interest-CD's		\$8,800.00	\$7,478.86	(\$1,321.14)
Misc.		\$45.00	\$6.00	(\$39.00)
TOTAL INCOME		\$138,670.00	\$148,883.77	\$10,213.77
Balance Forward from previous FY		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =		\$138,670.00	\$148,883.77	\$10,213.77
Transfer to GAR Fund		\$2,165.00	\$1,813.35	(\$351.65)
Transfer to Permanent Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Senior Vice CinC Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Nat HQ Fund (May 9, 2007)		\$0.00	\$72.97	\$72.97
Transfer to CW Heritage Def. Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Transfers to Other 5 Funds		\$2,165.00	\$1,886.32	(\$278.68)
TOTAL INCOME - TRANSFERS =		\$136,505.00	\$146,997.45	\$10,492.45

EXPENSES

Supplies	\$24,000.00	\$25,109.25	\$1,109.25
Dies	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
Ship & Handling	\$2,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$800.00
C-in-C Allowance	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
Nat. Sec. Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Nat. Tres. Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Nat. QM Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Nat'l Elected Officers Requested to Represent C-in-C @ Dept. Encp's	\$7,000.00	\$3,355.45	(\$3,644.55)
Executive Director	\$17,000.00	\$21,250.00	\$4,250.00
Ex Dir's Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$1,106.30	(\$1,393.70)
CofA Per Diem	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	(\$300.00)
Nat. Encamp Host Comm.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Past C-in-C Jewel	\$530.00	\$1,139.66	\$609.66
Office Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,231.93	\$31.93
Special Projects	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	(\$2,500.00)

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Contingency Fund	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	(\$1,500.00)
Telephone	\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
Postage	\$600.00	\$579.24	(\$20.76)
Web Page	\$300.00	\$1.95	(\$298.05)
Graves Reg. Comm.	\$500.00	\$77.97	(\$422.03)
Awards	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Software	\$400.00	\$0.00	(\$400.00)
Proceedings Transcribe	\$700.00	\$861.00	\$161.00
Print Proceedings	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	(\$5,600.00)
BANNER * See Banner Note Below	\$43,000.00	\$41,791.37	(\$1,208.63)
Banner Editor Travel Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,208.63	(\$291.37)
National Encp Site Comm Exp	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
National Encp Exp	\$1,575.00	\$1,343.25	(\$231.75)
Nat'l Encp Photographer plus Expenses	\$350.00	\$445.05	\$95.05
Nat'l Encp Photographer Supplies & Albums	\$250.00	\$245.28	(\$4.72)
SCV CinC's Nat Encamp Exp	\$200.00	\$219.64	\$19.64
Accounting-Audit	\$22,500.00	\$16,345.00	(\$6,155.00)
Accounting Allowance	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
Officers Bond	\$700.00	\$693.00	(\$7.00)
Misc Committee Exp	\$200.00	\$99.11	(\$100.89)
Misc Expenses	\$100.00	\$118.28	\$18.28
Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Special Life Payment	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Bad Debt	\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
Depreciation-Computer - 5 Yrs	\$400.00	\$0.00	(\$400.00)
Depreciation-Office - 5 Yrs	\$800.00	\$0.00	(\$800.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$158,505.00	\$139,299.36	(\$19,205.64)
Gross Gain/Loss	(\$22,000.00)	\$7,698.09	

GAR FUND

INCOME			
Nat.Pat.Inst.Appeal	\$120.00	\$50.00	(\$70.00)
Blue&Gray Ball	\$5,000.00	\$4,600.00	(\$400.00)
Donations	\$300.00	\$473.00	\$173.00
Escheated Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$3,100.00	\$2,243.65	(\$856.35)
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$8,520.00	\$7,366.65	(\$1,153.35)
Transferred from General Fund	\$2,165.00	\$1,813.35	(\$351.65)
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$10,685.00	\$9,180.00	(\$1,505.00)

EXPENSES

Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lincoln Memorial	\$100.00	\$85.95	(\$14.05)
Lincoln Tomb	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00

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GAR Remembrance Day Costs:			
Woolson's Monument Wreath	\$50.00	\$349.80	\$299.80
Amplification Equipment Rental	\$200.00	(\$25.00)	(\$225.00)
Memorial Services Program Printing	\$50.00	\$28.09	(\$21.91)
Other Mesc. Costs	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
SVR Costs: Liability Insurance	\$275.00	\$0.00	(\$275.00)
Streamers	\$300.00	\$351.00	\$51.00
Mailing	\$175.00	\$156.86	(\$18.14)
Postage	\$210.00	\$137.35	(\$72.65)
Cathedral of Pines	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Tomb of Unknown	\$200.00	\$95.95	(\$104.05)
Congress of Pat. Org.	\$25.00	\$0.00	(\$25.00)
Special Projects	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
GAR Campfire	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Grant Tomb	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Blue & Gray Ball Donation	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,685.00	\$9,180.00	(\$1,505.00)
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$0.00	
General Funds Used to Balance	\$2,165.00	\$1,813.35	

PERMANENT FUND

INCOME

NMAL New Members (\$5.00)	20	15	(5)
NMAL New Member Fees	\$100.00	\$75.00	(\$25.00)
HonorRoll Cont.	\$150.00	\$5,105.00	\$4,955.00
Interest	\$6,050.00	\$1,747.70	(\$4,302.30)
Miscellaneous/Donations	\$50.00	\$219.00	\$169.00
Life Member Fees	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$11,350.00	\$10,146.70	(\$1,203.30)
Transfer: L.M. Per Capita: 1996 & 2001 Programs (\$18.00)	(\$2,430.00)	(\$2,430.00)	\$0.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$8,920.00	\$7,716.70	(\$1,203.30)

EXPENSES

L.M. Reimbursement Pymts: Pre-2001 Programs (323 @ \$6.00)	\$2,730.00	\$828.00	(\$1,902.00)
Life Member Cards	\$20.00	\$0.00	(\$20.00)
Postage to Mail L.M. Cards	\$10.00	\$0.00	(\$10.00)
Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,760.00	\$828.00	(\$1,932.00)
Gross Gain/Loss	\$6,160.00	\$6,888.70	
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FUND			
INCOME			
Members Paid (Prorated)			
New Members (\$5.00)	560	644	84
Per Capita Dues (\$0.00)			
Reg.Fee,New Members	\$2,800.00	\$3,220.00	\$420.00
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$0.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$50.00	\$15.00	(\$35.00)
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$2,850.00	\$3,235.00	\$385.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$2,850.00	\$3,235.00	\$385.00
EXPENSES			
Office	\$250.00	\$148.82	(\$101.18)
Telephone	\$200.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
Postage	\$400.00	\$244.60	(\$155.40)
E-mail	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Ads	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,850.00	\$393.42	(\$2,456.58)
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$2,841.58	
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,841.58)

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

ITEM	2007-2008 APPROVED BUDGET	2007-2008 ACTUAL YTD July 31, 2008	BALANCE OVER / UNDER () BUDGET TO DATE
INCOME			
Members Paid (Prorated)			
Per Capita Dues (\$0.50)	5900	5837.16	(63)
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$0.50)	\$67.50	\$67.50	\$0.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Long Term Invest.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest, CD's	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$3,117.50	\$2,986.08	(\$131.42)
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$72.97	\$72.97
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$3,117.50	\$3,059.05	(\$58.45)
EXPENSES			
Rent:			
Rent - Advance Lease Pymt (May 9,'07) for 2007-2008	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent - Advance Lease Pymt (May 9,'07) for 2008-2009	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rent - Adv. Lease Pymt (May 9,'07) for 2009-Feb.2010	\$0.00		\$0.00
Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$989.71	(\$10.29)
Internet Cable for HQs Office	\$500.00	\$431.40	(\$68.60)
Insurance	\$463.00	\$473.00	\$10.00
Furnishings	\$1,154.50	\$1,164.94	\$10.44
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,117.50	\$3,059.05	(\$58.45)
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$0.00	
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$72.97	\$0.00

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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND

INCOME

	(Prorated)	5900	5835.50	(65)
Members Paid				
Per Capita Dues (\$2.00)		\$11,800.00	\$11,671.00	(\$129.00)
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$2.00)		\$270.00	\$270.00	\$0.00
Donations		\$50.00	\$30.00	(\$20.00)
Interest		\$0.00	\$14.33	\$14.33
SUB-TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$12,120.00</u>	<u>\$11,985.33</u>	<u>(\$134.67)</u>
Transferred from CW Mem Pres Fund Sav'gs Acct		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =		<u>\$12,120.00</u>	<u>\$12,485.33</u>	<u>\$365.33</u>

EXPENSES

Grants		\$12,120.00	\$10,650.00	(\$1,470.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$12,120.00</u>	<u>\$10,650.00</u>	<u>(\$1,470.00)</u>
Gross Gain/Loss		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,835.33</u>	
CW Mem Pres Fund Sav'gs Acct Funds Used to Bal.		\$0.00	\$500.00	

CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND

INCOME

	(Prorated)	5900	5833.84	(66)
Members Paid				
Per Capita Dues (\$0.50)		\$2,950.00	\$2,916.92	(\$33.08)
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$0.50)		\$67.50	\$67.50	\$0.00
Donations		\$300.00	\$55.00	(\$245.00)
Interest		\$15.00	\$16.18	\$1.18
SUB-TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$3,332.50</u>	<u>\$3,055.60</u>	<u>(\$276.90)</u>
Transferred from General Fund		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =		<u>\$3,332.50</u>	<u>\$3,055.60</u>	<u>(\$276.90)</u>

EXPENSES

Grants		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc Expense		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Gain/Loss		<u>\$3,332.50</u>	<u>\$3,055.60</u>	
General Funds Used to Balance		\$0.00	\$0.00	

TOTAL GROSS GAIN/LOSS	<u>(\$12,507.50)</u>	<u>\$22,319.30</u>	
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GRAND TOTALS			
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	\$177,530.00	\$185,729.13	(\$8,199.13)
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$190,037.50	\$163,409.83	\$26,627.67
GROSS BALANCE	<u>(\$12,507.50)</u>	<u>\$22,319.30</u>	(\$34,826.80)
GENERAL FUND	Minus (-)	\$12,287.37	Reserves for FY 2008-2009
GAR FUND	Minus (-)	\$0.00	Reserves for FY 2008-2009
PERMANENT FUND	Minus (-)	\$5,141.00	Reserves for FY 2008-2009
SVC-IN-C FUND	Minus (-)	\$0.00	Reserves for FY 2008-2009
NATIONAL HQ'S FUND	Minus (-)	\$72.97	Reserves for FY 2008-2009
CW MEMORIAL PRES FUND	Minus (-)	\$1,835.33	Reserves for FY 2008-2009
CW HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND	Minus (-)	\$3,055.60	Reserves for FY 2008-2009
		<u>\$22,392.27</u>	Ttl Reserves FY 2008-2009
NET BALANCE	35 of 35 Depts. Paid to Date	\$36,819.30	Already in Sav'gs Accts
Note:	Proposed	Actual	OVER / UNDER ()
Total Interest Paid into Budget - FYTD:	<u>\$17,965.00</u>	<u>\$11,500.72</u>	<u>(\$6,464.28)</u>
Total Interest Accumulating in 4 New CD's thru:	<u>\$8,382.70</u>	<u>\$8,603.13</u>	<u>\$220.43</u>
Total Interest Earned - Fiscal Year to Date thru:	<u>\$26,347.70</u>	<u>\$20,103.85</u>	<u>(\$6,243.85)</u>

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**SPECIAL FUND FOR PUBLISHING
BACKLOG OF NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS**

SPECIAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$14,500.00		
New Special Funds	<u>\$0.00</u>		
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS	\$14,500.00		
EXPENSES			
Print Proceedings - 109th - 1990 (Corfman)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 112th - 1993 (Atkinson)	*1 \$2,850.00 ###	\$0.00	(\$2,850.00)
Print Proceedings - 116th - 1997 (Loomis)	*1 \$2,850.00 ###	\$0.00	(\$2,850.00)
Print Proceedings - 117th - 1998 (Orr)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 118th - 1999 (Johnson)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 121st - 2002 (Powell)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 122nd - 2003 (Grim)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 123rd - 2004 (Armstrong)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$5,700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$5,700.00)</u>
BALANCE OF SPECIAL FUNDS	\$8,800.00	\$14,500.00	

Note *1 Treasurer used: \$600 to Transcribe; \$2000 to Print; \$250 to Prepare Electronically to Put on SUVCW Web Site.

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GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Members Paid	(Prorated)	6580	5,440.18
Per Capita Dues (\$15.00)		\$98,700.00	\$81,602.75
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$15.00)		\$0.00	\$2,025.00
Sale of Supplies		\$36,000.00	\$44,057.11
Shipping & Handling		\$1,600.00	\$793.80
Nat. QM Sales of ROTC Metals		\$0.00	\$901.46
Nat. QM ROTC Metals Shipping & Handling		\$0.00	\$531.54
Subscriptions Banner		\$900.00	\$768.00
Advertising in the Banner		\$900.00	\$400.00
Reg Fee Nat. Encamp't		\$1,500.00	\$1,015.00
App. Fee New Camps		\$300.00	\$75.00
WebPage Service Revenue		\$1,200.00	\$60.00
Aux. Love Gift		\$250.00	\$250.00
Donations		\$50.00	\$550.00
NMAL Donation		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Interest-CD's		\$8,000.00	\$103.40
Misc.		\$40.00	\$6.00
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$150,640.00</u>	<u>\$ 82,796.15</u>
Balance Forward from previous FY		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =		<u>\$150,640.00</u>	<u>\$ 82,796.15</u>
Transfer to GAR Fund		\$3,640.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Permanent Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Senior Vice CinC Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Nat HQ Fund (May 9, 2007)		\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to CW Heritage Def. Fund		\$0.00	\$72.97
Total Transfers to Other 5 Funds		<u>\$3,640.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME - TRANSFERS =		<u>\$147,000.00</u>	<u>\$82,796.15</u>

EXPENSES

Supplies	\$27,000.00	\$1,254.12	\$25,109.25
Dies	\$0.00		\$160.00
Ship & Handling	\$3,000.00		\$2,800.00
C-in-C Allowance	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00
Nat. Sec. Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Nat. Tres. Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Nat. QM Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Nat'l Elected Officers Requested to Represent C-in-C @ Dept. Encp's	\$7,000.00		\$3,355.45
Executive Director	\$17,000.00	\$4,250.00	\$21,250.00
Ex Dir's Expenses	\$2,500.00		\$1,106.30
CofA Per Diem	\$1,000.00		\$700.00
Nat. Encamp Host Comm.	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Past C-in-C Jewel	\$600.00		\$1,139.66
Office Expense	\$1,600.00		\$1,231.93
Special Projects	\$1,000.00		\$500.00

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Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
Telephone	\$50.00		\$0.00
Postage	\$600.00		\$579.24
Web Page	\$0.00		\$1.95
Graves Reg. Comm.	\$500.00		\$77.97
Awards	\$500.00		\$0.00
Scholarships	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Software	\$400.00		\$0.00
Proceedings Transcribe	\$800.00		\$861.00
Print Proceedings	\$500.00		\$0.00
BANNER * See Banner Note Below	\$42,000.00		\$41,791.37
Banner Editor Travel Expenses	\$1,500.00		\$1,208.63
National Encp Site Comm Exp	\$500.00		\$0.00
National Encp Exp	\$1,600.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,343.25
Nat'l Encp Photographer plus Expenses	\$450.00		\$445.05
Nat'l Encp Photographer Supplies & Albums	\$250.00		\$245.28
SCV CinC's Nat Encamp Exp	\$200.00		\$219.64
Accounting-Audit & Form 990 Taxes	\$16,000.00		\$16,345.00
Accounting Allowance	\$2,400.00	\$600.00	\$2,400.00
Officers Bond	\$0.00		\$693.00
Misc Committee Exp	\$100.00		\$99.11
Misc Expenses	\$100.00		\$118.28
Bank Charges	\$100.00		\$0.00
Special Life Payment	\$0.00		\$18.00
Bad Debt	\$50.00		\$0.00
Depreciation-Computer - 5 Yrs	\$400.00		\$0.00
Depreciation-Office - 5 Yrs	\$800.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$147,000.00	\$8,704.12	\$139,299.36
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$74,092.03	\$7,698.09

GAR FUND

INCOME

Nat.Pat.Inst.Appeal	\$120.00		\$50.00
Blue&Gray Ball	\$5,000.00		\$4,600.00
Donations	\$300.00		\$473.00
Escheated Funds	\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest	\$2,200.00	\$170.81	\$2,243.65
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$7,620.00	\$170.81	\$7,366.65
Transferred from General Fund	\$3,640.00	\$0.00	\$1,813.35
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$11,260.00	\$170.81	\$9,180.00

EXPENSES

Scholarships	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Postage	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lincoln Memorial	\$100.00		\$85.95
Lincoln Tomb	\$2,200.00		\$2,200.00

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ITEM	2008-2009 APPROVED BUDGET	2008-2009 ACTUAL YTD July 31, 2008	2007-2008 ACTUAL YTD August 1, 2008
GAR Remembrance Day Costs:			
Woolson's Monument Wreath	\$50.00		\$349.80
Amplification Equipment Rental	\$200.00		(\$25.00)
Memorial Services Program Printing	\$50.00		\$28.09
Other Mesc. Costs	\$100.00		\$0.00
SVR Costs: Liability Insurance	\$275.00		\$0.00
Streamers	\$300.00		\$351.00
Mailing	\$175.00		\$156.86
Postage	\$210.00		\$137.35
Cathedral of Pines	\$100.00		\$100.00
Tomb of Unknown	\$200.00		\$95.95
Congress of Pat. Org.	\$0.00		\$0.00
Special Projects	\$1,000.00		\$0.00
GAR Campfire	\$500.00		\$500.00
Grant Tomb	\$200.00		\$200.00
Blue & Gray Ball Donation	\$4,600.00		\$4,000.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,260.00	\$0.00	\$9,180.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$170.81	\$0.00
General Funds Used to Balance	\$3,640.00	\$0.00	\$1,813.35

PERMANENT FUND

INCOME

NMAL New Members (\$5.00)	20	2	15
NMAL New Member Fees	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$75.00
HonorRoll Cont.	\$150.00		\$5,105.00
Interest	\$4,500.00		\$1,747.70
Miscellaneous/Donations	\$50.00		\$219.00
Life Member Fees	\$5,000.00	\$100.00	\$3,000.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$9,800.00	\$110.00	\$10,146.70
Transfer: L.M. Per Capita: 1996 & 2001 Programs (\$18.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,430.00)
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$9,800.00	\$110.00	\$7,716.70

EXPENSES

L.M. Reimbursement Pymts: Pre-2001 Programs (323 @ \$6.00)	\$2,730.00		\$828.00
Life Member Cards	\$20.00		\$0.00
Postage to Mail L.M. Cards	\$10.00		\$0.00
Misc	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,760.00	\$0.00	\$828.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$7,040.00	\$110.00	\$6,888.70
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FUND			
INCOME			
Members Paid	(Prorated)		
New Members (\$5.00)	560	310	644
Per Capita Dues (\$0.00)			
Reg.Fee,New Members	\$2,800.00	\$1,550.00	\$3,220.00
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$0.00)	\$0.00		\$0.00
Donations	\$50.00		\$15.00
Interest	\$0.00		\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$2,850.00</u>	<u>\$1,550.00</u>	<u>\$3,235.00</u>
Transferred from General Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	<u>\$2,850.00</u>	<u>\$1,550.00</u>	<u>\$3,235.00</u>
EXPENSES			
Office	\$250.00		\$148.82
Telephone	\$200.00		\$0.00
Postage	\$400.00		\$244.60
E-mail	\$0.00		\$0.00
Membership Ads	\$2,000.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$2,850.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$393.42</u>
Gross Gain/Loss	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,550.00</u>	<u>\$2,841.58</u>
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

INCOME				
Members Paid	(Prorated)	6580	5440.18	5837.16
Per Capita Dues (\$0.50)		\$3,290.00	\$2,717.90	\$2,918.58
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$0.50)		\$0.00		\$67.50
Donations		\$100.00		\$0.00
Long Term Invest.		\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest, CD's		\$0.00		\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$3,390.00</u>	<u>\$2,717.90</u>	<u>\$2,986.08</u>
Transferred from General Fund		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$72.97</u>
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =		<u>\$3,390.00</u>	<u>\$2,717.90</u>	<u>\$3,059.05</u>
EXPENSES				
Rent:				
Rent - Advance Lease Pymt (May 9,'07) for 2007-2008		\$0.00		\$0.00
Rent - Advance Lease Pymt (May 9,'07) for 2008-2009		\$9,000.00	\$0.00	
Rent - Adv. Lease Pymt (May 9,'07) for 2009-Feb.2010		\$0.00		
Telephone		\$1,100.00	\$182.92	\$989.71
Internet Cable for HQs Office		\$500.00	\$71.90	\$431.40
Insurance		\$463.00		\$473.00
Furnishings		\$1,327.00		\$1,164.94
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$3,390.00</u>	<u>\$254.82</u>	<u>\$3,059.05</u>
Gross Gain/Loss		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,463.08</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
General Funds Used to Balance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.97

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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND

INCOME

	(Prorated)	6580	5440.18	5835.50
Members Paid				
Per Capita Dues (\$2.00)		\$13,160.00	\$10,870.50	\$11,671.00
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$2.00)		\$0.00		\$270.00
Donations		\$50.00		\$30.00
Interest		\$0.00		\$14.33
SUB-TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$13,210.00</u>	<u>\$10,870.50</u>	<u>\$11,985.33</u>
Transferred from CW Mem Pres Fund Sav'gs Acct		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =		<u>\$13,210.00</u>	<u>\$10,870.50</u>	<u>\$12,485.33</u>

EXPENSES

Grants		\$13,210.00		\$10,650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$13,210.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10,650.00</u>
Gross Gain/Loss		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10,870.50</u>	<u>\$1,835.33</u>
CW Mem Pres Fund Sav'gs Acct Funds Used to Bal.		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00

CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND

INCOME

	(Prorated)	6580	5440.18	5833.84
Members Paid				
Per Capita Dues (\$0.50)		\$3,290.00	\$2,708.39	\$2,916.92
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$0.50)		\$0.00		\$67.50
Donations		\$300.00		\$55.00
Interest		\$16.00		\$16.18
SUB-TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$3,606.00</u>	<u>\$2,708.39</u>	<u>\$3,055.60</u>
Transferred from General Fund		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =		<u>\$3,606.00</u>	<u>\$2,708.39</u>	<u>\$3,055.60</u>

EXPENSES

Grants		\$0.00		\$0.00
Misc Expense		\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Gain/Loss		<u>\$3,606.00</u>	<u>\$2,708.39</u>	<u>\$3,055.60</u>
General Funds Used to Balance		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

TOTAL GROSS GAIN/LOSS		<u>\$10,646.00</u>	<u>\$91,964.81</u>	<u>\$22,319.30</u>
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GRAND TOTALS			
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	\$191,116.00	\$100,923.75	\$185,729.13
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$180,470.00	\$8,958.94	\$163,409.83
GROSS BALANCE	<u>\$10,646.00</u>	<u>\$91,964.81</u>	<u>\$22,319.30</u>
GENERAL FUND	Minus (-) \$78,105.11	\$78,105.11	\$12,287.37
GAR FUND	Minus (-) \$170.81	\$170.81	\$0.00
PERMANENT FUND	Minus (-) \$110.00	\$110.00	\$5,141.00
SVC-IN-C FUND	Minus (-) \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NATIONAL HQ'S FUND	Minus (-) \$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.97
CW MEMORIAL PRES FUND	Minus (-) \$10,870.50	\$10,870.50	\$1,835.33
CW HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND	Minus (-) \$2,708.39	\$2,708.39	\$3,055.60
	<u>\$91,964.81</u>	<u>\$91,964.81</u>	<u>\$22,392.27</u>
NET BALANCE	30 of 40 Depts. Paid to Date	\$106,294.00	\$36,819.30
Note:	Proposed	Actual	Actual
Total Interest Paid into Budget - FYTD:	<u>\$14,716.00</u>	<u>\$274.21</u>	<u>\$11,500.72</u>
Total Interest Accumulating in 4 New CD's thru:	<u>\$8,382.70</u>	= <u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$8,603.13</u>
Total Interest Earned - Fiscal Year to Date thru:	<u>\$23,098.70</u>	= <u>\$274.21</u>	<u>\$20,103.85</u>

**SPECIAL FUND FOR PUBLISHING
BACKLOG OF NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS**

SPECIAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
New Special Funds	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS	<u>\$14,500.00</u>	<u>\$14,500.00</u>	<u>\$14,500.00</u>
EXPENSES			
Print Proceedings - 109th - 1990 (Corfman)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00 *1	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 112th - 1993 (Atkinson)	*1 \$2,850.00 ###	\$0.00 *1	\$2,850.00
Print Proceedings - 116th - 1997 (Loomis)	*1 \$2,850.00 ###	\$0.00 *1	\$2,850.00
Print Proceedings - 117th - 1998 (Orr)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00 *1	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 118th - 1999 (Johnson)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00 *1	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 121st - 2002 (Powell)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00 *1	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 122nd - 2003 (Grim)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00 *1	\$0.00
Print Proceedings - 123rd - 2004 (Armstrong)	*1 \$0.00 ###	\$0.00 *1	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$5,700.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$5,700.00</u>
BALANCE OF SPECIAL FUNDS	\$8,800.00	\$14,500.00	\$8,800.00

Note *1 Treasurer used: \$600 to Transcribe; \$2000 to Print; \$250 to Prepare Electronically to Put on SUVCW Web Site.