

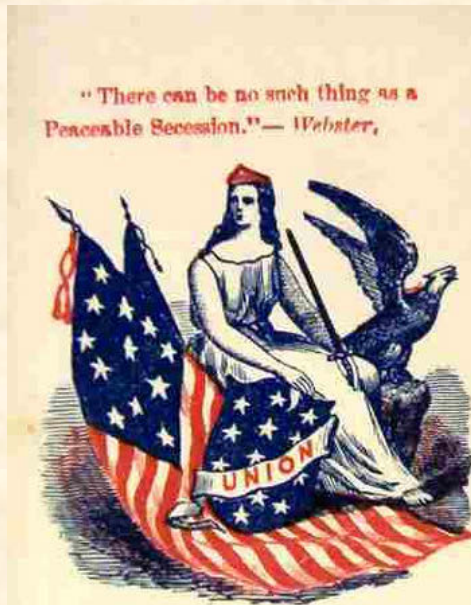
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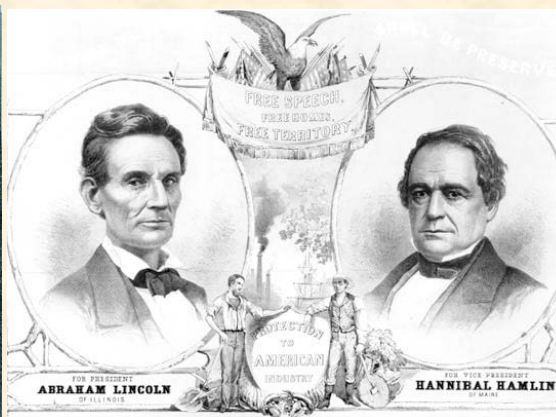
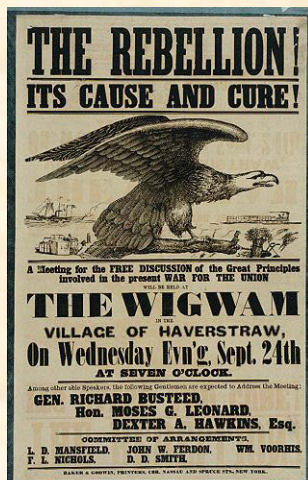
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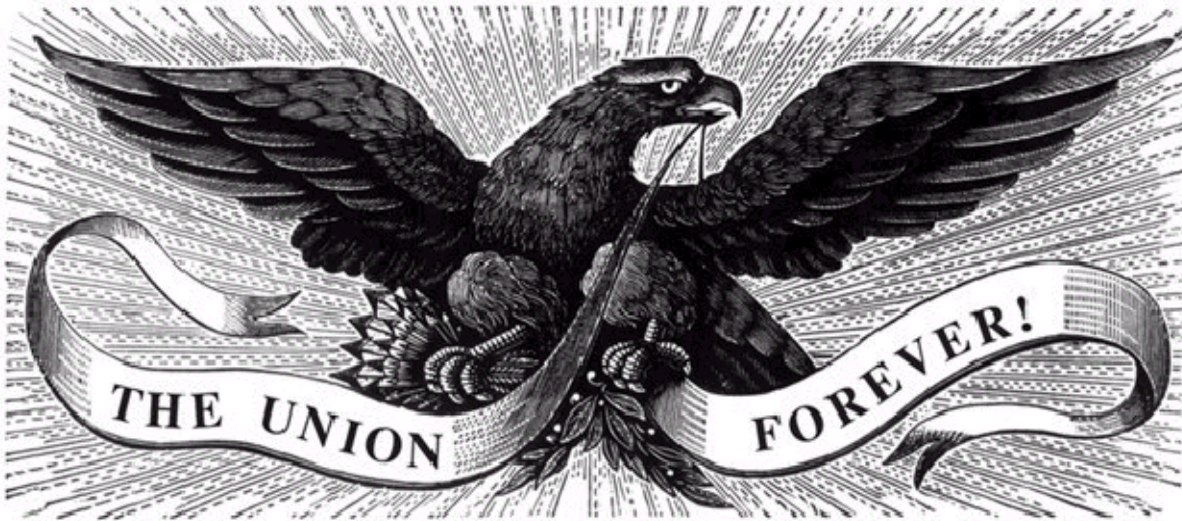


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130th National Encampment

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2011 National Encampment Schedule

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*Learn who we are, Learn what we do, Participate in
what we do, Honor the Boys in Blue*

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2011 National Encampment Schedule

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Thursday, August 11, 2011

8-11:30 am	Battlefield Tour A	Main Lobby
1-4 pm	Battlefield Tour B	Main Lobby
1 pm - 3 pm	Registration	Lobby
3-5 pm	Council of Administration	Headquarters
6:30 pm	Budget Committee	Headquarters
7 pm	Advisory Council	Headquarters

Friday, August 12, 2011

8 am	Memorial Service	Diamond Ballroom
9 am - 11:30	Business Session	Meeting Room 6
11:30 am - 1 pm	Lunch (on own)	
1 pm - 4:30 pm	Business Session	Meeting Room 6
4:30 pm - 5 pm	Greetings (if possible)	
5 pm	Dinner (on own)	
7 pm	Campfire	Meeting Room 6
8:30 pm	Member Appreciation Get Together	Headquarters

Saturday, August 13, 2011

8 am	Betsy Ross/Pioneer Club Meeting	Meeting Room 6
9:30 am-12 pm	Exemplification of Ritual	Meeting Room 6
12 pm-1:30 pm	Lunch (on own)	
1:30 pm - 5 pm	Business Session	Meeting Room 6
2 pm - 3 pm	Greetings	
3 pm - 4 pm	Elections and Installations	Meeting Room 6
4 pm - 5 pm	Closing and Advisory Committee	Meeting Room 6
6:30 pm - 10 pm	Allied Orders Banquet	Diamond Ballroom

Sunday, August 14, 2011

7 am	Non-denominational Church Service	Diamond Ballroom A
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Times and meeting locations are subject to change

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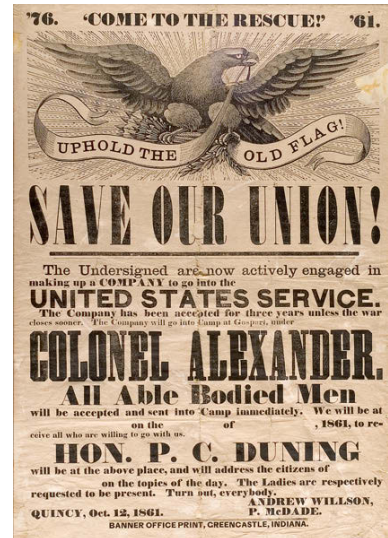
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*The National Encampment Site Committee
And the Members of the Allied Orders in the
Department of the Chesapeake
Welcome all Brothers & Sisters to
Reston, Virginia*

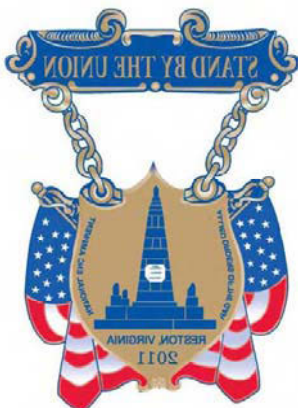
Tour of Bull Run Battlefield With NPS Historian Emeritus Edwin Bearss



Edwin Cole Bearss born June 26, 1923), a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, is a military historian and author known for his work on the American Civil War and World War II eras and is a popular tour guide of historic battlefields. He served as Chief Historian of the National Park Service from 1981 to 1994. After his retirement in 1995, he received the title Chief Historian Emeritus, which he holds to this day.



Union soldiers built the **Henry Hill Monument** to commemorate those who died at **First Bull Run (Manassas)**. For many civil war veterans, this had been their first battle. Intense memories drew both Union and Confederate soldiers back to this scene years after the war.



1911 Peace Jubilee

Manassas just marked the sesquicentennial of the first Bull Run a few weeks ago. At the same time, it also commemorated the centennial anniversary of the 1911 National Jubilee of Peace. It's that event that is the inspiration of our souvenir medal for this National Encampment. Fifty years after the first major battle of the Civil War, a thousand US and CS veterans came together for a week-long reunion that took place July 16-22, 1911. A plaque at the Manassas Court hours says the following of the event:



Peace Jubilee Marker in Manassas

*In Commemoration of the
Manassas National Jubilee
Of Peace*

*The first instance in history
where survivors of a great battle
met fifty years after
and exchanged friendly greetings
here on July 21, 1911, the closing scene
was enacted,*

The Tableau of the Re-United States.
*The president, the Governor of Virginia
and forty-eight maidens in white took part
with 1000 veterans of the Blue and
the Gray and 10,000 citizens of*



MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA.

BY PERMISSION OF ROOT & CADY.

Bring me the good old bugle, boys! we'll sing another song—
Sing it with that spirit that will start the world along—
Sing it as we used to sing it fifty thousand strong,
While we were marching through Georgia.

CHORUS—"Hurrah! hurrah! we bring the Jubilee!
Hurrah! hurrah! the flag that makes you free!"
So we sing the chorus from Atlanta to the sea,
While we were marching through Georgia.

How the darkies shouted when they heard the joyful sound!
How the turkeys gobbled which our commissary found!
How the sweet potatoes even started from the ground,
While we were marching through Georgia.

Hurrah, hurrah! &c.

Yes, and there were Union men who wept with joyful tears,
When they saw the honored flag they had not seen for years;
Hardly could they be restrained from breaking off in cheers,
While we were marching through Georgia.

Hurrah, hurrah! &c.

"Sherman's dashing Yankee boys will never reach the coast!"
So the saucy rebels said, and 'twas a handsome boast,
Had they not forgot, alas, to reckon with the host,
While we were marching through Georgia.

Hurrah, hurrah! &c.

So we made a thoroughfare for Freedom and her train,
Sixty miles in latitude—three hundred to the main;
Treason fled before us, for resistance was in vain,
While we were marching through Georgia.

Hurrah, hurrah! &c.

But the march is not yet finished, nor will we yet disband,
While still a trace of treason remains to curse the land,
Or any foe against the flag uplifts a threatening hand,
For we've been marching through Georgia.

Hurrah, hurrah! &c.

When Right is in the White House and Wisdom in her seat,
The reconstructed Senators and Congressmen to greet,
Why then we may stop marching, and rest our weary feet,
For we've been marching through Georgia.

Hurrah, hurrah! &c.

Behold the chief who now commands, again to serve his
country stands—

The rock on which the storm will beat,

The rock on which the storm will beat;

But armed in virtue firm and true, his hopes are fix'd on
Heaven and you.

When hope was sinking in dismay, and glooms obscured
Columbia's day,

His steady mind, from changes free, resolved on death or
liberty.

CHORUS.—Firm, united, let us be, &c.

THE BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM.

(RALLYING SONG.)

Yes, we'll rally round the Flag, boys, we'll rally once again,
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

We will rally from the hill-side, we'll gather from the plain,
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

CHORUS.

The Union forever! hurrah! boys, hurrah!

Down with the traitors, up with the stars!

While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again,
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

We are springing to the call of our brothers gone before,
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

And we'll fill the vacant ranks with a million freemen more,
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

CHORUS —The Union forever, &c.

We will welcome to our numbers the loyal true and brave,
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

And although he may be poor, he shall never be a slave,
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

CHORUS—The Union forever, &c.

So, we're springing to the call from the East and from the West
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

And we'll hurl the rebel crew from the land we love the best,
Shouting the battle-cry of freedom!

CHORUS.—The Union forever, &c.

TENTING ON THE OLD CAMP GROUND.

We're tenting to-night on the old camp-ground,
Give us a song to cheer
Our weary hearts, a song of home
And friends we love so dear!

CHORUS—Many are the hearts that are weary to-night,
Wishing for the war to cease;
Many are the hearts looking for the right,
To see the dawn of peace;
Tenting to-night, tenting to-night,
Tenting on the old camp-ground.

We've been tenting to-night on the old camp-ground,
Thinking of the days gone by;
Of the loved ones at home, that gave us the hand,
And the tear that said: Good-bye!

CHORUS.—Many are the hearts, &c.

We are tired of war on the old camp-ground;
Many are dead and gone,
Of the brave and true, who've left their homes;
Others have been wounded long.

CHORUS.—Many are the hearts, &c.

We've been fighting to-day on the old camp-ground;
Many are lying near,
Some are dead, and some are dying,
Many are in tears!

CHORUS—Many are the hearts that are weary to-night,
Wishing for the war to cease;
Many are the hearts looking for the right,
To see the dawn of peace;
Dying to-night, dying to-night,
Dying on the old camp-ground.

THE VACANT CHAIR.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him;
 There will be one vacant chair;
 We shall linger to caress him,
 While we breathe our evening prayer.
 When, a year ago, we gathered,
 Joy was in his mild blue eye;
 But a Golden cord is severed,
 And our hopes in ruins lie.

CHORUS.

We shall met, but we shall miss him:
 There will be one vacant chair;
 We shall linger to caress him,
 While we breathe our evening prayer.

At our fireside, sad and lonely,
 Often will the bosom swell
 At remembrance of the story
 How our noble Willie fell;
 How he strove to bear our banner
 Through the thickest of the fight,
 And upheld our country's honor,
 In the strength of manhood's might.

CHORUS.—We shall meet, &c.

True, they tell us wreaths of glory
 Ever more will deck his brow;
 But this soothes the anguish only,
 Sweeping o'er the heart strings now.
 Sleep to-day, O early fallen!
 In thy green and narrow bed;
 Dirges from the pine and cypress
 Mingle with the tears we shed.

CHORUS.—We shall meet, &c.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC.

BY MRS. JULIA WARD HOWE.

(Air—"John Brown.")

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.

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 have read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring
lamps;

His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel, writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace
shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his
heel,

Since God is marching on."

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call re-
treat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment
seat;

O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lillies 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.

Greetings, Memorials, Advertisements, and Announcements



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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Robert F. McDonnell
Governor

August 10, 2010

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the 130th National Encampment in Northern Virginia.

I commend the organizers of this conference for their hard work and dedication to hosting this event. Your conference provides an opportunity for members to gather and exchange ideas, learn from one another, and network with others from across the country. As you reflect on the past year and look forward to the future, I hope the legacy and mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will continue to inspire you.

I also want to welcome those of you who have traveled great distances to be here. During your stay, I hope you will take the opportunity to visit the many unique opportunities Virginia's northern region has to offer. Northern Virginia's location, adjacent to Washington, DC, puts many of Virginia's historic and natural resources within easy reach. Whether touring one of the area's many historic sites, visiting George Washington's majestic Mt. Vernon, or shopping the afternoon away at Tyson's Corner or Potomac Mills, you are sure to experience Virginia's hospitality.

Best wishes for a successful event and good luck in the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert F. McDonnell".

Robert F. McDonnell

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**The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission
welcomes you to the 2011 National Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)**



www.VirginiaCivilWar.org

The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission welcomes you to the 2011 SUVCW National Encampment. It is fitting that the 130th National Encampment is being held in Northern Virginia during the 150th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas/Bull Run. Not only was Virginia at the epicenter of the Civil War in the 1860s, but it is still the primary destination for those seeking to learn more this defining event. Far and away, Virginia has more Civil War sites and museums than any other state, all of which provide an enriching experience for visitors and residents alike.

Led by Speaker of the House of Delegates William J. Howell and Senate President pro tempore Charles J. Colgan, Sr., the Commission is charged with commemorating the 150th anniversary of Virginia's participation in the American Civil War, which began in 2009 with the anniversary of John Brown's Raid and runs through 2015.

With strong state support, advanced planning, and comprehensive initiatives, Virginia has embraced the opportunities that the sesquicentennial provides in terms of education, economic impact, and tourism potential. To be sure, it is easy for visitors to experience Civil War battlefields throughout the Commonwealth. With only 100 miles separating the capital cities of Richmond and Washington, D.C., three out of every five Civil War battles were fought in Virginia. The National Park Service identifies 123 battlefields in Virginia, each of which stands as a hallowed reminder of the terrible costs of war. However, the Commission takes an inclusive approach, giving emphasis all aspects of the Civil War, including Union, Confederate, and African-American perspectives; battlefield as well as home front; slavery, freedom and Emancipation; and the causes of the war and its enduring legacies.

Highlights of Sesquicentennial Programs in Virginia

Civil War 150 Legacy Project: Document Digitization and Access: The Commission and the Library of Virginia are partnering to identify and locate original manuscript material concerning the Civil War, including letters, photographs, diaries, maps, and other Civil War-era materials. Teams of archivists travel the state to scan privately-held manuscript material, documenting it and making it available to researchers for generations to come.

Walk In Their Footsteps: The Commission has launched a research portal that provides regimental history information for Civil War battles fought in Virginia. This comprehensive database offers a launching point for people across the nation to map out and visit the battlefields and sites where their ancestors served during the Civil War. For more, see: www.VirginiaCivilWar.org.

Traveling Exhibition: *An American Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia*: The Commission has partnered with the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) to present a major exhibition, *An American Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia*, which depicts life both on the battlefield as well as the home front, and will be rich in artifacts, documents, and high-tech components. The gallery exhibition opens at the VHS in Richmond on February 4, 2011 and then will travel through 2015 to museums throughout the state.

Civil War 150 HistoryMobile (tractor trailer) Exhibition: The Commission is also developing a complementary exhibit, the *Civil War 150 HistoryMobile*, that will be housed in a 53' single-expandable tractor trailer. The *HistoryMobile* will provide an immersive and interactive environment that presents experiences from both the battlefield and home front, and depicts the loss, gain, and legacies of the Civil War. The *HistoryMobile* will travel throughout Virginia and beyond through 2015.

Virginia in the Civil War: A Sesquicentennial Remembrance - DVD Educational Resource: Created and produced by Dr. James Robertson, Jr., the Commission placed DVD sets in each public elementary, middle and high school in Virginia to be used as a supplemental teaching resource. Divided into nine 20-minute segments to facilitate ease of teacher use in the classroom, segments focus on multiple aspects of the Civil War. The DVD program was nominated for a 2010 Emmy award.

Signature Conference Series: The Commission is sponsoring an annual conference series featuring the nation's finest historians that focuses on fostering broad public understanding of the history of the Civil War. While each conference stands on its own, taken as a whole, the series will address the full spectrum of Civil War history. Past conferences are available on DVD through the Commission's website (www.VirginiaCivilWar.org)

2009: *America on the Eve of the Civil War*

Conference Chair: Dr. Edward L. Ayers / Location: University of Richmond

2010: *Race, Slavery and the Civil War: The Tough Stuff of American History*

Conference Chair: Dr. James O. Horton / Location: Norfolk State University

2011: *Military Strategy in the American Civil War*

Conference Chair: Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. / Location: Virginia Tech

2012: *Leadership and Generalship in the Civil War*

Conference Chair: Lt. Gen. John Knapp / Location: Virginia Military Institute

2013: *The Home Front in the Civil War*

Conference Co-Chairs: Dr. Scott Nelson and Dr. Carol Sheriff / Location: College of William and Mary

2014: *Civil War in a Global Context*

Conference Chair: Dr. Peter N. Stearns / Location: George Mason University

2015: *Memory of the Civil War*

Conference Chair: Dr. Gary Gallagher / Location: University of Virginia

We hope that the 2011 National Encampment will be a great success, and invite you to plan to experience all that Virginia has to offer throughout the sesquicentennial. We hope to see you at all of the events!



John T. Stirrup
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January 1, 2011

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Maryland
6 Adam Court
Falmouth, Virginia 22405

Dear Commander Mortorff and Members of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

In commemoration of the Sesquicentennial of the First Battle of Manassas, the first major battle of the Civil War, I courteously extend to all Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a warm welcome to Prince William County and the National Battlefield as you visit and tour the Battlefield on August 11, 2011.

As the Sons of Union Veterans since your founding in 1881, I understand that you are a patriotic and fraternal order with the purpose of teaching patriotism, American history, the duties of citizenship and honor of the Flag.

Thank you for choosing Northern Virginia for your 130th annual convention. Prince William County Convention and Visitors Bureau members have worked diligently in their national promotion to generate visitation to the area. Your efforts to hold your historic meeting in Northern Virginia are most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John T. Stirrup". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John T. Stirrup
Gainesville District Supervisor

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Saving America's Civil War Battlefields

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December 2, 2010

Eugene Mortorff
Commander, Department of Maryland
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
6 Adam Court
Falmouth, VA 22405

Dear Commander Mortorff,

On behalf of the Civil War Preservation Trust I would like to welcome you to the 130th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans. As you know, this year also marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War itself — the defining moment of the 19th century — and a period of history which transformed the United States into the nation we know today.

I firmly believe that the work of organizations such as yours is important to ensuring that the next generation of Americans never forgets this struggle, or the men who endured the harrowing bloodshed of those four years of war. Just as the Sons of Union Veterans is working to preserve the legacy of our Union veterans, the Civil War Preservation Trust is equally interested in preserving the legacy that the boys in blue and gray enshrined on our landscape. As you are likely well aware, the Civil War Preservation Trust is in the business of saving the battlefields themselves — the ground upon which this war was decided — a mission which grows increasingly difficult each year as more of those fields are lost to the bulldozer's pitiless blade.

It is for this reason that I believe this 150th anniversary of the war is the last realistic opportunity to preserve the remaining battlefields of that struggle. Upon these fields, which are imbued with the blood of heroes, our nation's history was written and its course charted. It is my earnest hope that the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War will then serve as an opportunity to both commemorate this moment in history and save these now deathless fields upon which the war was decided.

I hope that you share this vision, and that you will consider joining with us to achieve that worthy goal of preserving more of these fields over the next five years as a way to honor the legacy of those who served.

With profound appreciation for the good work you are accomplishing,



O. James Lighthizer, President
Civil War Preservation Trust

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**IN MEMORY OF MY RELATIVES
WHO SERVED THE UNION IN THE
WAR OF THE REBELLION**

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Pvt. James Ellis	Co. C, 11 th NJ Infantry	Gt-Grandfather
Hosp. Steward Robert B. Ewing	29 th PA Militia Infantry	Gt-Grandfather
2 nd Asst. Engr. J. Buchanan Houston	USS San Jacinto, USN	1 st Cousin (3R)
Maj. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton	Cav. Corps, Army of the Potomac	1 st Cousin (4R)
Brig. Gen. Augustus J. Pleasonton	PA Militia	1 st Cousin (4R)
Lt. Col. George P. Houston	U.S. Marines	1 st Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Thomas B. Dickey	Co. H, 3 rd DE Infantry	1 st Cousin (4R)
Pvt. A. Scott Ewing	Co. D, 50 th PA Militia Infantry	1 st Cousin (3R)
Pvt. S. Neepor Ewing	Co. G, 1 st PA Infantry Battalion	1 st Cousin (3R)
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Pvt. Samuel H. Johnston	Co. H, 21 st PA Cavalry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
1 st Lt. James W. Johnston	Co F, 77 th PA Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Maj. John Johnston	2 nd KS Cavalry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Surgeon David D. Kennedy	133 rd PA Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Thomas Houston	Co. I, 25 th IL Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Maj. Samuel Houston	25 th IL Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Lt. Col. David W. Houston	7 th KS Cavalry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Daniel H. Buchanan, Jr. (Roll of Honor)	Co. C, 36 th IL Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Cpl. William C. Buchanan	Co. C, 36 th IL Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. Samuel H. Dickey	Co. C, 124 th PA Infantry	3 rd Cousin (3R)
Capt. William C. Dickey	Co. A, 29 th PA Militia Infantry	3 rd Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Nathan P. Harsha (Roll of Honor)	Co. E, 70 th OH Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Maj. George M. Houston	2 nd MO Cavalry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. Camillus Houston	Co. B, 100 th PA Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. John J. Houston (Roll of Honor)	Co. I, 55 th PA Militia Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. Robert M. Houston	Co. B, 100 th PA Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. John J. Imbrie	Co. I, 55 th PA Militia Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. William W. Stewart (Roll of Honor)	Co. A, 105 th OH Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)

**JAMES H. HOUSTON, PDC
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**

Greetings to the

130th National Encampment, SUVCW
125th National Encampment, ASUVCW
125th National Encampment, LGAR

Remembering My Ancestors Who Served



Captain John Donald Russ
U.S. Army, WWII, Korean Conflict
(Father)



Colonel George Henry Russ, Jr.
U.S. Army & USAR, Spanish-American War, WWI
(Grandfather)

CIVIL WAR



Private George Henry Russ
Co. I, 28th New Jersey Infantry
Ezra Griffith Post No. 139, Dept. of Penna., G.A.R.
(Great grandfather)



Private Henry Camp
Co. A, 71st New York State Militia
U.S. Grant Post No. 327, Dept. of N.Y., G.A.R.
(Great-great grandfather)

Captain Joseph L. Crowell
Co. I, 28th New Jersey Infantry
(great-great-great uncle)

Sergeant David T. Reese
Co. B, 14th Pennsylvania Infantry
Co. A, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry
(great-great-great uncle)

Private Jacob Rees
Co. K, 194th Pennsylvania Infantry
Lou Morris Post No. 47, Dept. of Calif. & Nevada
(great-great-great uncle)

Ancestors Who Served in Earlier Wars and Conflicts

War of 1812

Private Nathan Camp (g3 grandfather)

Private Raymond Thomas (g4 grandfather)

Revolutionary War

Private Edward Crowell (g4-grandfather)

Private James Crowell (g5-grandfather)

Private John Hickok (g5-grandfather)

Captain Samuel Ransom (g5-grandfather)

Private Josiah Raymond (g5 grandfather)

Private Amos Rust (g4-grandfather)

Private William Sanford (g5-grandfather)

Private Ira Stephens (g4-grandfather)

French and Indian War

Ensign Moses Brockett (g6-grandfather)

Sergeant John Hickok (g5-grandfather)

Private John Whitney (g6-grandfather)

Captain Daniel Rust (g6-grandfather)

King Phillip's War

Surgeon John Brockett (g8-grandfather)

Captain Joseph Lathrop (g8-grandfather)

Private Enoch Lawrence (g8-grandfather)

King William's War

Lieutenant Enoch Lawrence (g8-grandfather)

Other Colonial Conflicts

Ensign Nathaniel Bunnell (g7-grandfather)

Captain John Grannis (g7-grandfather)

Alan L. Russ, PDC

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF, & NMAL COORDINATOR

Old Abe Camp 16, Department of Kansas



**BEST WISHES TO
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
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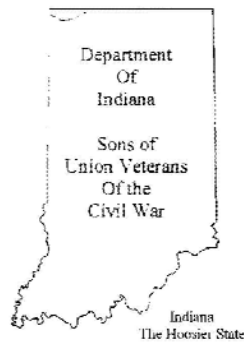
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FOR A

**SUCCESSFUL AND WONDERFUL
ENCAMPMENT**

FROM

**ELLEN M. HIGGINS
CORNELIA HANCOCK AUXILIARY #10,
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY**



Commander-in-Chief
D. Brad Schall

Best wishes for a Successful Encampment

We Salute Indiana's
Past Commander-in-Chiefs

Charles F. Griffin.....1889
Newton J. McGuire.....1911
Frank C. Huston.....1931
Alan R. Loomis.....1996

Frank Martin.....1902
Frank Shellhouse.....1922
Allen W. Moore.....1993
Edward J. Krieser.....2000

IN MEMORY OF

Great Grandfather Peter Hans, PVT, Co. K., 3rd NJ Cav.

Great-Great Uncle Albert Hans, PVT, Co. K., 3rd NJ Cav.

Great-Great Uncle Samuel Rinker, SGT, Co. G., 67th PA Vol Inf.

Great-Great Uncle Peter Rinker, CPL, Co. G., 67th PA Vol. Inf.

Daniel W. Hans, PDC
Department of Florida

Greetings and Best Wishes from

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Women's Relief Corps, Aux. To the GAR
Fort Captain Fort #168, Daughters of '98
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W. Faron Taylor
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**The General George G. Meade Camp #5
Department of the Chesapeake
Welcomes our Brothers
To our 130th National Encampment**

150th Anniversary of the Civil War
In Memory of
George S. Miller, Jr., Dale Theetge, PDC

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Captain Oliver A. Tilden

Co. E, 38th New York Volunteer Infantry.

Killed in Action at Chantilly, Virginia on September 1, 1862.

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, SUVCW Chartered 1884

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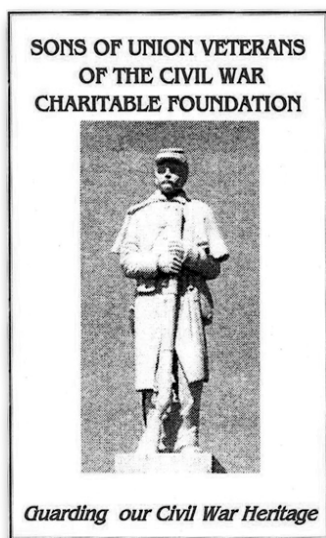
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Salute you and wish you the most successful National Encampment
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**THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE
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THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

WILL YOU STAND WITH US?

IF OTHER EYES GROW DULL AND OTHER HANDS SLACK, AND OTHER
HEARTS COLD IN THE SOLEMN TRUST, OURS SHALL KEEP IT WELL AS
LONG AS THE LIGHT AND WARMTH OF LIFE REMAIN IN US.

About The Allied Orders

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

www.suvcw.org

In 1866, Union Veterans of the Civil War organized into the *Grand Army of the Republic* (GAR) and became a social and political force that would control the destiny of the nation for more than six decades. Membership in the veterans' organization was restricted to individuals who had served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service during the Civil War, thereby limiting the life span of the GAR. The GAR existed until 1956.

In 1881 the GAR formed the *Sons of Veterans of the United States of America* (SV) to carry on its traditions and memory long after the GAR had ceased to exist. Membership was open to any man who could prove ancestry to a member of the GAR or to a veteran eligible for membership in the GAR. In later years, men who did not have the ancestry to qualify for hereditary membership, but who demonstrated a genuine interest in the Civil War and could subscribe to the purpose and objectives of the SUVCW, were admitted as Associates. This practice continues today.

Many GAR Posts sponsored Camps of the SV. In 1925 the SV name was changed to *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* (SUVCW), under which its federal charter was issued in 1954. The SUVCW is legally recognized as the heir to, and representative of, the GAR.

Today, the National Organization of the SUVCW, headed by an annually elected Commander-in-Chief, oversees the operation of 26 Departments, each consisting of one or more states, a Department-at-Large, a National Membership-at-Large, and over 200 community based Camps. More than 6,360 men enjoy the benefits of membership in the only male organization dedicated to the principles of the GAR -- *Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty*. It publishes "The BANNER" quarterly for its members. The SUVCW National Headquarters is located in the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The SUVCW is one of five Allied Orders of the GAR. The other four Orders are: Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Auxiliary to the SUVCW

www.asuvcw.org

We strive to assist the Sons of Union Veterans in keeping alive the memories of our ancestors and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union; to aid in caring for helpless and disabled Veterans; to properly observe Memorial Day; to aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Auxiliary; to instill true patriotism and love of country; and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all. Our Auxiliary members, on national, state, and local levels participate in ceremonies and programs to commemorate events and honor leaders and personalities of the Civil War period and events important to the history to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

www.duvcw.org

We are daughters - direct line descendants - from Veterans of the Union Army and Navy who fought in the defense and for the preservation of our Nation during the American Civil War. We honor our Veterans through service projects which are of benefit to the public at the local, state and national level. We encourage all daughters who descend from one or more Union Veterans to join with us in honoring their ancestors.

Visit our websites today

Then come join us in carrying forward the good work of
The Grand Army of the Republic



The Department of Massachusetts
congratulates Commander-in-Chief
Brad Schall and all of our National
Officers and Committee Members
for an outstanding year.

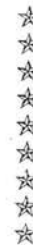
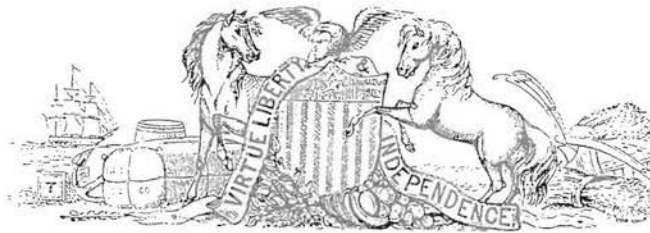


At this year's 130th National
Encampment we hope you will
support Perley E. Mellor, JVCinC
for Senior Vice Commander-in-
Chief.

Deborah



CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
ALLIED ORDERS OF THE G.A.R.
IN HONOR OF
HENRY R. BAKER
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7TH PA. VET. VOL. CAV.
JOHN R. BAKER
CO. E
87TH PA. VOL. INF



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Central Region Association
2011 Conference**

Saturday, October 1
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AM: **Driving tour of covered bridges**

Afternoon: **“Getting Started With a Web Site”, Speaker: Ken Freshley,**
SUVCW National Web Master, and business meeting

PM: **Banquet and speaker Mike Beck “21st Indiana Infantry, 1st Indiana
Heavy Artillery, “Jackass regiment” Merrill Rifle”**

**** Visit <http://duvcwindiana.org> for registration form & agenda
Hosted by Department of Indiana Daughters of Union Veterans of the
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IN MEMORIAM TO OUR ANCESTORS

Pvt. Richard Teller
Co. G 108th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

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Co. F 24th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. John Teller
Co. D 83rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry

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Co. H 13th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Charles Meservey
Co. G 69th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Anderson Callahan
Co. I 40th Kentucky Mounted Infantry

Pvt. John Becker
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Pvt. William W. Callahan
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*“Who so proudly wore the Blue, Who in days of storm and battle, To the
right were ever true, Let us now to God and country, Now our Solemn
pledge renew.”* *Eva J. Stickey*

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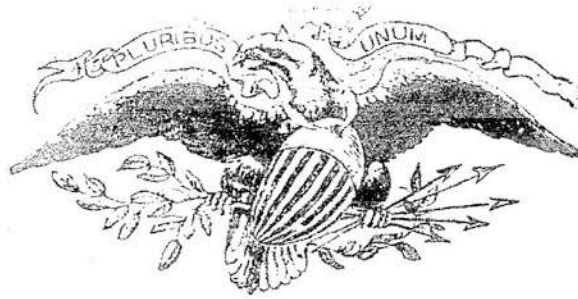
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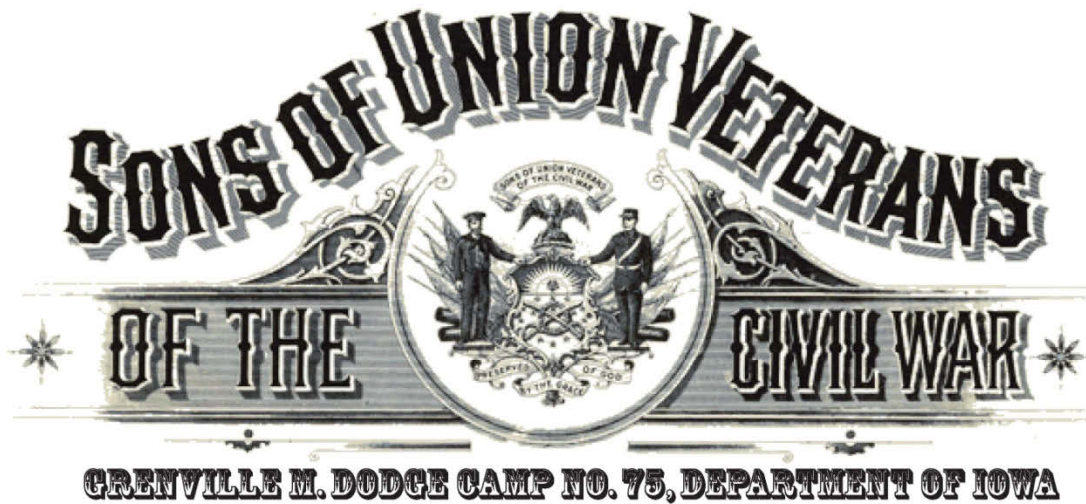




We pay Tribute to the American Veterans of Past Wars and
the Current Armed Forces as they serve our Great Nation.
Special remembrance is directed to our great Grandfathers
who served in the Civil War

Lt. John O'Hanlon
Co. A, 88th PA Infantry
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Pvt. Conrad Schaffer
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Pvt. Balthasar Moeckel
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Past Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
And
Margaret E. Atkinson
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Of the Civil War



Honoring those who served from
Central Iowa.
Best wishes to The Allied Orders,
on this, the First Encampment of
the Sesquicentennial.

The Members of the
Grenville M. Dodge Camp
Des Moines, Iowa



In Memory of

National President
Ladies of the Grand Army
of the Republic
1995-1996



Irene Grim Looker
1913-1996

Granddaughter of
Pvt. Henry Ernest Schomburg
Co. D, 5th Ohio Vol. Cav.
Co. I, 140th Ohio Vol. Inf.



Raymond M. Grim, Jr.
1931-1998
Henry Casey Camp 92
Department of Ohio



Max E. Grim
1934-2008
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IN MEMORY OF UNION ARMY ANCESTORS OF PAST
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LOWELL VARNER HAMMER
WHO SERVED AS MOLLUS C-IN-C IN 1989-1991 AND
SUVCW C-IN-C IN 1991-1992



Sgt. John Beisel Hammer	Co. D, 138 th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Wounded 6 May 1864 at battle of the Wilderness and 19 Sept. 1864 at the 3 rd Winchester..	Grandfather
Capt. Hezekiah Hammer	Co. K, 55 th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Wounded 2 April 1865 with the loss of an arm at Petersburg, VA	Grand Uncle
Pvt. Gordon Hammer	Co. A, 86 th Regt. Ohio Infantry 4 th and 13 th Ohio Cavalry	1 st Cousin (2R)
Pvt. Joseph Deber Hammer	Co. D, 142 nd Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Wounded on 1 July 1863 at battle of Gettysburg and died of wounds on 9 Sept. 1863.	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Daniel R. Hammer	Co. H, 55 th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Killed in action.	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Samuel I. Hammer	Co. H, 55 th Regt., PA Vol. Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Cpl. Isaac Ling	Co. D, 138 th Regt., PA Vol. Infantry	Grand Uncle
Pvt. William H. Ling	Co. D, 138 th Regt., PA Vol. Infantry Taken prisoner by Confederates on 9 July 1864 at Monocacy, MD	Grand Uncle
Pvt. Christian Harr	Co. D, 149 th Regt., PA Vol. Infantry Wounded on 18 June 1864 at Petersburg, VA	Grand Uncle
Pvt. David Trish Crist	Co. A, 99 th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry	Grand Uncle
Pvt. Jacob G. Varner	Co. A, 107 th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry	Great Grandfather
Pvt. John R. Varner	13 th Regt. IN Vol. Infantry Killed on 11 July 1861 in the battle of Rich Mountain, WV	Great Grand Uncle
Pvt. Stephen R. Varner	Co. H, 54 th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Wounded on 5 June 1864 at Piedmont, VA	Great Grand Uncle
Cpl. Thomas Griffith Walker	Co. I, 91 st Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Co. I, 171 st Regt. PA Vol. Infantry	Great Grandfather
Pvt. Cyrus D. Horner	Co. B, 56 th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry	Great Grand Uncle
Pvt. Garret Ream	Co. B, 29 th Regt. IN Vol. Infantry	Great Grand Uncle
Cpl. Samuel J. Smith	Co. F, 21 st PA Cavalry	Great Grand Uncle
Pvt. Jacob C. Stineman	Co. F, 198 th PA Vol. Infantry	Great Grand Uncle
Pvt. James P. Mitchell	Co. H, 55 th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Died as a prisoner of war in Confederate prison at Andersonville, GA on 17 Oct. 1864.	3 rd Cousin (2R)

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY

Lowell V. Hammer, PC-in-C
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CONGRATULATES AND THANKS
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BRAD SCHALL FOR
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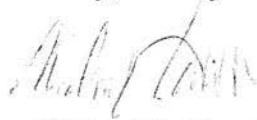
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Patricia Kotteman, National President of the Daughters of Union
Veterans of the Civil War

Virginia L. Twist, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War

We in the Department of Florida look forward to working with all
the Allied Orders toward our common goals.

With Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Michael E. Farrell
Department Commander



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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
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DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY**

KEITH G. HARRISON, PCINC
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (1994/1995)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

In Recognition of Other SUVCW Past Commanders-in-Chief from Michigan

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Urion W. Mackey	Commander-in-Chief	1944/1945
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James B. Pahl	Commander-in-Chief	2006/2007

And in Memory of My Civil War Ancestors

(Union Army)

1st Lt William H. Sherman	Co F, 1st MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
1st Lt Edward Sherman	Co D, 2nd MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt David Buell	Co M, 3rd MI Vol Inf	6th Cousin (4R)
Pvt George Buell	Co M, 3rd MI Vol Inf	6th Cousin (4R)
Pvt Thomas H. Higgins	Co G, 11th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Pvt William H. Sherman	Co E, 11th MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
Capt Joseph S. Harper	Co A, 12th MI Vol Inf	GGG Grandfather
Pvt Benjamin Higgins	Co A, 12th MI Vol Inf	GG Grandfather
Cpl John Higgins	Co A, 12th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Pvt James P. Higgins	Co A, 12th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Pvt Edward Graham	Co A, 12th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Pvt Henry C. Graham	Co A, 12th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Pvt Charles Cleveland	Co A, 12th MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt Harvey Harper	Co H, 12th MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt Timothy Sargent	Co F, 14th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Pvt George Sargent	Co F, 14th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Sgt Robert Harper	Co A, 15th MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
1st Lt George H. Brewster	Co F, 18th MI Vol Inf	3rd Cousin (5R)
Pvt Elmore F. Lewis	Co H, 19th MI Vol Inf	GG Grandfather
Pvt Horace Buell	Co K, 23rd MI Vol Inf	6th Cousin (4R)
Pvt Hiram L. Brewster	Co G, 25th MI Vol Inf	3rd Cousin (5R)
Pvt Daniel P. Sherman	Co I, 27th MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt Nathan Pemberton	Co H, 28th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Sgt James Buell	Co M, 3rd MI Vol Cav	6th Cousin (4R)
Pvt Francis B. Lewis	Co D, 4th MI Vol Cav	GGG Uncle
Pvt James H. Lewis	Co D, 4th MI Vol Cav	GGG Uncle
Pvt John Buell	Co K, 5th MI Vol Cav	6th Cousin (4R)
2nd Lt Andrew Guilford	Co K, 8th MI Vol Cav	1st Cousin (4R)
Capt Franklin Sherman	Co A, 10th MI Vol Cav	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt Nelson C. Sherman	Co H, 10th MI Vol Cav	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt William Sherman	Co H, 10th MI Vol Cav	1st Cousin (4R)
Sgt Burwell Hinchman	Co K, 11th MI Vol Cav	1st Cousin (3R)
Pvt Francis J. Patrick	Batty A, 1st MI Lt Artillery	GGG Uncle
Pvt Jesse Sherman	13th Michigan Battery	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt Isaac S. Pound	14th Michigan Battery	GG Grandfather
Pvt Eliphalet Pemberton	14th Michigan Battery	1st Cousin (5R)
1st Lt Perry A. Tietzsort	Co K, 60th USCT	GGG Uncle
1st Lt Julius Octavius Buell	Co E, 1st Colorado Vol Inf	4th Cousin (6R)
Bvt Brig Gen Thomas W. Sherman	3rd United States Artillery	6th Cousin (4R)
Maj Gen Don Carlos Buell	Army of the Ohio	4th Cousin (6R)
Col George Pearson Buell, Jr.	15th United States Infantry	4th Cousin (6R)

(Confederate Army)

Pvt James Brewster	Co K, 11th KY Vol Cav	3rd Cousin (4R)
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130th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
125th National Encampment, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
125th National Encampment, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

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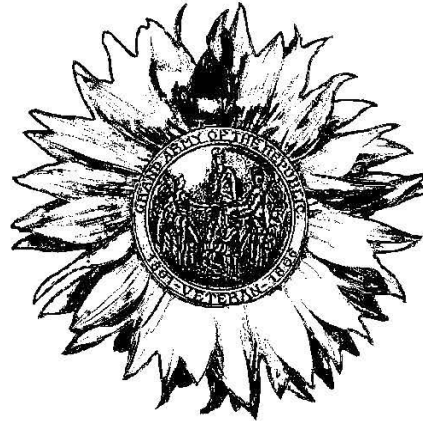
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**IN MEMORY OF THOSE
KNOWN ONLY BY GOD**



Sgt. David D. Fronk

FORGOTTEN U.S. UNIT, IGNORED MAJOR BATTLE



Capt. William B. Young

On August 25, 1864, the 27th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment was pulled out of the Federal lines around Atlanta and was sent back to Illinois for discharge. Ninety of the regiment had reenlisted, however, and because of the outstanding battle record of the 27th Illinois Infantry, instead of being parceled out to other units as replacements, they were kept together as the **27th Illinois Veteran Detachment** and were attached for logistical purposes as titular Company I to the 79th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Division, IV Corps, and were issued 20 new Henry Repeating Rifles. Capt. William B. Young was appointed detachment commanding officer, with 1st Lt. Israel Heaps the executive officer. The two sergeants were David D. Fronk and Henry Martin (who became an officer).

The IV Corps found itself part of Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield's force sent to reinforce the garrison at Nashville, the main supply depot of the Federal Army in the Western Theater. The 27th Illinois Veteran Detachment was in the forefront of the fighting when Confederate Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood's Army of Tennessee intercepted Schofield's force 29 November 1864 at Spring Hill, Tennessee, helping blunt the attack of Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne's crack division. The next day, 30 November, found the 27th Illinois Veteran Detachment as part of the catastrophic Wagner's First Line in the horrific five-hour **Battle of Franklin**, "the Gettysburg of the Western Theater," most of it fought after sundown. Survivors of Wagner's First Line – 1st Lt. Heaps was taken prisoner – helped rally fleeing green troops and fought the remainder of the battle mixed with Ohio troops near the Fountain Branch Carter Cotton Gin. Confederate losses were more than 1,750 killed (six of which were generals), more than 3,800 wounded, and 702 taken prisoner; Federal losses were 139 killed, 1,033 wounded, and 1,104 missing (most Federal losses were from the debacle of Wagner's First Line).

During the subsequent Battle of Nashville, Capt. Young was mortally wounded while leading the 27th Illinois Veteran Detachment in the 16 December final victorious Federal charge up the Overton Hills. After various actions and postings, the 27th Illinois Veteran Detachment was disbanded 26 May 1865, with most troops reassigned to the 9th Mounted Infantry (Consolidated) but a few remaining with the 79th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Discharged 5 July 1865, Sgt David D. Fronk returned home to Annawan, Illinois where he was a co-founder of the **T.T. Dow Post No. 290** of the **Grand Army of the Republic**. Highly active in the **G.A.R.**, he participated in several National and Department Encampments. Relocating to Kansas in 1872, he helped found the **G.A.R. Will Wendell Post No. 46** at Holton.

BATTLE OF FRANKLIN TRUST

September 30 - October 2, 2011.....	Battle of Franklin Descendants Reunion
October 14-16, 2011.....	147 th Reenactment of the Battle of Franklin
November 12-16, 2011.....	Blue & Gray Days
November 30, 2011.....	Ceremony for Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

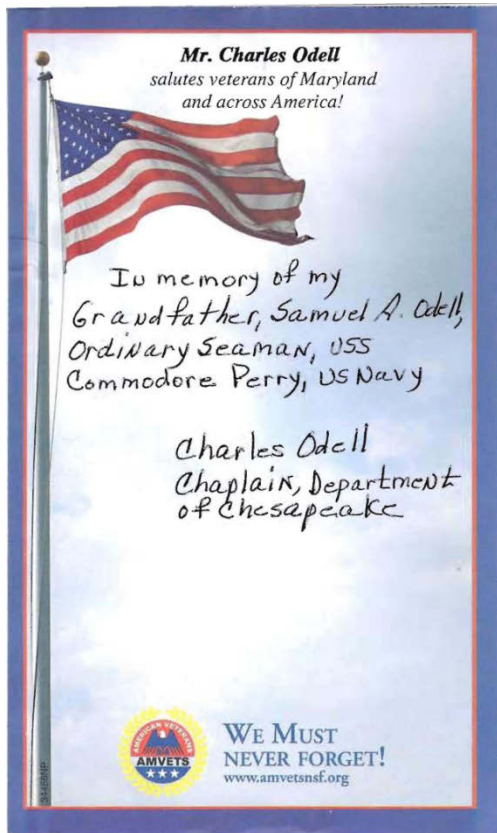
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AND JOB WELL DONE TO YOU AND
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PROSPEROUS
ENCAMPMENT THIS YEAR

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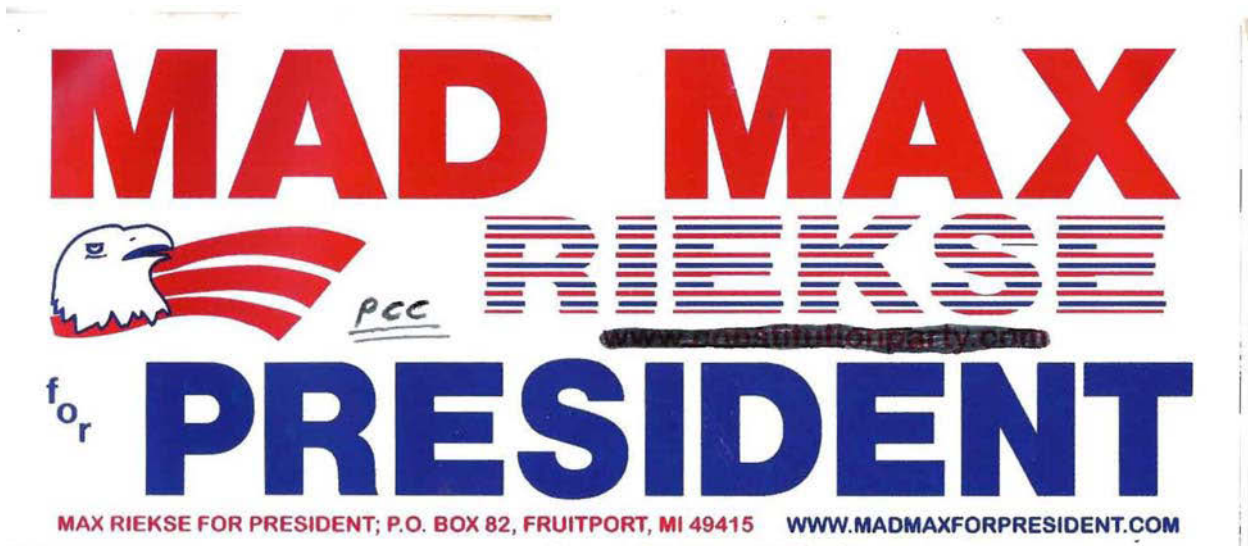
1844 – 1881

**Landsman, US Navy Bark
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George Lory Woolsey

1840 – 1898

**Private, Co B 179th New York
Infantry**



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In Memory of
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JOHN WESLEY CLEMENT

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Sgt. - Co A, 13th US Inf.

Capt. - 52nd USCI

JAMES BAILEY FURROW

Pvt. - Co F, 1st NE Terr. Cavalry

GEORGE WASHINGTON HURLEY

Pvt. - Co D, 26th Iowa Inf.

MILTON HURLEY

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Pvt. - 187th Ohio Inf.

1Lt. - Co H, 192nd Ohio Inf.

WILLIAM HURLEY

Pvt. - Co B, 99th Illinois Inf.

JAMES MEADOWS

Cpl. - Co F, 31st Illinois Inf.

FRANCIS OWEN

Pvt. - Co G, 31st Illinois Inf.

THOMAS OWEN

Pvt. - Co C, 31st Illinois Inf.

WILLIAM OWEN

Pvt. - Co D, 10th Illinois Inf.

WE CONGRATULATE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Brad Schall

ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

JERRY & KIM SAYRE

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

From the
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GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SCHALL
AND THE ALLIED ORDERS OF
THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2011 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.



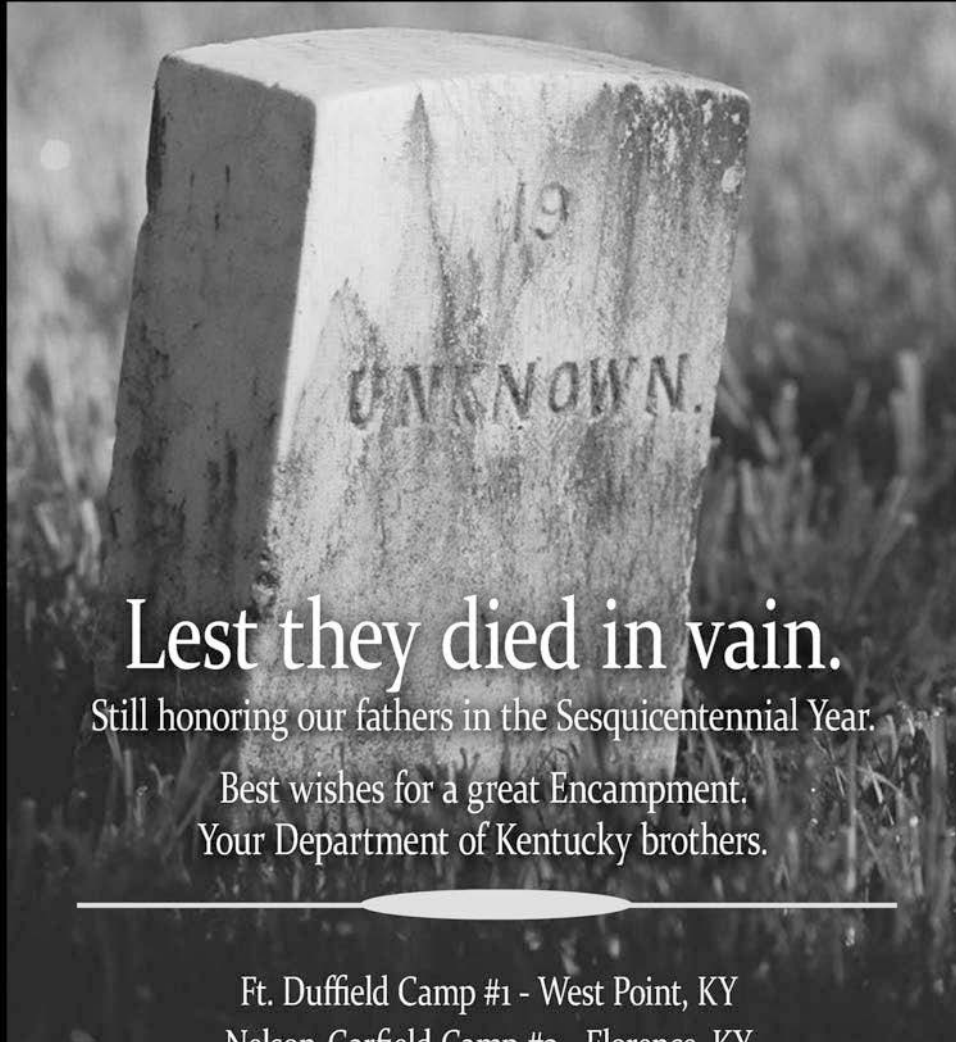
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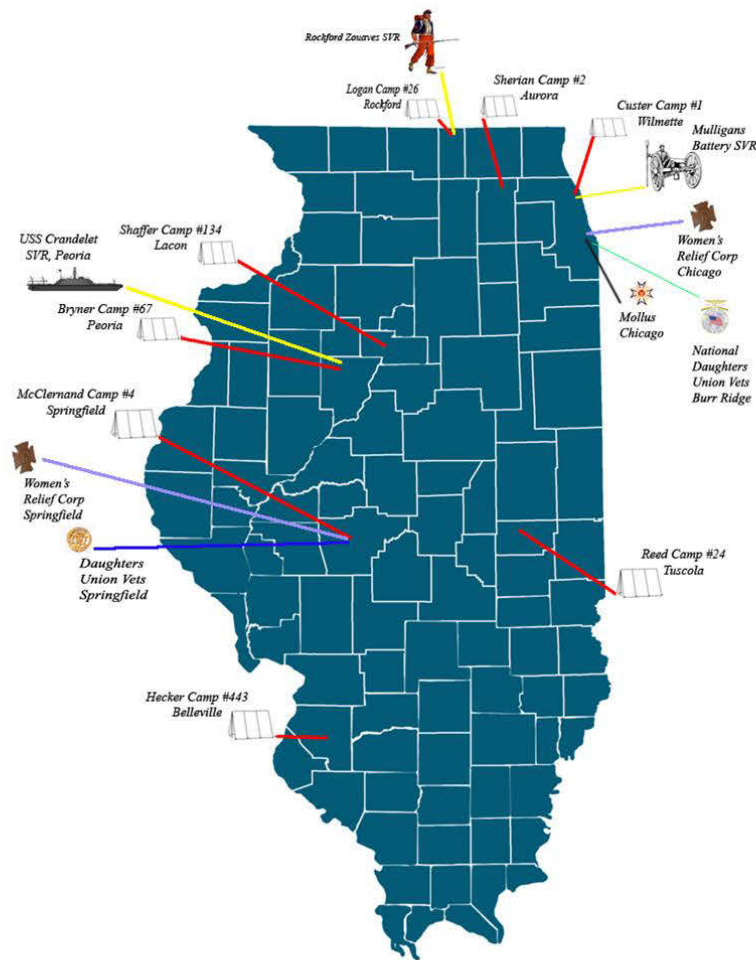
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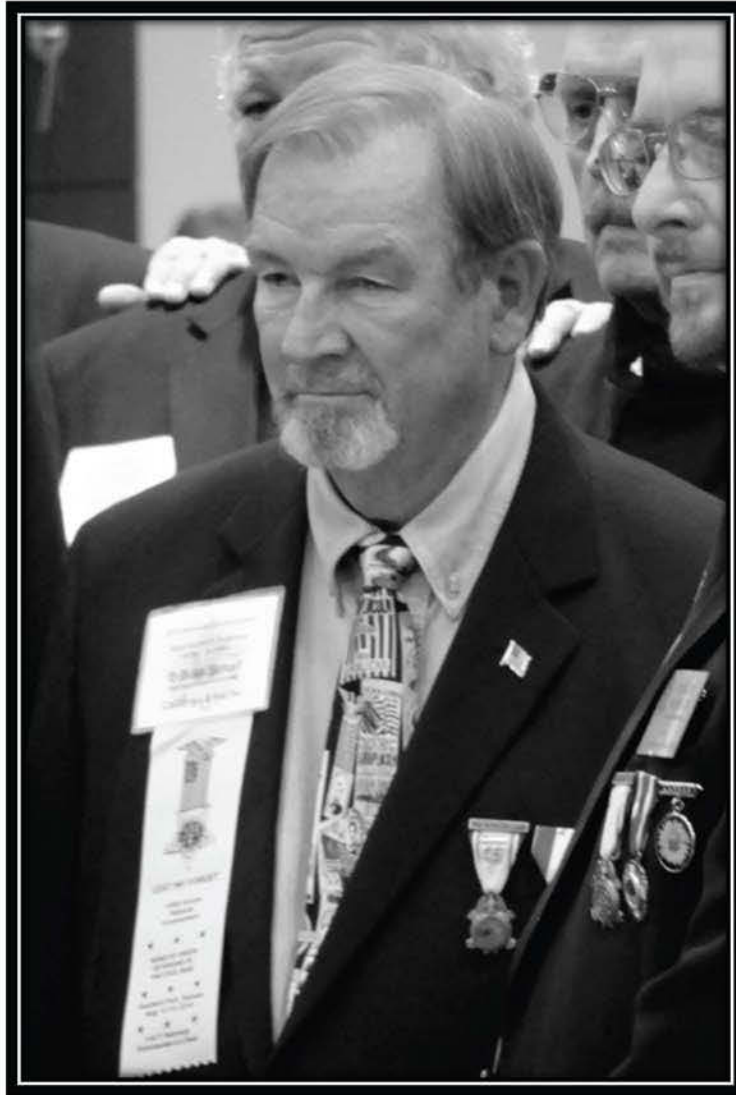
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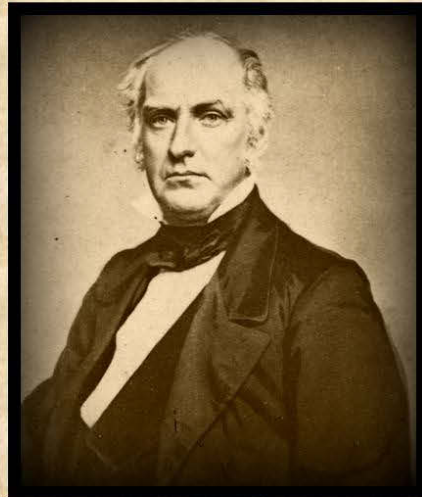
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11-14 August 2011

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ON THEIR 2011 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT DURING THE
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*We are very proud of our Sister Barb Knopke for her 3 years of being the
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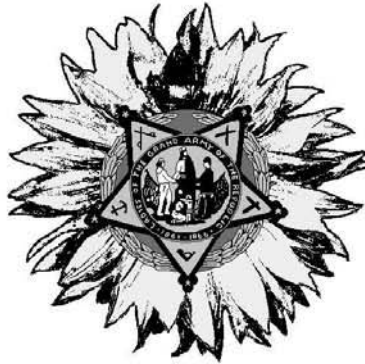
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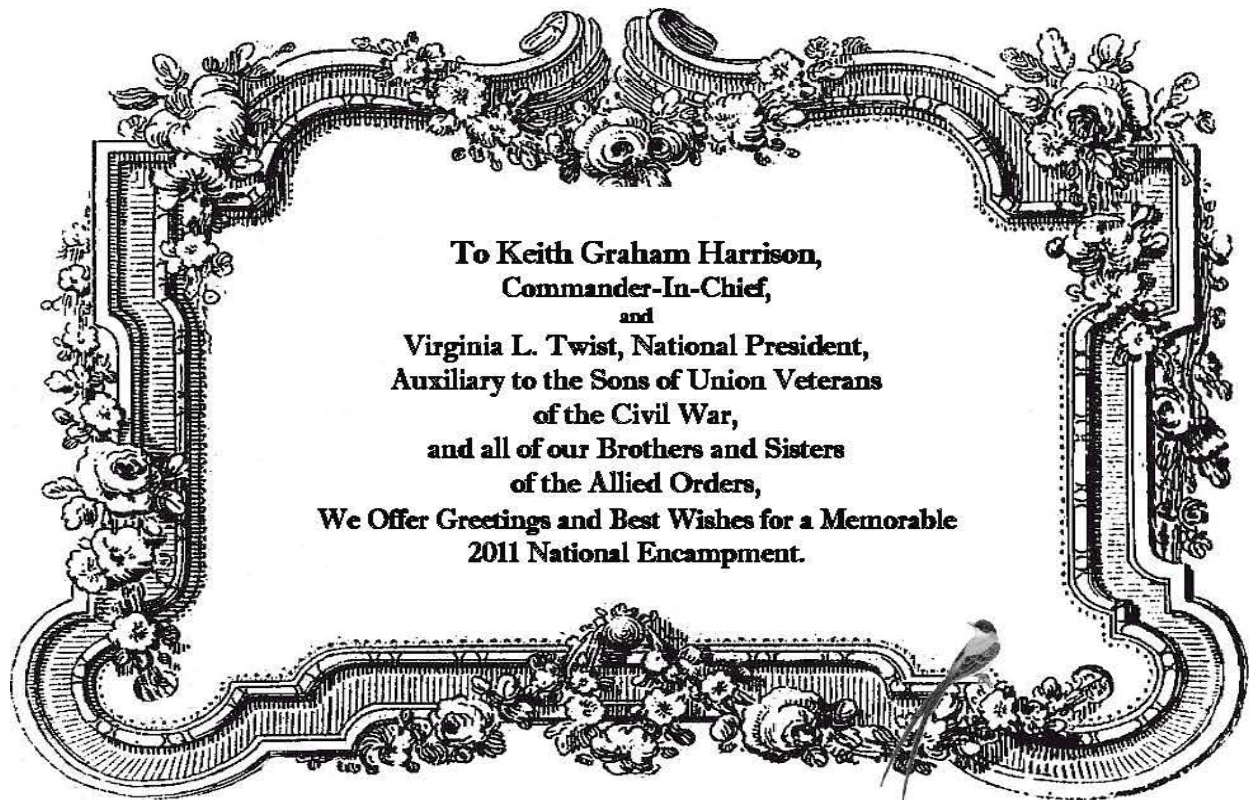
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The Department of Rhode Island Salutes
The Men of Rhode Island Regiments who died during 1861

1 st Rhode Island Infantry		2 nd Rhode Island Infantry	
Danforth, Samuel C.	21 July	Bagley, Charles E.	21 July
Dougherty, James	21 July	Bartlett, Reuben	21 July
Flagg, George W.	21 July	Card, Peleg W.	21 July
Harrington, Thomas J.	21 July	Carpenter, Thomas O.	21 July
Harrop, Joseph	21 July	Ford, John	21 July
Hawkins, Warren D.	21 July	Holland, Stephen	21 July
Luther, Henry H.	21 July	Kelley, Thomas J.	21 July
Melville, Hugh	21 July	Morse, Edward T.	21 July
Peckham, John P.	21 July	Mullen, Patrick J.	21 July
Prescott, Henry A.	21 July	Nichols, William H.	21 July
Schocher, Hermann	21 July	Riley, John	21 July
Comstock, Jesse	31 July	Romain, Francis T.	21 July
Foster, Samuel	01 August	Shaw, Leander R.	21 July
Penno, Albert P.	02 August	Sheldon, Walter	21 July
White, Andrew J.	04 August	Slocum, John S.	21 July
Downs, Paul	21 August	Smith, Samuel J.	21 July
		Stetson, Albert	21 July
		Tower, Levi	21 July
		Ballou, Sullivan	28 July
		McCann, William	31 July
		Smith, Esek B.	06 August
		Cobb, Isaac N.	12 August
		Jaques, Henry L.	12 August
		Rodman, Isaac C.	26 September
1 st Rhode Island Light Artillery Battery A			
Bup, Frederick	21 July		
Gladding, Olney	03 August		
1 st Rhode Island Light Artillery Battery B			
Tanner, William M.	21 October		

The Department of Rhode Island is currently made up of: Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, Elisha Dyer Camp #7, Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp #11, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp #12 & Commodore Joel Abbott Camp #21



To Keith Graham Harrison,
Commander-In-Chief,
and
Virginia L. Twist, National President,
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War,
and all of our Brothers and Sisters
of the Allied Orders,
We Offer Greetings and Best Wishes for a Memorable
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RACHEL CORMANY No. 2, ASUVCW
AND
INDIAN NATIONS CAMP No. 3, SUVCW

TULSA OKLAHOMA

Rachel Cormany Auxiliary No. 2 honors with gratitude, our Union Ancestors:

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Samuel C. Carter
James T. Clemmons
Milton Colton
Tandy D. Cox
Alexander Poke Crane
James M. H. Crane
Jonathan J. Eden
Jeremiah Eichlbarger
Oliver C. Everly
Elias Firebaugh
Peyton Forester

Albert L. Gosline
Finley W. Gosline
William H. Gosline
Woodford Hand
John G. Haskins
John A. Hetrick
John Yost Johnson
Campbell W. Keeling
Lewis M. Keeling
William R. Keeling
Isaac Wilson Kester, Sr.
William B. Kester

John H. Lockard
George W. McKaughan
David Prewitt, Jr.
David Prewitt, Sr.
Elijah Prewitt
Nathan Ratliff
Charles Hughes Rex
James C. Stockton
Marion Calvin Trout
James Hansford Tutt
James B. Williams



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Officer Elections 2011





2011 National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department Delegate Voting Strength

Department	Allotted	Delegates	Alternates	Dept. Cmdrs	PDCs	CinC	PCinC	Voting Strength
California & Pacific								
Chesapeake								
Colorado & Wyoming								
Connecticut								
Florida								
Georgia & South Carolina								
Illinois								
Indiana								
Iowa								
Kansas								
Kentucky								
Maine								
Massachusetts								
Michigan								
Missouri								
Nebraska								
New Hampshire								
New Jersey								
New York								
North Carolina								
Ohio								
Oklahoma								
Pennsylvania								
Rhode Island								
Tennessee								
Texas								
Vermont								
Wisconsin								
NMAL								
NCAL								
Total								



2011 National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Delegate Votes Cast for
Commander-in-Chief

Department	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate
California & Pacific						
Chesapeake						
Colorado & Wyoming						
Connecticut						
Florida						
Georgia & South Carolina						
Illinois						
Indiana						
Iowa						
Kansas						
Kentucky						
Maine						
Massachusetts						
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Missouri						
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New Hampshire						
New Jersey						
New York						
North Carolina						
Ohio						
Oklahoma						
Pennsylvania						
Rhode Island						
Tennessee						
Texas						
Vermont						
Wisconsin						
NMAL						
NCAL						
Total						



**2011 National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Delegate Votes Cast for
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Department	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate
California & Pacific						
Chesapeake						
Colorado & Wyoming						
Connecticut						
Florida						
Georgia & South Carolina						
Illinois						
Indiana						
Iowa						
Kansas						
Kentucky						
Maine						
Massachusetts						
Michigan						
Missouri						
Nebraska						
New Hampshire						
New Jersey						
New York						
North Carolina						
Ohio						
Oklahoma						
Pennsylvania						
Rhode Island						
Tennessee						
Texas						
Vermont						
Wisconsin						
NMAL						
NCAL						
Total						



2011 National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Delegate Votes Cast for
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Department	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate
California & Pacific						
Chesapeake						
Colorado & Wyoming						
Connecticut						
Florida						
Georgia & South Carolina						
Illinois						
Indiana						
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Nebraska						
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New York						
North Carolina						
Ohio						
Oklahoma						
Pennsylvania						
Rhode Island						
Tennessee						
Texas						
Vermont						
Wisconsin						
NMAL						
NCAL						
Total						



**2011 National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Delegate Votes Cast for
National Secretary**

Department	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate
California & Pacific						
Chesapeake						
Colorado & Wyoming						
Connecticut						
Florida						
Georgia & South Carolina						
Illinois						
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2011 National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Delegate Votes Cast for
National Treasurer

Department	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate
California & Pacific						
Chesapeake						
Colorado & Wyoming						
Connecticut						
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Georgia & South Carolina						
Illinois						
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2011 National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Delegate Votes Cast for
National Council of Administration

Department	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate
California & Pacific						
Chesapeake						
Colorado & Wyoming						
Connecticut						
Florida						
Georgia & South Carolina						
Illinois						
Indiana						
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2011 National Encampment
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Delegate Votes Cast for
National Quartermaster

Department	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate
California & Pacific						
Chesapeake						
Colorado & Wyoming						
Connecticut						
Florida						
Georgia & South Carolina						
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July 14, 1861.

Camp Clark, Washington

My Very Dear Sarah,

The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days — perhaps tomorrow. Lest I should not be able to write again, I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more. Our movements may be of a few days duration and full of pleasure — and it may be one of severe conflict and death to me. Not my will, but thine, O God be done. If it is necessary that I should fall on the battle field for my Country, I am ready. I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how strongly American Civilization now leans upon the triumph of the Government, and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the Revolution. And I am willing — perfectly willing — to lay down all my joys in this life to help maintain this Government and to pay that debt.

But, my dear wife, when I know that with my own joys, I lay down nearly all of your's, and replace them in this life with cares and sorrows, when after having eaten for long years the bitter fruits of orphanage myself, I must offer it as their only sustenance to my dear little children, is it weak or dishonorable, that while the banner of my forefathers floats calmly and proudly in the breeze, underneath my unbounded love for you, my darling wife and children should struggle in fierce, though useless contest with my love of Country.

I cannot describe to you my feelings on this calm Summer Sabbath night, when two thousand men are sleeping around me, many of them enjoying perhaps the last sleep before that of death while I am suspicious that Death is creeping around me with his fatal dart, as I sit communing with God, my Country and thee. I have sought most closely and diligently and often in my heart for a wrong motive in thus hazarding the happiness of those I love, and I could find none. A pure love of my Country and of the principles I have so often advocated before the people — 'the name of honor, that I love more than I fear death,' has called upon me, and I have obeyed.

Sarah my love for you is deathless, it seems to bind me with mighty cables, that nothing but Omnipotence could break; and yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind, and bears me irresistibly on with all those chains, to the battle field.

The memories of all the blissful moments I have spent with you, come creeping over me, and I feel most gratified to God and you that I have enjoyed them so long. And how hard it is for me to give them up and burn to ashes the hopes of future years, when, God willing we might still have lived and loved together, and seen our boys grow up to honorable manhood around us. I have, I know, but few and small claims upon Divine Providence, but something whispers to me —

perhaps it is the wafted prayer of my little Edgar, that I shall return to my loved ones unharmed. If I do not, my dear Sarah, never forget how much I love you, and when my last breath escapes me on the battle field, it will whisper your name.

Forgive my many faults, and the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless, how foolish I have often times been! How gladly would I wash out with my tears, every little spot upon your happiness, and struggle with all the misfortunes of this world to shield you, and my children from harm. But I cannot. I must watch you from the Spirit-land and hover near you, while you buffet the storm, with your precious little freight, and wait with sad patience, till we meet to part no more.

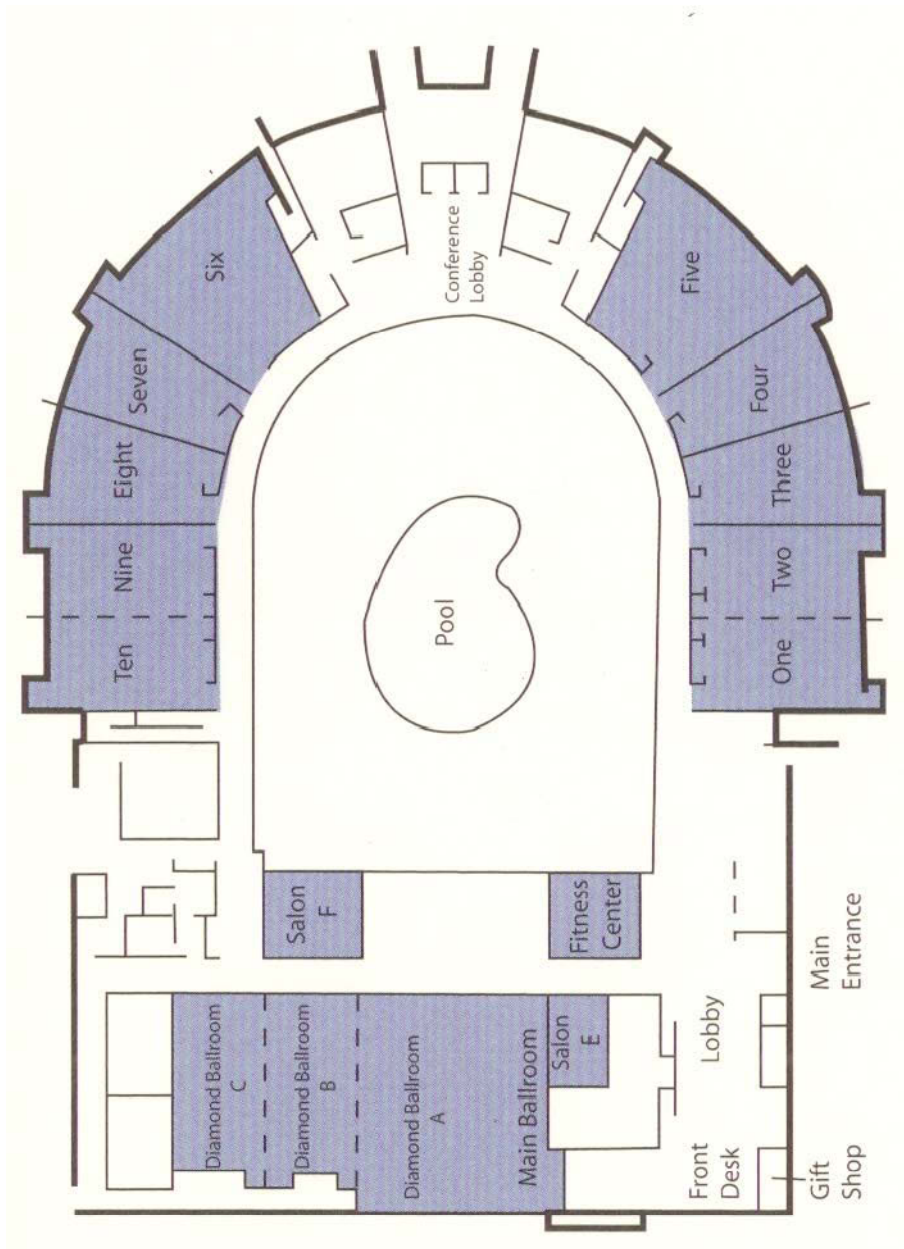
But, O Sarah! if the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you; in the gladdest days and the darkest nights, advised to your happiest scenes and gloomiest hours, always, always; and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath, or the cool air cools your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by. Sarah do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for thee, for we shall meet again.

As for my little boys — they will grow up as I have done, and never know a father's love and care. Little Willie is too young to remember me long — and my blue eyed Edgar will keep my frolics with him among the dimmest memories of his childhood. Sarah, I have unlimited confidence in your maternal care and your development of their characters, and feel that God will bless you in your holy work.

Tell my two Mothers I call God's blessings upon them new. O! Sarah I wait for you there; come to me, and lead thither my children.

Sullivan

Sheraton Reston Floor Plan



ALWAYS STAND ON THE UNION SIDE

By M.C. Bisbee

Always stand on the Union side, And battle for the right. With
conscience clear, we'll laugh at fear In the midst of the boldest
fight. Why turn against our native land, The mother whom we
love? Who ever rules with gentle hand, Till children recreant
prove?

CHORUS:

Always stand on the Union side, And battle for the right. With
conscience clear, we'll laugh at fear In the midst of the boldest
fight. Always stand on the Union side, And "keep your powder
dry." We'll soon rejoice both far and wide To see secession die.
'Tis better in defense of truth, To be both brave and bold, Than
side with traitors and at last Be left out in the cold.

CHORUS:

Always stand on the Union side, 'Tis better, as you see, Heav'n
will crown our gallant arms, With Union victory! If you would have
your children learn, To speak with holy pride, Of this their dear
beloved land! Stand on the Union side!



Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

CAMPFIRE

7PM

August 12, 2011

Reston, Virginia



Greetings.....Robert Moore, DC
SUVCW Department of the Chesapeake Commander

Presentation of Colors.....
Department of the Chesapeake Guard

Pledge to the FlagDonald L. Martin, PCC
SUVCW National Patriotic Instructor

National Anthem,.....PDP Diane Mellor
ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor

InvocationJerome Kowalski
SUVCW National Chaplain

Welcome to Maryland.....Barbara Day
ASUVCW Department of the Chesapeake President

"Civil War Magic & Séance"Professor Joe Kerrigan

Closing Prayer.....Carolyn Agosto
LGAR National Chaplain

Retiring the Colors Department of the Chesapeake Guard

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

Order of Appearance – Courtesy Hour – Allied Orders

1. California and Pacific (CA, NV & HI)
2. New York
3. Kentucky
4. Wisconsin (WI & MN)
5. New Hampshire
6. North Carolina
7. Rhode Island
8. Michigan
9. Iowa
10. Kansas
11. Vermont
12. Pennsylvania
13. Texas (TX, LA & NM)
14. Indiana
15. Colorado and Wyoming (CO, WY, MT & UT)
16. Illinois
17. Ohio
18. Connecticut
19. Tennessee (TN & AL)
20. Missouri (MO & AR)
21. Florida
22. Oklahoma
23. Georgia and South Carolina
24. New Jersey
25. Maine
26. Massachusetts
27. Nebraska (NE & SD)
28. National Membership At-Large (NMAL)
29. The Chesapeake (WV, VA, DC, DE & MD)

"Stand by the Union"
(1861) Army Song and Chorus Poetry by W. T. Adams, Esq.

Stand by the Union the glorious band Joined by our patriot Sires! Stand
by our flag as our fathers did stand. Kindling our freedom's fires!
Die if we must firm in our trust, 'Neath the banner we love; Stand
by the stars and stripes All.

CHORUS

Floating the glorious Union above! Stand by the stars and stripes!
Stand, stand by the stars and stripes! Stand, stand by the stars and
stripes!

Stand by the Union for traitors conspire Boldly to break the band!
Stand by our flag thro' the storm and the fire, Bursting upon our
land; True to the death, may our last breath Before the Union
spent, Stand by the stars and stripes All.

CHORUS

And not a star from our flag shall be rent, Stand by the stars and
stripes! Stand, stand by the stars and stripes! Stand, stand by the
stars and stripes!



Allied Orders
of the
Grand Army of the Republic

BANQUET

6:30PM

August 13, 2011

Reston, Virginia



Greetings.....Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Chief of Staff, SUVCW

Presentation of ColorsDepartment of the Chesapeake Guard

Pledge to the FlagDonald L. Martin, PCC
SUVCW National Patriotic Instructor

National AnthemDiane Mellor
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InvocationJerome Kowalski
SUVCW National Chaplain

Tribute to Mothers.....Judy Rock
Senior Vice, LGAR

Tribute to Mothers.....Beth Null
LGAR

Miscellaneous Union Music.....Hartack and Sowbelly

Closing Prayer.....Carolyn Agosto
LGAR National Chaplain

Closing.....Chuck O'Dell, PDC
Department of the Chesapeake Chaplain, SUVCW

Retiring the Colors.....Department of the Chesapeake Guard

The Star Spangled Banner

*Oh! 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'er the ramparts we watched,
 were so gallantly streaming,
 And the rockets' red glare,
 the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through th~ 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 .
 Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)*

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

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Commander-in-Chief National Encampment Agenda - 2011

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Officers and members of the 130th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order. I have a couple appointments to make. First, as Guard it will be Lee Stone, Department of the Chesapeake, and as the Guide, it will be Charles Mabie, Department of California. Guide, you will determine if all members here are entitled to remain. Color Bearer, you will assist him in checking cards.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The room has been checked and we are legitimate.

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Color Bearer, Jerry Sayre, will you lead us in the Pledge?

Encampment (in unison)

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

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, under what principals in our Order founded and what duties are we responsible?

Encampment (in unison)

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance, fraternal courtesy, even keeping in mind our duty of our country, to our Order, and to ourselves. Patriotic Instructor and Chaplin Jerry Kowalski, will you please drape and do the vacant chair?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

This Chair, in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic Veterans, is adorned with flowers, a cane, and a hat. Very simply to remind us of those who have gone before and our need to honor the Boys in Blue. Would you please open your programs to Page 16, and we'll sing all verses of this song.

Encampment

(singing - *The Vacant Chair*)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Chaplain, will you invoke the divine blessing?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Our heavenly Father, high and mighty Ruler of the Universe, who looks down upon the government of men. We earnestly ask your favor to bless our native land and to preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming times. 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 carry out properly its principals and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved. Deal with them in all things with your special mercy. Give us your aide in conducting the business for which we are assembled. And 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.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Let me say something about the vacant chair. It's a very special chair. This comes from the Gettysburg GAR Hall and it has been said that General Grant himself sat in this chair. I'd like to have a round of applause for the Gettysburg Camp.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

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

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Just before I do that, I've been asked by the Guard and a few other people to ask you not to use the front exit or entrance doors to the room. Please leave and come through the rear doors, if possible. Also, there is a the Masonic Luncheon is going to be held today during the lunch period. It's going to be in a private room off of the main restaurant and we'll be ordering off the menu. We invite all Masonic Brothers who would like to participate in the luncheon to please come and you may bring a guest. Is Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall present?

Commander-in-Chief, D. Brad Schall

Present.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Palmer.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor?

Perley E. Mellor, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Present.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Treasurer, Rich Orr?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Present.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council Member-at-Large, excuse me. Council member Alan Russ?

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

Here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council Member Robert Petrovic?

Robert M. Petrovic, Council of Administration

Present.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council Member, Ken Freshley?

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Present.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council Member, Tad Campbell?

Tad Campbell, Council of Administration

Present.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council Member, Bill Vieira?

Indistinguishable

Excused.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Kennedy?

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Here.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I have one other announcement that when we conclude this mornings sessions, I would like to have a photograph taken with all the Past Commanders-in-Chiefs. So when we conclude, would you please meet over here on my left. At that time, we'll have a photo session.

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

By the virtue of the authority invested in me, I hereby declare the 130th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transactions of such business and may be legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers and persons qualified to enter.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Appointment of Encampment Committees on Credentials. Walter Bush, Joseph Hall, Bruce Lane, and Thomas Brown. Mr. Russ, by chance when they're ready, would you mind giving me a high sign? We're having a little computer problem with the Encampment Committee, Credentials Committee. I would like to recognize and introduce some of the guests. Secretary, would you read the letter from the Spanish American War?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

"Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. We, the Sons of the Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans, the SSAWV, extend our best wishes to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic for their 2011 Encampment. Many of our members, including myself, Senior Vice Commander in Department of Kentucky, are also members of the SUVCW and our Sisters, the Daughters of 98 an Auxiliary of the United Spanish Civil War Veterans, excuse me, the United Spanish War Veterans, are likewise also members of the Sisters of the Allied Orders. I have been actively involved in setting up two Allied Orders of the GAR Encampments: Cincinnati, Ohio, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, and more recently, Louisville, Kentucky. And three SSAWV Conventions. So I have first hand experience into all the hours and effort it takes to put on such a large successful meeting. We, the Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans recently completed our convention in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and are looking towards Sandusky, Ohio in 2012, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 2013. As students of history are aware, many of those serving in the Spanish American War and the Philippines Instruction that followed were Civil War Veterans as well. Some Civil War Battlefields and Camps later became training areas for those training for action in 1898. The Allied Order of the GAR served as models for our Order as which followed. Our Orders share common values. For example, we share our theme, the importance of patriotism, preservation of historic sights and monuments, teaching history in schools, support the remembrance of our Veterans, respect for our flag and symbols of our nation. This list goes on and on. It is my hope that our Orders continue to work towards these common objectives. And as President of the SSAWV, I have placed as one of my goals. So enjoy the fraternity of your Brothers and Sisters. The excitement of the Encampment events and proceedings. And may all have a safe trip back to home when your work has been completed."

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Would those members of the Sons of the Spanish American War stand up please? Thank you very much. Let's give them a round of applause.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Michael Givens, who is the Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and due to schedules this year, were not able to attend each others' conventions. We agreed that it would be appropriate if both Commanders extend the invitation and the appreciation, and so I bring

greetings to you from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, as Michael Givens did for me at their convention. Keith Harrison, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS.

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Commander-in-Chief, may I approach?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes you may.

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

First of all, I'd like to have all the members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States stand up, that are here. As you can see, we have a pretty good contingent and on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in the nineteen commanderies that exist all over the United States we wish you a productive. I always hate the word harmonious.

Encampment

(chuckle & chatter)

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

But a productive National Encampment and actually, we've got together a couple of times at various times and I appreciate your company at those events. On behalf of Military Order of Loyal Legion of United States, I'd like to present you with this. You need to open it up. And I'll read the back.

Encampment

(chatter)

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

And if I may, it says on the back "Presented to D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, from myself, Commander-in-Chief, and fellow companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in Reston, Virginia". And also to companion, Schall, "I appreciate everything that you've done." He's a brand new member within MOLLUS itself, so, thank you very much and ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Keith.

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

... have a good, have a good Encampment.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

One of the highlights of being Commander-in-Chief was you get to lay a wreath in Washington D. C. on Lincoln's Birthday at the Lincoln Memorial. That is a MOLLUS event. They have a big banquet afterwards and as Commander-in-Chief, one of the benefits, you always get invited to these things. This year, I was not only accompanied by my lovely wife, Patti, but two of my granddaughters, one from New York and one in Philly came down and joined us. We dropped the lower age of that meeting to about half, because they were there.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We all had a good time and Keith and to MOLLUS, thank you very much. And it's an honor this year for me to become a member. Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to bring greetings that I have missed? We're here at a great Encampment. This is a super facility. The number that is here that has spent two or three days around Washington D.C. and the Battlefield, this has been just a great place. And I've been to many of these things, and this is one of the best facilities that we have had. I would like to introduce the Department of Chesapeake. And for those of us who don't change very well but the old Department of Maryland. If I make a mistake on that in the next two or three days, it's because of habit. Robert Moore, would you please ...

Robert H. Moore, II, Department of Chesapeake

Commander. On behalf of the Department of the Chesapeake, we welcome everybody here and we're very happy to see such a good turn out. We hope we have a very productive and successful meeting.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Robert H. Moore, II, Department of Chesapeake

Thank you for coming.

Encampment

(applause)

Robert H. Moore, II, Department of Chesapeake

Oh, my Committee, if I could get Mike to come up, please?

Mike Paquette, Department of Chesapeake

Brothers, I'm the Chairman of your Host Committee. We're very excited to have you here. If I could real quickly have my Committee Members stand, that are present in the room? If you have any problems, any challenges, issues that you need resolved, we have a blue and red border around our membership badges, and we'll be more than happy to get the matter resolved for you and I do have a couple of points, if I may, of business that I'd like to bring to your attention. First of all, in the program book, we've had a room change for the Auxiliary. They're meeting in Rooms 1 and 2 instead of 9 and 10. The SVR Breakfast Saturday morning is gonna in Rooms 9 and 10. So if you'd make these pen changes. And we'll make another announcement as well later in the during the Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief's courtesy hour Saturday night will be in Rooms 1 and 2. Made an announcement last night, for the benefit of you that weren't here last night, we have a tour that's available for family members that will go on Saturday morning. I have pamphlets available out in the Registration Area. If you have family members here that would like to do a tour of Washington D.C., it stops at a number of memorials and monuments that will be Saturday morning. And I'll have the information out in the lobby. We also have at the Commander-in-Chief's request, we've have a Sutler here from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. If any of you are familiar with the Regimental

Quartermaster and the Jeweler's Daughter, they're set up in Room 4, over by where the Ladies are meeting. The Quartermaster, he has provided us with forms for you in advance to complete your information. Should be in your blue bag, so please before you go see Danny to buy anything, put your information in the appropriate slot and hopefully we can keep things moving a little quicker in the back of the room. And the last thing is, if you pre-ordered Banquet tickets and you haven't picked them up yet, please, please come and see us today before lunch because we have a number of Brothers that didn't pre-register for the Banquet and I'm trying to get our numbers straight for the Banquet. So, if you did purchase tickets, please pick them up by noon today. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

For the tour, they have a deadline?

Mike Paquette, Department of Chesapeake

Yes, that's right. Thank you National Secretary. The tour on Saturday, the cut-off time for reserving with that tour is noon today. So if you have family members and you would like to do that, please come out and see us. And you still have a couple hours to call the tour company and make a show our appreciation, let's everybody stand up and give the Department a rounding applause.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

A couple of years ago, there was some misunderstandings and because there are a couple of health issues of people not being able to leave the room when the voting area started and things. Folks, you can leave this room at any time. During the voting period, you cannot re-enter, but there is no restrictions on you leaving. So, if there is a health issue, we're not gonna stop you at the door. Why don't everybody hold up their blue cards?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. You can put 'em down. This is how we're gonna be voting ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Rules of the Encampment. The Encampment will be conducted in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order Issue Number 10. Would you care to put the rule book up there? These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Encampment body present and voting.

I have appointed Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl will serve as our Parliamentarian. And if you all will notice, we have three people on this side. My Counselor, who is here to keep me out of trouble. Jim Pahl is to assist with Parliamentary rules in doing that. Richard Orr, we have a microphone there so the design this year would be that we won't be having to get up and down at the head table all the time. We're gonna have microphones right there. And because of Rich has some difficulties from time to time, Rich I will make an exception. You will

not have to stand up and salute when you wish to speak. Just notify yourself on the microphone.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Thank you, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Officers, other than the Commander-in-Chief, shall not read their submitted written reports unless there is an addition to the report. All Officer Reports with recommendations have been provided in your pre-printed reports. Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall not read their respective reports. Rather, they will cite the pages and where their report is located and state whether or not any additions and read their recommendations, if any. Recommendations from the Standing Committees will be voted on as they arise.

When speaking on an issue at this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice on any issue and not to exceed five minutes, except the persons making the motion may answer questions and also use up to two minutes to close the debate. Which privilege is not cancelled by action ordering the previous question. Exceptions could be granted by two-thirds votes of the Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate on a particular issue, included but not limited to, designating the maximum number of speakers allowed to speak on each subject of the question on the floor.

Cell phones are to be turned off and set to vibrate. Okay, here's your opportunity.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I assume they're all turned off and set on vibrate. Violation of this rule will be resulted and when determining this rule, we had down here a dollar fine be imposed to the host Committee. I had a suggestion to raise that to a hundred dollars by the host Committee, but we will leave it at one dollar. A cell phone conversation may be conducted outside the Encampment meeting room.

At the sound of the gavel, prior to the election of Officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to enter upon, until the session is done.

All general voting shall be by use of a voting card. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting, including but not limited to private ballots, rising on roll call, voting are deemed appropriate. All motions, amendments, substitutes or other action initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or corrections of spelling of typographical errors, may be requested by the National Secretary to be put in writing for the final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. I will also ask the National Secretary to re-read before we vote on every motion.

Encampment Committees shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving them from the floor of the Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendation to adopt, reject, refer,

or other appropriate actions. When rising to address the Encampment to be recognized by the Chair, use one of the available microphones. We have one here.

Encampment

(chattter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And the other one is right back there. Upon being recognized, salute the Chair, announce your name, Department, and current office that you are holding, if any. Any requests for funds from Special Projects Funds or other such funds by the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to noon today. On Saturday, with complete information as to what the project is, who is chairing the project, the address for which any award may be mailed. All such requests will then be presented to the National Encampment for consideration.

All our discussions will be conducted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty. The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt these rules.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

So moved. Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Second. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Don Palmer.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed? Okay. So far, we have a perfect record. You've done it right.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Secretary, will you please call the Past Commanders-in-Chief?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

As you hear your name, please stand. Richard Greenwalt, 1978 to 1979. Gordon Bury, 1986 to 1987. Richard Partington, 1987 to 1988. Lowell Hammer, 1991 to 1992. Elmer Adkinson, 1992 to 1993. Alan Moore, 1993 to 1994. Keith Harrison, 1994 to 1995. Alan Loomis, 1996 to 1997. Richard Orr, 1997 to 1998. Colonel Andrew Johnson, 1998 to 1999. Danny Wheeler, 1999 to 2000. Edward Krieser, 2000 to 2001. George Powell, 2001 to 2002. Robert Grim, 2002 to 2003. Don Darby, 2005 to 2006. James Pahl, 2006 to 2007. Charles Kuhn, 2007 to 2008. David V. Medert, 2008 to 2009. And Leo F. Kennedy, 2009 to 2010.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Are there any Past Commanders-in-Chiefs in the room who we did not mention? Thank you.

Encampment

(applause, chatter, and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

This morning earlier, we had a memorial service. I'm not sure how many of you were as touched as I was and saddened by the fact on the number of names that the National Chaplain read. Our Brothers this year have taken an enormous toll in meeting the reward. Today, they are joining the Boys in Blue. I would request that all our Brothers rise for a moment of silence as we remember those from this morning's list.

(moment of silence)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

It is my desire to honor those in this assembly who have been honorably served with our country in the Armed Forces. Would those of you who have served please rise for our recognition and thanks? Boy I could tell you what, I go to a lot of meetings ...

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And this is a great credit to this Organization that so many people have served. I'm gonna do a break a little bit with tradition. I'm gonna name a service and when I name that service, for those in that service. Would you set down so we can who served in? Let's start first with the Army, which is my service, The Navy, Marine Corp, There may be some old enough in here, how about the Army Air Corps,

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, let's try with the Air Force then.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you for the Coast Guard. Walter, are you ready to make a report on the credentials yet?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

(indistinguishable)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Let me go on and then Walter, give me a high sign then we'll start this. We're gonna appoint the remaining Encampment Committees. Constitutional Regulations: Bob Grim, Chairman, James Pahl, Alan Russ,

Donald Darby, Keith Harrison. Resolutions: Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman, Merle Rudebusch, Tad Campbell, George Powell. And our reserve for that is Ed Krieser. Officer Report: Donald Palmer, Chairman, Perley Mellor, Jeffrey Burton, Sam Gant. Reserve will be Ken Freshley. Rituals and Ceremony, Jerry Sayre, Chairman, Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York, David Sosnowski, Department of Pennsylvania, Steve Hammond. And Reserve will be Eugene Mortorff. Walter, please approach.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

We have a hundred and sixty-one people registered so far. And that are present. We have ten from California / Pacific; twenty-two from Chesapeake; one from Colorado / Wyoming; two from Connecticut; three from Florida; four from Georgia / South Carolina; eight from Illinois; seven, Indiana; four from Iowa; three from Kansas; three from Kentucky; none from Maine; eleven from Massachusetts; sixteen from Michigan; five from Missoura, or Missouri as my wife keep telling me.

Encampment

(laughter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Nebraska, three; New Hampshire, zero; New Jersey, zero; New York, six; North Carolina, two; Ohio, sixteen; Oklahoma, one; Pennsylvania, sixteen; Rhode Island, six; Ten..., Tennessee, four; Texas, one; Vermont, zero; Wisconsin, six; Members-at-Large, one. If you'd like it more detailed, we can go on.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Continue.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Walter.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I rise to challenge the seating of the Delegations from the Department of Connecticut, the Department of Florida, the Department of Illinois, the Department of Iowa, the Department of Kentucky, the Department of Maine, Department of Massachusetts, Department of Nebraska, Department of New Hampshire, Department of New Jersey, Department of North Carolina, and the Department of Vermont for failure to supply all reports required by the National Organization.

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

Second.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And anyone who's being challenged (indistinguishable).

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I have a motion and a second. Is there any ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Anyone who's been challenged can't vote.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, could you repeat the motion. Some of the Brothers in the back did not hear that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Brother Orr rises to challenge the seating of Delegates in the following states, and I missed one.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Gene, use a mic. Use a mic please. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay. Brother Orr rises to challenge the seating of Delegates from the following the following Departments. I missed one of them. I'll read the ones I have. Brother Orr, if you can tell me which one I'm missing. Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Vermont.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

You're missing Nebraska.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Nebraska. Okay. For failure to file reports for failure to file reports as required by the National Regulations.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion, we have a second, and those Departments ...

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief, I second it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Thank you.

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Commander-in-Chief ...

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Jermome Kowalski, Department of Illinois.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jerome one ...

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Oh.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... moment, please. Those Departments being challenged will not be able to vote. It is now open for discussion.

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois. Would the Treasurer please tell us which reports are lacking, number one. And number two in the spirit of fraternity would the Treasurer consider withholding his request for non-seating until the appropriate forms could be produced, say after lunch today?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

In response to your first, part of your first question, those Departments, with the exception of the Department of New Jersey, have failed to file the updated EIN information, which the National Encampment voted last year to make a required report. It was to be filed by the 15th of, by the 15th of March with the National Treasurer by the Department Secretaries. The Department of New Jersey, they, Brother Demmy, they did finally file their Form 35, right? Otherwise, they haven't filed anything.

David W. Demmy, Sr., Department of Pennsylvania

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. So their per capita tax is paid. They have not filed a Form 49 and they have not filed the EIN Report. As to the second part, no sir, because this jeopardized our tax-exempt status with the IRS. The Departments must be held accountable. If somebody wants to take some other action, but I will not withdraw my objection because of the severe nature of the, what resulted to us is fail to file. Because these Departments did not file on time, our report to the IRS was late. Which garnered us a letter threatening to lose the tax-exempt status of the National Organization.

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Thank you for explaining it. I'm sure none of us understood why you made the motion. Thank you.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska Chaplain

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska, Chaplain. I've just been informed by the Department Secretary those forms were turned in on time.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Not the EIN. Never received.

Indistinguishable

We have copies.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It was never received by me.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

All right, Chief, James Pahl. what am I today? Past Commander-in-Chief, Department whatever, Parliamentarian. I would suggest then and stand against the motion. We can I think seat these Brothers for this Encampment and admonish these Departments that in the future, such

grace will not be shown. That these forms are in endangering the the Order. And that they have to be made. So I would stand in opposition to the motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

So, oh, okay. Commander-in-Chief, I therefore offer a substitute motion that we waive the requirement for this year.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

Is there a second for that?

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

Second.

Indistinguishable

There's a second?

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

Mark Day, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Chesapeake. I second the motion.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Charlie, before you start. Do you want to re-read the motion, Gene?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Brother Pahl stood in opposition against the motion and he provided his reasons. He, he offered a substitute motion to waive the requirements until next year.

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

Brother Commander, Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief. Every year, we have Departments that don't file paperwork. Sometimes it happens accidentally. Sometimes it happens by purpose. I'm against scolding them. They've been scolded before. People have been scolded before. It doesn't happen. Something's gotta be done at some point. I mean at what point do you tell your kid to stop touching a hot stove? You know, eventually they're gonna touch it. You know? I that's all I've got to say. I would consider a friendly amendment to allow them to produce the things by nomination of officers or election of officers. That's one thing I would move my second for.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I think this is my second time. In response to Charlie's proposed amendment ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

In response to Charlie's proposed amendment filing the reports now doesn't, filing the reports now does nothing. Our report is due the first of April to the IRS. The reports that we need and absolutely must have would be next years. I'm willing to accept Brother Pahl's proposed substitute motion, withdraw my original motion, with the understanding there will be no leniency in years forward. If these reports are not filed and in the hands of the National Treasurer by the 15th of March, that the Commander-in-Chief will suspend those Departments because they haven't filed required reports and that can become a directive of this Encampment. So I would offer that as an amendment to Brother Pahl's motion that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to suspend any Department who does not file that report with the National Treasurer by the 15th of March.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Since the original maker of the motion has agreed to the replacement motion, I guess I'll remove my second, but I have said my two cents of what I think about it. we're referring to the what? The W-4. Correct, Rich?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

What we're referring to is a report that the Department Treasurers were, err Secretaries were to submit that list the name of each Camp, the EIN Number of each Camp ...

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

Right.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... the name of the contact person who is usually the Camp Treasurer, their mailing address, their Social Security Number, and their telephone number. That is all the information that every year we have to provide to the IRS for every subordinate organization. They give us a print-out. We either have to, I have to sign it under penalty of perjury, federal perjury laws, that it is, the information is either correct or that we provide the changes that is made. If the Camp no longer exists, I have to drop them. If it's a new Camp, they have to be added. I mean this, the report this year to the IRS was about sixty-two pages long of changes, from what I did have. So it's a, it's very time-consuming to put together. And with the March 15th date, we're really only giving the National Treasurer, whoever that is, myself or someone else in the future, fifteen days to put that report together. It's gonna basically take them every day, or at least every evening of those fifteen days in order to get it in the mail by the 1st of April.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Gene, would you re-read the motion please?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay. Brother, Brother Pahl stood in opposition against the motion. He provided his reasons. He offered a substitute motion to waive the

requirements until next year. Seconded by Mark Day. That's it.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Is there a second for the friendly amendment by Brother Orr?

Encampment

(chatter)

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large. I second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The original motion by Brother Orr was already seconded by (indistinguishable).

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. Brother Gene, first of all I withdrew mine and Charlie withdrew the second. So you have to make note of that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Then I offered an amendment to Brother Pahl's that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to suspend Departments who do not file by the 15th of March, the EIN Report by the 15th of March. And what's

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That's the one that we have up here.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right. That's the one Adam seconded.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

First Brother Tucker.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachussets

I believe the proper way to have this been handled would be to have the Commander-in-Chief suspend the Camps back in March, Our treasurer and Secretary are not here today, so we have no way to determining whether or not they actually submitted the reports, so if it is a paperwork mistake, I dont think that throwing a hand grenade at the encampment, is the way to actually handle this. If we were supposed to be suspended, we should have been notified and had enough time to correct the issue, we can not be just removed from the encampment, a dozen people that paid thier money to come and participate in this event, it is certainly not fair, and we have no way to back it up or challange the ruling.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

James Ward, Department of Florida, Delegate. I would actually rephrase the previous comment to note that I believe every single Brother wants the Treasurer and all other Officers to be helped in their duties. I'm gonna suggest that it's in the instructions that's the guidance that's provided to the next administration, if the deadline of March 15th a problem, make the deadline February 15th, A. and B come the deadline notify those Departments that will not be seated at the next year's National Encampment. Before their Department Encampment so that

they can realize that they won't be there.

Encampment

(chatter)

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Okay. I propose that the part of the guidance given be that the deadline be moved, advanced from March 15th to February 15th to address the issue of response time by the Officers and their workload. And secondly, that after the deadline passes, whenever that's going to be before the Department Encampment of that year, that the Departments be advised that they will not be seated.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Mark Day, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Chesapeake. I called the question on Brother Pahl's motion and the amendment as done by Brother Orr.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The question has been called.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I rise to the point of order.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl the Parliamentarian. The Brother at the rear microphone who called the question did nothing more than to declare his intent, he ready to vote. He did not make a proper motion before this Encampment. His intent, I believe, and correct me if I'm wrong, was to terminate debate. That is a motion to call the previous question is the title for that closes debate.

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

I make a motion to close the previous question, or call the previous question and close the debate.

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

I second that. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We are closing, we are voting to close the debate. Those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed same sign. Motion carries.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The motion we had is Brother Pahl stood in opposition against Brother Orr's motion. He provided his reason and offered a substitute motion to waive the requirements until next year. Seconded by Mark Day.

Okay. Then Brother Orr offered an amendment to Brother Pahl's motion, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief suspend Camps who don't file by the March deadline. Is that correct Brother Orr?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The motion was that this Encampment "instruct" the incoming Commander-in-Chief. Whatever, he has no options...

Indistinguishable

I can't hear.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

My motion was that this Encampment instruct the incoming Commander-in-Chief that he is to suspend those Departments who do not file by the 15th of March. That leaves him no option. He can't decide that he doesn't want to do it.

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

Departments, not Camps. Departments.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'm sorry. Departments.

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

Departments and not Camps.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Orr. This is specifically for the EIN Report, not the other reports. Is that correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That is correct because the other reports all depend on when the Department Encampment occurs.

Encampment

(chatter)

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska Chaplain

Point of information, sir. Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska, Chaplain. As Brother Orr first stated, I am in confusion about whether these Departments that are failed to do this according to you, are we able to vote on this issue now?

Indistinguishable

No, you're not.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska Chaplain

Okay.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

(Indistinguishable) just one more time. Here we go.

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, I object to that decision by the Chair. these Camps have not been thrown down yet. This is what the whole discussion is over. They're still the Departments have not been turned out. They're entitled to vote on this motion because we've not had any action on the first motion. So they're still eligible Brothers in this Encampment until we make this decision.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I would pose to the Parliamentarian. My understanding of Robert's Rules is at an Encampment where there are Delegations ...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Right (indistinguishable) ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That the Delegations have to be seated by the Credentials Committee. If they are challenged, they are not seated and this drill, debate is over whether or not they will be seated and given the right to vote. It's not, there's no automatic right to vote if there's a challenge. They have to be seated by action of the Encampment, would have to be seated. Actually to challenge to seating them has been withdrawn pending adoption of the substitute motion. So, I don't know. Jim's gonna have to make a decision here whether or not ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We will await the Parliamentarian's decision.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, as there is no current challenge to the seating of these Delegates they're, they're properly here. The motion to challenge has been withdrawn.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

If there was a motion to challenge, then they could not vote. But that's been withdrawn.

Indistinguishable

That has been withdrawn.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have terminated discussion. Everybody can vote.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Brother Orr offered an amendment to Brother Pahl's motion that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be instructed to suspend the Departments who don't file EIN Reports by the March deadline. That's what I have.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Is that good?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That was the entire motion.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

There's no more discussion, Marc.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska Chaplain

Well I have a point of question.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska Chaplain

For clarification and I just wanted to make sure that we were voting that this was going to be in effect for next year, because there are some people who would think this is still, we're talking about today.

Indistinguishable

Next year.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

That's a correct. Okay. On the motion, all those in favor, raise your card.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable) to amend?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

For the amendment. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now we need to vote on the motion that was amended. Is that correct?

Indistinguishable

Correct.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favors, raise your card. All those opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, we're still, for the record, have the objection to seating New Jersey. they did not file a Form 49, which is the Installation of Officers Report for their Department Encampment. And therefore have not filed a long standing required report. And I would move you that if any of their Delegates show up, they not be seated.

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

I will second that motion. (chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Who are you?

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

Who am I? I'm Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The motion is by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Kuhn. That the Department of New Jersey did not file the long standing Annual Reports required and that they should not be allowed to be seated at the Encampment.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Seconded by Charlie Kuhn. Any discussion? All those in favor,

raise your card. Those opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Fraternal Relations. Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Delegation is James Pahl, Chairman, Tad Campbell, James Ward, Florida. The response ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

response will be by Donald Darby.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, what was that Committee again, please?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Pardon?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Who was my Committee again, please?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

You, Tad Campbell, and James Ward of Florida. Ladies to the Grand Army of the Republic, James Knopke, Chairman, Jerry Sayre, Terry Dyer, Illinois. Response, Colonel Andrew Johnson. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I don't know that they'll be here. They just finished up their Encampment, if they are, Alan Teller will be the Chairman, Glen Roosevelt, and David Lamb, and the response to that will be David V. Medert. The Woman's Relief Corp, which currently is meeting the same time we are in the great city of the Minnesota. There will not be anybody here. If by chance they send a Delegation which I have not been notified yet I will ask Jerry Orton of New York to do the response to that. For the Chairs of these Visiting Committees please see me before your visit so that you may deliver my gifts to the counterparts in the Order that you are visiting. Secretary, do you want to ...

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

There was one additional piece of correspondence. This is from Marie Cassady, the Executive Director of the Cathedral of the Pines. "Dear Friends, thank you very much for your generous donation to the Cathedral of the Pines. As a non-profit organization, we rely on the gifts we receive to maintain our operations and beautiful grounds, and to continue our mission. The Cathedrals of the Pines educational programs and public events honor the service to the nation by promoting peace, interfaith understanding, and respect for the natural environment. The renewal of the sanctuary has also given us a renewed sense of purpose and excitement about the future. Our goal is to move the Cathedral toward the future while honoring its past and upholding Dr. Sloan's original vision. Thank you again for your tax deductible donation. We also appreciate your generosity and friendship to the Cathedral." And there was just a couple other news. We had a couple of correspondence come in dealing with the nomination and / or the running of certain candidates for elected offices.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Next on the agenda is the Report of Officers, and I would entertain a motion to set all the Officers Reports to the Encampment Committees.

Indistinguishable

So made.

Indistinguishable

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor

Indistinguishable

Who made the motion?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Got it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor, raise your card. All those opposed? The venerable Donald Darby has told me that my speech will have to last less than twelve minutes 'cause lunch is at eleven thirty. Brother Senior Vice Commander, I temporarily vacate the Chair and return it to you while I give my report. Brothers, it has been an honor to be your Commander-in-Chief this year. I started this year with my acceptance speech dedicating my year to my Civil War relatives, my parents who gave me a love of God and country, and to my mentor, Bob Lowe. I wish all of them could have been here with Patti and I this year. It's been more fun than I ever imagined, and many new and old relationships with my Brothers have truly been a rewarding experience. Fraternity, charity, and loyalty is alive and well in this Organization. Patti and I appreciate all your kindness and the many things you have done to make all of trips enjoyable. We visited twenty of the twenty-nine Departments. We visited twenty-nine states, 17 national historical sites and battlefields, ten state parks or battlefields, visited our national capital twice, and made a trip to Canada. Altogether, we spent a hundred and fifty-one nights on the road this year and experienced what a great nation we live in. And with all of our dedicated Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders, Patti and I, from the bottom of our heart, thank you, very much. What and you to will always stick with me and you, the dedicated Brothers, the unselfishness that you go about doing the business for our Order, with enthusiasm, pride, fellowship, and all without expecting any recognition or even a simple thank you. You do it because you want to and the GAR knows that you all are honoring Boys in Blue every day of the year. We visited GAR Halls that you took us to. Battlefields where you act as docents. Cemeteries that you clean up and take care of. And we visited with real Sons that know we'll honor the Boys in Blue every day of the year. This experience of visiting real Sons and to talk to someone who was a child of a Civil War parent is an unbelievable experience. Glen Roosevelt and the officers

of Camp #26 met with old Walter Roode in Reno, Nevada, a couple of months ago, He was ninety-eight years old and as spry as you can imagine. He had a little assistance in getting there. So I asked him, I said, "participate in this event do you miss most in your life today?" and he says, "Driving".

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And I thank God ...

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And he said I said to him, "Well when did you quit driving?" and he said "Two years ago". And this is why, he said, "I got my third traffic ticket".

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

With that kind of sparkle in his eye and enthusiasm, oh I was glad he was not on the road when I was going home that night.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

It was quite an experience meeting with him. We're all greeted by snow, rain, hail, heat, cold. Now if you all here lived in them parts of the country, cold in California didn't mean below 60, so ...

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

You can understand a little bit of where we're at. And then of course there was more rain. Department of Tennessee gave us good advice under emergency rooms and clinics. They helped us through it all. Our first Encampment in Tennessee, we ended up in a clinic. And Tuesday, while traveling to Reston on an airplane, I bit into a sandwich and broke a bridge ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

But that's okay. Let me approach several topics. First we started out the year with a goal of learning who we are, learn what we do, participate in what we do, and honor the Boys in Blue. And guys, you did it great. Let's remember that for a long time. I would like to mention many Brothers and Sisters by name, but would fear that I'll probably leave somebody out there were so many of you. However having just said that, let me single out two. One is our Executive Director, David Demmy. David, stand up.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

David works tireless who for all of us and have interfacing with the public on a daily basis. And I can't tell you how many times I have sent e-mails and a couple phone calls to David and instantly he had bailed a Commander-in-Chief out again, and thank you very much, David. The other one I'd like to mention is Brother Danny Wheeler. Danny, stand up.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

No one puts in more hours and more dedication and will do things instantly for the Brothers of this Order, and Danny, thank you very much. I'm not going to try to steal his thunder of all he did this year, but when, you set the records in serving your Brothers in the Order. he'll tell you about it in his reports. Our Committee System is essential to our success. I could sing praises to most, but only point out two. The GAR Records Committee which had been dormant for many past year, but under the direction of Chairman Dean Enderlin this year, it has done an outstanding job. And I'm damn proud we're on the right way to go. Thank you, Dean.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The other is our Civil War Memorial Committee. It has made necessary steps forward to regain the position at traditioning has had on our Organization and Bruce Butgereit again, I thank you sir.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We are growing in membership and we're getting younger. And every Encampment, many Brothers were there under the age of a thirty. From the internet applications this year, twenty-three percent of those applications were under the age of thirty. Forty-four percent were under the age of forty. And then of course, there were eight percent over the age of seventy-one. I think that's a tribute to all of you that we are getting younger and that's an area which recruiting needs to continue. Again, I'm not gonna go in, Brother Mellor he will talk more about this in his reports. We have new Camps coming abroad and there's several in the planning stages. We charted three Camps have one more which I will present the Charter later on today. Three more are in the stages, one way or another, and I can safely say the toughest General Order that I had to issue this year was to revoke the Charters of a couple Camps and I'm sorry to tell you that we're probably have to be two more Chartered in the next few months. Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief, and our current Banner Editor. Banner Editor has announced that he will not seek the Editor's job next year. If anybody's interested, I suggest you talk to the next incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Steve has taken The Banner since the highest level since I have been a member. I still have newspaper copies that are getting yellow from age. And I can tell you that Steve has done an outstanding job. He's not here today, but I'd like for you all to give him a round of applause.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Encampment last year voted an increase of five dollars in their dues. This has been pain, painful for some and we have lost some, a few members because of the increase. It's been a manageable loss. I can tell you without that increase, we would be running a deficit today. And later on in this Encampment if we had not had that increase, we would be talking about reducing programs and even possibly having to reduce one or two issues of The Banner. Sometimes you have to make tough decisions. You made 'em at the National Encampment last year, and so, all of us, it's been painful to do it, but you've done a good job. Our efforts this year in re-establishing our relationship with the Allied Orders has been successful. At the Camp, Department, and National level, we have worked hard in honoring the Boys in Blue together. I encourage all to continue these efforts. I'd like to mention three areas that events out-standing results this year. Memorial University, our award winning Web-Site, and our nationally recognized Grave Registration Programs are examples of how working together, we all honor the Boys in Blue. I don't want you to give you the impression that all is well. It isn't. We have heard the stump speech in the twenty Departments that I visited. We have a disconnect between National and Department. And we have a disconnect between Departments and Camps. We must recognize this and we need to continue to address these issues. On Tuesday morning, I will start a new role in my Department of California, thank you to Glen Roosevelt on co-chairing a five year planning committee. I look forward to this. For the many Departments I visited this year, I learned a lot of good things. But I think as an Order and as Departments and Camps, we need to recognize, we continue to need to evaluate and assess what we are doing and what direction we want to go. Later on Don Palmer will talk and there'll be a survey that he will mention to you later on, and I think that's one of the ways we can do it. Past Commander-in-Chief Kennedy and Council of Administration Member Tad Campbell, assisted in this project. I am happy to announce that we have made two selections of the, a Sons of Union Veterans Scholarship. The Order awarded two this year. The Committee has recommended Brother Michael James Hadley, Department of Nebraska. And I can tell you what. I had the pleasure of meeting this year's, young man and if you would have been there and felt the love and the compassion that this young man had and preparing and putting together that cannon project, every one of you would be bursting with pride. So, I'm pleased and I do not make these selections myself, I

only approved them. But I'm awfully happy that he was one of them. And then John Hood, who is a member of Elisha Dyer Camp Number 7, Department of Rhode Island. He lives in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. My two last comments, and how am I doing for lunch, Don?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

You got three minutes.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I got three minutes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I hope today you all read the reports given to you today. They're the best that I have ever seen presented to a National Encampment. So I hope you will take advantage of them. You guys did great in doing your reports. One way to dissolve the disconnect to communicate is to do it in writing. And thank you all. And let me not least of all is to thank Past Commander-in-Chief Kennedy. Leo, would you stand up?

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Without his help and his guidance and every now and then a probing here and prodding here and there, Leo, thank you very much. He very kindly, on several occasions, took me to the corner to instruct me on a couple things I wasn't doing correctly. I thank you I didn't make the same mistakes twice. Thank you, Leo.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The other thing I would like to do is I would like to thank all the Past Commanders-in-Chiefs. They have all given advice. Some of it quietly, some of it not so quietly. They have all counseled. They have all given me direction and I truly, to these three up there and those in the audience out there, thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. And it's an inspiration to be around them because they continue to serve this Order for many years and many dedicated hours. Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, thank you.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

David Sosnowski, Department of Pennsylvania

Dave Sosnowski Pennsylvania. I'd like to, before we break for lunch, I'd like to remind everyone there's a signature portrait out there and I'd like you to sign it. That's outside the door. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Want to make a quick announcement. If you notice this nice new National Charter here? The first time that I have been to a National Encampment that we've actually have a National Charter. Thank you, Cher Petrovic, and to Bob Petrovic. They were the ones that did this. Jim Pahl has been the first one to buy a copy of this. I understand from the Charitable Foundation, they're gonna be available

back there to them in 8½ by 11. And the announcement on that Bob, good luck. They're great. With that, it is now 11:30. I would like to have the Past Commanders-in-Chiefs up here, if we can, for a photograph. Enjoy lunch. Be back here at one o'clock.

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

(lunch break)

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I have asked Chaplain Kowalski if he would say a special prayer for Brother Joe Long, Department of Pennsylvania.

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Brother Long is in the hospital. Viet Nam Veteran. Suffering from the effects of Agent Orange. And we ask the almighty to heal him. This is a person who touched the hem of Jesus' garments and he felt the power going out from him. So we ask our Lord and Savior to heal our Brother. Bring him back to health. Be mindful of the fact that all of us someday will pass. And we are just pilgrims here, on a temporary journey. That we were not made for here, but for there. If you agree with me, say amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

There are a couple cards being sent around the room to be sent to Joe Long. If you would care to say something on one of the cards, there's a sign and please do so. George are they going around yet?

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We're going to the Officers Reports. Senior Vice Commander, Donald Palmer. Do you have anything else to add to your ...

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, just a couple of updates.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Please do so.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

My Report on Senior Vice ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Your name is what?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Palmer, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Thanks for the reminder. Okay. My report for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is on Page 3. Just one set of additions to that report since it was submitted. On the table that identifies all of the Signature Events, in the status of those, we've had four of 'em approved in addition to what's in the table on Pages 3 and 4. Those would be the Battle of Wilson's Creek, the Commemoration of 3rd U. S. Artillery on Alcatraz Island, Oregonians and Virginians, and the Lawnfield Civil War Sesqui-Centennial of Encampment. Those four have been approved recently, in addition to what's in the package. Those are my additions and that is my report.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander, Perley Mellor.

Perley E. Mellor, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor. My report is on Page 5. The total number of applicants is now 224. Which as of this past Monday, Monday evening. California and Pacific, add one. Georgia and South Carolina, one. Indiana, two. Massachusetts, two. New Jersey, one. New York, one. Ohio, one. Oklahoma, two. Texas, two. For a total of thirteen. And that is my additions.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you sir.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Secretary also has a couple of announcements.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Secretary, Eugene Mortorff. I got a couple of Resolutions that we received dealing with elections. Two of them from the Department of Pennsylvania. One is support of Steve Hammond for a seat on the Council Administration, and another one was for Brother Schminke who has notified me that in fact he is not going to be here and is not

running this year. Also James Garfield Camp Number 142 sent a Resolution in for Brother Freshley for the position of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I've been asked by the Encampment Resolutions Committee that they will be meeting right here in this corner after today's when we're finished, so on our last break of the day, when we're, when we're out of here. So they'll be meeting over here. The people on that I believe are, Resolutions is Leo Kennedy, Merle Rudebusch, Tad Campbell, George Powell, and reserve, Ed Krieser is on that. I've been asked by the Encampment Host Committee to bark something, so I'm gonna do it since we're trying to get the money back for these things. They would encourage you to take a look at the National Encampment Shirt this year and they're available for thirty-five dollars. They look like this.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Thank you very much. Commander-in Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Treasurer, do you have anything to add to your report?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I have a couple of things. But first could we have the Guide and the Guard and some other Brothers. There's a brown box behind me that has the Financial Reports in that are not in the published report. They need to be distributed. There's two reports in there. And they both need to be distributed to everyone here.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Want them distributed now?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yeah.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Guide and Color Bearer, will you distribute these reports?

Indistinguishable

Yes.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

While you're doing the Financial Reports are being distributed, I do have four other things to add to the report that were inadvertently left out. The first the State Farm bill wasn't mentioned here. We have consolidated all of our insurance policies into two policies. We have a general liability policy and a D and O Policy. The General Liability policy is structured such that as soon as we work out the logistics on how to do it. Camps and Departments have been asking if we had a way that they could piggy back on the national insurance. That will now be

possible. However, it is hard and fast, that the application, which will be put on the website, must be received by the National Treasurer, at least a hundred and fifty days before the event. Because each application will be underwritten separately by the insurance company. Until they underwrite it, we won't know what your premium is going to be. Not one of these ones where you pay ten bucks and piggy back on our policy because it depends on how many participants you estimate will be there. I can tell you this. They're refusing to insure anything where black power is discharged. If you're discharging black powder, you're on your own. Our policy will not cover it. It doesn't cover any national events where we're actually discharging black powder. Carrying the weapons is one thing, as long as they are not carried with fixed bayonets. There's another restriction in the policy. You cannot have fixed bayonets by anyone who is participating. There have been a number of Camps and other Departments that have asked about it. We will be able to do that. As I said, I don't know what the premium's going to be. It's a shot in the dark if you want to take advantage of it. It's the best we could do in order to get something that you could piggy back on it.

The second item, the GAR Sesqui-Centennial Challenge Coin. Most of you are familiar with that. We started it as a combination fundraiser and the GAR Sesqui-Centennial events. That is going to continue, but I can tell you, there will be a different design on the coin every year. When it's all said and done, there will be a seven coin set, including the one that was issued this year. The Commander-in-Chief has committed us to the design on the reverse side for at least the next five years. He was sort of cornered by the president of the Woman's Relief Corp with, wouldn't it be nice if you put our badge on the back like the GAR Badges on the back of the current one? So in the following order, if we receive permission from the woman's organization to use their badge, the reverse of the coin will be the Woman's Relief Corp, the Ladies of the Grand Army, the Auxiliary, the Daughters, and ours will be last. We are taking the woman's organizations in the order in which they were founded so nobody can yell about who's going first and who's going second. We are open to accepting design proposals for the final one in 2016, the actual 150th Anniversary of the Challenge Coin, they're the 150th Anniversary of the GAR. In keeping with that, we will be commissioning and have approved a Gettysburg Sesqui-Centennial Challenge Coin. It will work the same way, as a fundraiser for the Camps. You buy them in bulk. They'll be available individually the same for twelve-fifty. But if you're buying in bulk, they're five dollars with the caveat that you have to request a minimum of a ten dollar donation to sell them. I know some of the Camps have made a considerable amount of money on reselling the coins that we've had so far.

Now I'm doing what's probably gonna be a very complicated situation. We've had a number of Camps and Departments, and because they did not file their 990N anytime in a three year period, had their tax exempt status revoked. In that process, because of the way the IRS Contractor wrote the software, any Camp or SVR Unit that was less than

three years of age but had not filed a 990 at all, also had their tax exempt status revoked, even though the IRS Regulations say you have to miss three consecutive years. An Appeal was filed with the IRS. We were sent a letter that we would have a response within thirty days. It took them about sixty days to respond. And it was too bad. The options they left open is to go through the appeal process. You have to have a copy of the SS4 of when you were issued your EIN Number and prove to the IRS that you did not exist for more than three years, you only existed two years or less and therefore could not have violated the regulations and to reinstate your tax exempt status. We tried doing everything else. We tried getting them to, they openly admitted it was their software issue, but they refuse to do anything about it.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The other thing is, and this is a legal issue, the Quartermaster Forms that you were issued can only be used at this, at this Encampment. We had to have special forms made because Virginia requires us to put on there that those prices include Virginia sales tax or else Danny would have to sit back there and figure out five percent sales tax on every sale and write out a slip that said how much of it was sales tax. They cannot be used once you leave here to order anything from the Quartermaster because we don't need to pay Virginia sales tax. So if you're not using them here, please destroy them. Don't take them home and use them to send to Danny. Danny's gonna have to send them back to you. All right.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. There are two Financial Reports. The first one you see is against the budget versus our actual expenses and actual income. You can read through these. If there's any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them. The bottom line is the General Fund our income actually exceeded the proposed income by roughly nine thousand dollars and that was because of the increase in per capita tax for those who joined between the Encampment and the end of the fiscal year. Our expenses came in roughly nine thousand dollars under the projected expenses and that is entirely because we did not execute the contract for Graves Registration, which was ten thousand dollars. So that ten thousand dollars was not expended and that's why the expenses were under by roughly nine thousand dollars. The GAR Fund, there's next to no income in this fund other than interest, except for the Blue / Grey Ball, which is a pass-through. We did take in fifty-four hundred dollars with that. However, as you will see, the expenditures were nine thousand one hundred and thirty-one dollars. Meaning, we expended thirty-seven hundred plus dollars more than we took in and that had to come from the principal, and it's decreasing the fund. This fund has been steadily decreased for a number of years because we get very little donations. I can tell you, the only donation we had to this fund this year was the

fifty dollars that the Pennsylvania Department donates every year at the Patriotic Instructor's appeal. The other donations, there was a ten dollar donation. There was a Brother who sent in a fifty dollar check and sitting there, wanted to donate ten dollars to every fund that we had. So that's how that got there. Everything else is interest or reimbursement for wreaths and the Blue / Grey Ball pass-through. It's an issue we do have to address. I'm going to skip the Permanent Fund for a minute. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund is still receiving the new member application fees, going into that fund. We have budgeted from that a transfer to the Grand Army of the Republic Fund to offset some of the expenses. That transfer was actually made after the 30th of June, but the three thousand dollars was transferred and it will appear in this year's budget. We did not award the scholarships from this fund this year because the Scholarship Committee never made their recommendation to the Commander-in-Chief until after the first of July and the books were closed for the year. The result is, when you see the proposed budget for next year, we will have four scholarships in that. Made a recommendation to change the procedures for the the Scholarship Committee. National Headquarters we've got to make some adjustments on how much per capita is going into that fund. These are all expenses we have to pay. We have been budgeting furniture, which we have not been expending and that will come out of the next budget, and the other thing that's on there that we never put in the budget is depreciation. We do have to depreciate the office furniture and the computers and things like that every year, so that does become an expense. Civil War Memorial Preservation, we expended all of the reserves this year in order to make the Grants that we did make. There were Grants from prior years that have been authorized and we did not send the checks out. Those checks went out to the tune of ninety-three hundred dollars. Plus the new approved Grants of five thousand which basically wiped out that fund. The only thing that will be in there is the per capita income that goes into that fund this year. Civil War Heritage Defense Fund is pretty much a wash. Except we did have a final bill of five hundred and seventeen dollars from the law firm that we engaged to deal with the IRS over penalties and fines that were issued to us. Canadian Monument Fund is simply donations. Lincoln Tomb Fund, we have a net income of a thousand dollars. That's been pretty much self-sufficient based on the contributions by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Plus the money we gain from the the luncheon itself. And the Blue / Grey Ball again, that's here as a separate account. Solely so that the Committee can pay their expenses out of the proceeds of the tickets that are sold, and then the net income goes into the GAR Fund and then it's presented to the National Park Service the following year. All right. Back to the page to the Permanent Fund. I think there's some misunderstanding by some of the Brothers on how this fund works. The fund itself is considered to be a restricted account by our Constitution. We cannot spend the principal. The only way we could ever spend that principal would be if a Bankruptcy Court spent it by dissolving the Organization. Life Membership Fees,

the National Membership-at-Large Member Application Fees, Honor Roll Contributions, Bequests that are not specified for another purpose, all become part of the principal as soon as they are received. They are not available to be expended. The only thing from this fund that we can spend is the income, the interest income. And that is needed to cover all the Life Membership reimbursements, the per capita on behalf of the Life Members, and some miscellaneous expenses. We did not transfer any money of the per capita because there was insufficient funds to cover it. The eight thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars that is here does not cover the per capita on four hundred and eighteen Brothers. Now you could calculate it out what it, what it would take in order to pay four hundred and eighteen Brothers' twenty-three dollars per capita. As a result, that money is not going into the General Fund. In the current fiscal year, the budget does propose taking as much as we can, which still lets us something in the order of six thousand dollars short of paying it. And that is why the recommendation in my report, to suspend the fund, because every Brother who becomes a Life Member, it's twenty-three dollars less per year that we have in the General Fund, and reduces the ability to cover our expenses in that fund. The other report you have, I'm not going to go over this thing in any great detail. This is a detailed breakdown of where the income and where the expenses went for each fund. if there are any questions I'll be glad to answer them. I don't want to take up more time. I'm way over my five minutes as it is and Don's gonna be hitting me over the head with a gavel pretty soon.

Encampment

(laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

So if there's any questions, I'll be glad to answer them. Yes, sir?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I do have one question for you Brother Orr. On Page 11 of your report under the term accountant I noticed in the votes, we did not have a vote for, for the new accountant. And I believe the old one, we had a contract with. Has a contract been issued to that new accountant?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We did not have a vote because we needed to switch it immediately and the Commander-in-Chief did sign the contract with her.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I just wanted to know we had a contract with the first one. I just wanted to make sure we had ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We, we ...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

... (indistinguishable) with the second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It was the same contract except she asked for two dollars an hour more. The running offer is twenty-five dollars an hour, which is still about a quarter of what we would pay if we went out on the open market.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I just wanted to make sure we had a contract.

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Complete, Richard?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's it for now.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Quartermaster. Danny, National Quartermaster Report. Do you have anything to add?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

no sir, I don't.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I didn't hear what you said, Danny.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Commander, the National Quartermaster has nothing more to report.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Council of Administration, Leo Kennedy. Anything to add to your report?

Leo F. Kennedy, Council of Administration

No

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council of Administration, Alan Russ. Anything to add to your report?

Alan L. Russ, Council of Administration

Alan Russ, Past Department Commander, Kansas, and Council Member nothing to add.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Council Administration Member, Tad Campbell. Anything to add?

Tad Campbell, Council of Administration

Nothing to add, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Council Administration Member, Ken Freshley.

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Nothing to add, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council Administration William Vieira has been excused. And nothing else to add that he's asked me to. Council Administration Member, Robert Petrovic. Anything to add?

Robert M. Petrovic, Council of Administration

(Indistinguishable) Commander.

Indistinguishable

Nothing.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer Garry Brewer is not here and has nothing to add. National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski.

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Nothing to add, Commander.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Chief of Staff, Alan Russ. Have anything to add?

Alan L. Russ, Chief of Staff

Nothing to add, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. I have something to add. You were one hell of a Chief of Staff. You would bail me out all year and thank you a million.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Civil War Memorial Officer, Bruce Butgereit.

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Bruce Butgereit Department of Michigan, Civil War Memorials Officer. I would like to provide some numbers in addition to the report that I submitted ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

... just as a final re-cap of where we are.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Bruce, what page is your report on?

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Thirty-eight.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thirty-eight. Thank you.

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

We have now scanned into a data base three hundred and ninety-six Form 61's. Total pages is three thousand two hundred and forty-four. We have three hundred and seventy-three Form 61's, twenty-three of those didn't have a Form 61 attached. Of the total memorials broken down that are listed on the Form 61's, we have one hundred and seventeen monuments with sculptures, sixty-six monuments without sculptures, sixty-three plaques, forty-nine historical markers, thirty-three monuments with cannons, twenty-eight monuments without cannons, ten GAR Hall memorial buildings, ten flag poles, five landmarks, four memorial fountains, four stained glass, three memorial urns, and two memorial trees. Using, and I share this number just to give each of you a thought to reflect on your own Department. In Michigan, we estimate we have about four hundred and thirty-five Civil War Memorials. For what we have in the archives of the Civil War Memorials national position, we have thirty from California, three from Colorado, one from Connecticut, one from Delaware, two from Florida, sixty-six from Illinois, five from Indiana, one from Iowa. Yet Iowa has a fantastic website listing most of their memorials. We need the 61's as well. Kansas, thirty-five, Kentucky, three, Maine, three, Maryland, none. Massachusetts, thirty-three, Michigan, seventy-eight, Minnesota, one, Missouri, thanks to Brother Walter Busch, who even this past week sent me another packet with dozens of memorials, has over three hundred. Nebraska, four, Nevada, three, New Hampshire, eight, New Jersey, three, New York, four. New York also has a book of some age, but it does list many of their memorials. North Dakota, two, Ohio, nineteen, Oregon, one, Pennsylvania, nineteen, Rhode Island, twenty-five, Tennessee, five, Texas, one, Virginia, one, Washington, five, Wisconsin, twenty-eight. We have one National Cannon. From the District of Columbia, one, and other countries, one. So if Michigan has four hundred and thirty-five, and even in our state, or Department, we've only recorded seventy-eight. We have a lot of work to do. Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Counselor, Donald Darby.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

Nothing to add, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. I have something to add. I'm not the greatest guy in the world for all the x's and o's to put things together and this guy's kept 'em all in line for me this year. Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I am challenging part of the Opinion 7 and moving that part of it be vacated. Opinion 7, the question from the Department of Oklahoma, was two issues and I'm only addressing the first issue. Can a seated Camp Commander who has not yet completed his first term of office run for the office of Department Commander. The National Counselor advised you and you issued a General Order that he could not, that it was required that he have the rank of Past Camp Commander. And so I would suggest to you that that is not in the Regulations. I therefore move that Opinion 7 be vacated, the first part be vacated as not an accurate reading of the Regulation. As cited by the National Counselor, Regulations Chapter 2, Department, Departments, Article 4, Section 2, requires that a Brother have served as a Camp Commander in order to be eligible to be elected Department Commander. Unlike Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 2 of the Regulations, that specifies that in order to be, hold the office of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, or Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, that the Brother must hold the rank of Past Department Commander. Such language is not contained in the Article pertaining to Department Commander. The opinion ignores the difference in the language between the requirements of the office of Commander-in-Chief and the requirements of the office Department Commander. If the same requirement was meant to apply to the office of Department Commander, the same language would have been used. Since it was not, it must be read that there is no requirement to be a Past Camp Commander to be elected Department Commander. The basis of the opinion appears to be on the meaning of the word served. And it assumes that served means to the completion of a term of office. According to Webster, among many other meanings, the term means to have held the office or to have performed the duties of an office with no time constraint in the meaning. And that does not affect service is for one hour or one year. Further ruling of Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer cited to support this opinion does not reference a requirement to be a Past Camp Commander. It only refails, refers to the failure of Roger Ward, who had served as a Camp Commander. Which in the case cited, voided the election as Department Commander, thus voided the rank of Past Department Commander, and made the Brother ineligible for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It was not a question of how long Roger had served the Camp as Commander, it was the fact that he had never been elected or served one day as a Camp Commander. Had he been elected to the office of Camp Commander and served one day, the ruling of Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer would have been very different. Taken together with the second part of the Opinion, there is nothing to preclude a sitting Camp Commander from being elected to Department Commander as long as he resigns as Camp Commander before entering the office of Department Commander. And therefore make the motion that that portion of the opinion be vacated and that portion of General Order 16, Part 1, which concurs with that ruling be vacated. It is not a requirement to be a Past Camp Commander to hold the office of

Department Commander.

Indistinguishable

Support.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and we have a second. Discussion?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

However I did get news that a pending of views, Opinion 7 of National Counselor be vacated.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Part one.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Part one. Thank you for that. I appreciate it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion? All those in favor of the motion, signify by raising your card. Okay. All those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Eagle Scout Coordinator, Robert Petrovic. Anything to add?

Robert M. Petrovic, Council of Administration

Nothing to add.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

GAR Highway Officer, Gary Parrott, which I believe is not here, and did not send anything to add.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Grave Registration Officer, Bruce Frail. Do you have anything to add?

Bruce D. Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Nothing further to add.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Historian, Robert Woltz, do you have anything to add?

Robert Woltz, National Historian

Nothing to add, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I finally met the guy. Had the most interesting articles in The Banner for years. Thank you. You do a great job.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Perley Mellor. Anything to add?

Perley E. Mellor, National Liaison to Cathedral Of The Pines

Nothing, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Liaison to MOLLUS. Anything to add, Keith?

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Nothing to add, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ. Anything to add?

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

Nothing to add, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I made this job a lot easier for next year.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, if I may. I would just, I think the Brothers need to know, the National Membership-at-Large, through the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, has once again made their thousand dollar contribution already up-front to the National Order. This is from excess dues, I suppose is a way to put it. We do charge the same per capita dues for the National Members-at-Large that we, that is levied on the Departments for their members. And obviously the expenses are not the same and it then comes to the benefit of the National Order. And Brother Russ has been passing on that excess, for every year he's held the office. So, I want to thank you for that.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Patriotic Instructor, Donald Martin. Anything to add?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, National Patriotic Instructor. Just wanted to update on Memorial University. Currently, we have two hundred and three people that are enrolled. We have one hundred and eleven graduates.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Signals Officer.

Ken Freshley, National Signals Officer

Nothing to add, sir.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Washington D. C. Representative, Andrew Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, Washington D. C. Representative

Nothing to add, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. This guy's the greatest host you can have in Washington D. C.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Webmaster, Ken Freshley.

Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster

Again, nothing to add.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We'll take a ten minute break for Committee Reports. Would you close the Bible, please?

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

(break)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Chaplain, would you please open the Bible?

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have an announcement by the Host Committee about tonight's Campfire and Courtesy Hour. Mike?

Mike Paquette, Department of Chesapeake

Brothers, the Commander-in-Chief has asked me to speak to you briefly about the Campfire and the Courtesy Hour tonight 'cause it's gonna be a little bit different than it's been done in the past. In your Welcome Packets, in your blue bags, there was a sheet, two sides. One side of it has the order that the Department's gonna go into this year. It's not gonna be alphabetical. The Commander-in-Chief and the National President of the Auxiliary alternated and drew names out of a hat, so Departments were drawn randomly. On the other side of that sheet is a letter that both the Commander-in-Chief and the National President of the Auxiliary signed requesting that your presentations be kept to five minutes in time. So we will help you if you start running a little long, if, especially if you have delegation with both the Auxiliary and the Sons. We'll let you know when half your time is up. And then we'll ring a bell or something not too obtrusive when you have a minute left, and then thirty seconds, and then we'll let you know when the five minutes is up.

Encampment

(chatter)

Mike Paquette, Department of Chesapeake

No, as the Commander-in-Chief pointed out in his letter, if every Department took five minutes, it'd be an hour and forty-five minutes long. A hundred and forty-five minutes, which is over two hours. So we're just trying to keep some control over that and then for entertainment tonight we have a period magician coming in to do a performance for you, so that should go from 7 till 8 p.m. He'll need about a half hour to clear out, and then we'll start the Courtesy Hour promptly at 8:30. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Mike.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Before we start in Communications, I would like to ask our Patriotic Instructor to give one of his prepared messages.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

I have several quotes I'd like to share with you from General William Tecumseh Sherman. And I kind of put these into categories and, kind of how he felt about different things. I kind of think of him a little bit maybe in terms of today. Because I make up my opinions from facts and reasoning, and not to suit anybody but myself. If people don't like my opinions, it makes little difference as I don't solicit their opinions or votes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Politicians. In our country, one class of men makes war and leaves another to fight it out. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for vengeance, blood, and desolation. War is hell. If forced to choose between the penitentiary and the White House for four years, I would choose the penitentiary, thank you.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

The effects of reporters. I hate newspapermen. They come into Camp and pick up their camp rumors and print them as facts. I regard them as spies, which, in truth, they are. By the choice, I would kill every reporter in the world, but I am sure that we would be getting reports from Hell before breakfast.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

I think I understand what military fame is; to be killed on the field of battle and have your name misspelled in the newspapers. About soldiers. Courage is a perfect sensibility of the measure of danger, and a mental willingness to endure it. An army is a collection of armed men obliged to obey one man. Every change in the rules which impairs the principle weakens the army. There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is all hell. I know I had no hand in making this war, and I know I will make more sacrifices today than any of you to secure peace.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So you can hear me in the back. This guy, one hell of a job. I read about forty or so Camp Newsletters and I see the work that he puts out in these Camp Newsletters and then Department Newsletters. I know how effective he is. I'd like everybody to stand and give him a round of applause.

Encampment

(applause)

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Memorial University. What a program. I'd like everybody to stand that has completed that program so far. Look at that. This is terrific. Give yourselves a big hand. Don, I would like for you to now to present and when your name is called, and Don reads the Certificates, I would like you all to come up here. We'll present them to you and then we'll have a photograph taken.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

And these are in order of completion of the course. Roger Tenney, Fort Donelson Camp 62, Tennessee. And if the individual is not here, would their Department Commander please come forward, pick up the Pin and Certificate, and that way you can pass it on to the Brother. George Maple, Jr., Willie Grout Camp Number 25, Massachusetts. David M. DuBrucq, Fort Donelson Camp Number 62, Tennessee. Edwin C. Kinnamon, Charles Sumner Camp Number 25, Chesapeake. Kenneth V. Early, Major General James H. Wilson Camp Number 1, Tennessee. Corwin Andrews, Governor Crapo Camp Number 145, Michigan. Bruce Edward Fortin, Fort Duffield Camp Number 1, Kentucky. Okay. Bruce Fortin Department of Kentucky. Kentucky Commander? Anybody from Kentucky here? John Frantz, Edgar M. Ruhl Camp Number 33, Pennsylvania. If he is not here, he's, okay. Tad Campbell, Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, California. Samuel Floyd Hampton, Jr., Edward Lea Camp, Texas. Allen Davis, Colonel Ellsworth Camp Number 23, California. David K. Labrot, Lieutenant, Lieutenant Commander Edward Lea U. S. Navy Camp Number 2, Texas. Okay. Robert L. Wandel, Sargeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp Number 4, Kansas. Our last one is the first Memorial University Junior and Junior Associates Training Camp Course Graduate. His name is George Michael Huttick, Fort Donelson Camp Number 62, Tennessee. Enjoyed working with you the past two years. Getting to know a lot of you and please come by, introduce yourself today, so I can put a face to the name. Thanks.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're going to go on to the reports of the National Standing Committees. Don, you want to report anything more on the Memorial University, please?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Nothing (indistinguishable).

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on Americanization and Education.

Donald Martin, Americanization and Education Committee

Nothing different.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

You're probably wondering what the discussion up here is and we're not using the microphone is that, when a Standing National Committee has a report that has a recommendation, we are required to take immediate action as an Encampment. So we were inquiring if those reports had any recommendations, and they do not.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Memorials Committee. Bruce?

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Nothing new.

Encampment

(chatter)

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Commander?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

There are some recommendations. Number two may be addressed already as I see Brother Petrovic reported that some changes were made to Form 61. So, we'd have to look at what those changes were. But as far as number one, my recommendation would be to alter the job description of the National Civil War Memorials Officer as it requires that he put a database online and given the fact that we're struggling just to get the 61's and the information input now, my recommendation is to just simply create a link to each Department from the National Site. So from the National Memorials page, we could have a link to each of the Departments, which would just link to what they already have posted or should have posted. Thus, saving the duplication of efforts.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Are you asking for a change in their job description or are you asking to add that to ...

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

The job description now states that the National Officer is required to create or post an online data base of the memorials. We don't have one. So my recommendation is to change the job description to not require him to do that.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. The job descriptions are a part of the Regulations. Therefore I would move you that this go the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. And the second part of that, dealing with some links, go to Committee on Communications and Technology. Because that will require a change in their job and they have to approve any of those changes to the website.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're gonna split it and then refer to the Committees.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The change in job description will go to C and R because they are part of the Regulations. And the portion dealing with the link on the

link on the National Website go to Communications and Technology.

Encampment

(chatter)

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

And I guess in my report I also have created the Handbook of Instruction for the Memorials Officers. That probably should go to the appropriate Committee as well. It's similar to the Patriotic Instructor Handbook.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Number two then would go to Programs and Policy. Thank you, Bruce.

Bruce Butgereit, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Thank you, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

If anybody has any recommendations when I call, please give the page it's on and read what the recommendations are. Committee on Communications and Technology.

Ken L. Freshley, Communications and Technology

Commander, Page 70, sorry 69. No recommendations.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The next one is the Site Committee.

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Jim Houston, Past Commander, Department of Ohio, Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee. Just some clarifications and please read on the bottom of the page beginning, bottom of Page 68. The National Encampment next year will be in Los Angeles, California, and the Department of California and Pacific will be providing more information on that Encampment later in this Encampment time. The next Encampment will be in 2013 in Milwaukee, in suburban Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You can read about that and the current information there. We continue to talk with Departments about 2014 and subsequent times. In fact, we talked to several Departments extensively here already at this Encampment. I call your attention to the Committee's opinion on some recommendations that will be coming forth in the Constitution and Regulations Committee, and we are inarguably opposed to any change in the operation of the National Site Committee, to-wit: the addition of members to the Committee ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Point of order, Commander-in-Chief. This is out of order because that's another topic to be taken up under another Committee. He's expressing an opinion on something that is not beyond, not on the floor.

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable) recommendation.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, that is not a recommendation.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Well, is that a recommendation or not?

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Well, can we have a ruling on that from the Counselor?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. To you to Brother Orr, in your objection, you mentioned that this was going to come up by another Committee. What other Committee is that, to start with. And the recommendation's a really, at least in my mind, no different from the recommendations that were made in a report that was submitted to the C and R Committee earlier. Which the C and R Committee has not reported on yet because it hasn't come up.

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Well, we will withhold our comment on that until the C and R Committee makes their report, that's appropriate.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That was the point. It's this is within the prevue of the C and R Committee and he's commenting on something they have not reported on yet.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

But what he's coming up with ...

Indistinguishable

Microphone.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

... is a change that was actually reported in your Treasurer's Report. So if you have a Treasurer's Report then the Committee can also report that they find that ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

But by your previous motion, those were already referred to the C and R Committee because they were in an Officer's Report and your motion was they be referred to the appropriate Committee. You know, before we started Officer's Reports ...

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

We will withhold comment until the C and R Report then. Thanks.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Just for information, the C and R Committee asked me to have the Site Committee talk before they did, so they're well aware of it. Committee on Constitution and Regulations. Brother Grim.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Bob Grim, Chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee. If you would look at the very bottom of Page 41, that's where my report starts, but all the information is really on, beginning on Page 42. It's gonna, probably take more than our allotted five minutes.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Recommends we take more than five minutes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, we have several proposals. If you look at them, we've identified them as Proposal Number 1 through I believe there's twenty-nine all together. We tried to indicate where the Committee received the request from and then we have an editorial note before each proposed amendment to our Regulations. This is the Committee's idea of basically what the change is going to include. And the change then is in the bold type or in some cases, we've deleted information which will have a strike through. So we will begin with Proposal Number 1, which this change will replace Section 6 with a new section in Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 6, and basically this is going to deal with dual members. If we have a member who is a dual or a member of more than one Camp, he's only going to pay the National per capita on his home Camp or his Camp that he identifies as the home Camp. So on Page 42, you see there the new proposed Section 6. We're not going to take time to read all that. Hopefully you can read it. And it's the recommendation of the Committee that we adopt this change to the Regulations.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I rise in opposition. First of all the wording on this Proposal excludes Associates. If you go back to the definition of membership under Article 7 of the Constitution, that does not conclude Associates because they are not members. Second, this is a bookkeeping nightmare for the Executive Director. We have continuously and religiously refused to make this change. Those of us who have been active in Boy Scouts for years know that it's an old trick with the Boy Scouts to register with five or six units and end up never paying your dues. It doesn't get tracked. If this was applicable only within a Department, and it was the Department's responsibility to worry about whether or not someone was in belonged to two members, that's fine. I would have no objection to that. Crossing Department lines makes it a problem for the Executive Director. It makes a problem for the National Treasurer in trying to keep track of who has paid and who hasn't. Second, Camps do not pay National per capita tax. The National Organization levies the per capita tax on the Departments. The Departments then pass that on plus their own additional per capita tax to the Camps. So the wording referencing National per capita tax here in two locations is inaccurate and inappropriate. I would suggest this be sent back to the Committee for further review.

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

I will second that. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

(Indistinguishable) to mention that the language refers to the various forms that are filed by the Camp and the Department, and those forms indicate whether a person has paid the per capita or not.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we refer it back to the Standing Committee on ...

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

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

I got a question to you. Are we operating under ad-seriatim? Did I miss that while I was sleeping back here or what? We are not under ad-seriatim yet, correct?

Indistinguishable

Correct.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

That's correct.

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

All right. Can I make that motion now?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There's already a motion on the floor.

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

There's another motion on the floor. That's correct.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any more discussion on the motion and second on the floor? All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed? Let's count the cards guys. Let's raise, those in favor, raise your cards again please.

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

Can we have a repeat of the motion. They're asking about the motion is back here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The motion is a motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Kuhn, to refer this issue Proposal Number 1 back to the Committee for review.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, cards down.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All those opposed, raise your cards. Count again please.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Cards down.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes.

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

Brother Commander? Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

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

I would move you that all further recommendations of all further Committee Reports be handled ad-seriatim at the sound of the gavel.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I object.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Object.

Encampment

(laughter)

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

Those with the exception of the dealing with our Constitution.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And Regulations.

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

And Regulations.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Only if it's an affirmative vote to adopt it. You can do that ad-seriatim and reject it. But you need the two-thirds majority to pass an amendment to the Regulations.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. On Page 42, Proposal Number 2, this change will add three new sections to Chapter 1, Article 2 relating to dual members and we'll be renumbering some sections there. Section 7A deals with dual members who serve as elected officer in more than one Camp at the same time. When they served in an elected office and an appointed office at the same time in different Camps, then they vote in each Camp. Paragraph B - dual members shall not serve as an elected officer in more than one Department at the same time. When they serve in their elected office and an appointed office at the same time in different Departments. And Paragraph C - dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp. And a new Section 8 - dual members shall only be counted in their primary or home Camp in the total membership count of a Department, but listed on each Camp Roster. And new Paragraph 9 Section 9, a dual member shall only be eligible as a Delegate to Department and National Encampments from their primary or home Camp. The Committee recommends the approval of this change.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Department Commander. I would move you concurrence with striking 7 C. We have too many new Camps that rely on that fifth person to be a dual member to get them going but then turn out to be great Camps. And you just, you're hampering the installation of that Camp and hampering them from getting the work of the Order done.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief? James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I stand in opposition to this amendment, particularly the entire Section 7. I think this hampers the local Camp. Currently if a person holds another elected office and they're nominated for a new office, they disclose what the other elected office is and then it's up to the Brothers of that Camp to determine if there's going to be a problem or not in electing 'em to hold an office. I know in my own Department with up-and-coming Camps or struggling Camps, we see more experienced members take a dual membership in that struggling Camp and sometimes get elected as an officer to help them out. And to do that, you're saying you've got to resign an office you hold in your primary Camp. I don't think is appropriate, let the Camps involved make the decision of whether or not there's going to be a conflict of interest or a problem and don't tie their hands if, from a National level. So I stand in opposition to this 2nd Proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Kevin?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I also stand in opposition to all of the recommendations. When we're starting new Camps many times experienced members having dual membership can guide that Camp into being a strong a strong Camp with the experience that they carry from the other Camps. Since the one Camp has no bearing on the finances or programs of the other Camp, it shouldn't make a difference. Just like someone can serve as a Camp officer and a Department officer. But, you can't serve two elected positions in the same organization. But they're not the same organization, they're separate Camps. We think it's important. We have a Camp that we're trying to start at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, made up of homeless veterans. And we need some leadership on there to get them started. They're not going to know how to do things on their own. And it's a key to the program that we have coming up, so, I would again stand in opposition to this.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother John?

John M. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

John McNulty, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania. I also stand in opposition to this. Several of our Brothers have gone from their original Camps to other Camps and served as officers in both Camps at times to save Camps or to establish new Camps. I have done it myself. It works. If you start limiting people, we're either not going to be able to start new Camps, which we badly need, or we're going to lose Camps that we can save. And we need them as well. We're cutting our own throats if we do this, Brothers.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. The one thing that I'm not hearing, this was brought about by the Department of Nebraska?

Indistinguishable

Uh huh.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

How about explaining your reasoning for asking for this to be done? Maybe they know something we don't.

Encampment

(chatter)

Merle Rudebusch, Department of Nebraska

Merle Rudebusch Department Secretary in Department of Nebraska. The reason for dual membership and the issue of the influence that one person can have if they have an elected office in more than one Camp, in the Department, or the influence on other Camps. So therefore, this is not all there's some other language we didn't add, but this was concerned about if they were appointed office, they could be a Chaplain or a Patriotic Instructor, but an elected office, in other words, we don't want to see two Camp Commanders. One person serving as two Camp Commanders in that role. Because they can exert an influence at the Department level. And this is primarily one of the reasons that we put that clause in there for a recommendation. The order, the count is another issue and they shall not be counted toward requirement of members to establish a new Camp. This is, was not one of our considerations. It, there was another resolution. I think that was combined with that one.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr. This is my second time. My first comment is, and I'll preface this because I understand some of the unstated reasons behind this from the Department. There's nothing that precludes the Department from putting such restrictions in their own by-laws. Any Department, if the Department wants to. On the other hand, I don't think that we should hamper twenty-six Departments because one Department has a need to solve a problem. The Section 9 is a restatement of another Regulation that covers all Brothers, that you can only represent one Camp at a time at a Department Encampment. You can only represent one Department at a time at the National Encampment. So, there is, in the case of somebody being a Commander of two different Camps, he has to decide which one he's representing. He doesn't get two votes. That's already in the Regulations. I have a little problem with Section 8 and 9 and therefore, Commander-in-Chief, I would move you first that we divide this question, taking Section 7 separately and apart from Section 8 and 9 and then proceed from there.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are now gonna ...

Indistinguishable

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second?

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Second.

Indistinguishable

Right here.

Indistinguishable

Yeah.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Yeah.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Who is it? State your name, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

State your name.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

I would second that. Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska, Chaplain.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any other discussion?

Indistinguishable

We're dividing 7 and 8? What are we dividing?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Kevin, this is your second time.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

It's a new motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I disagree with Brother Orr. I think that if someone's a dual member and they should be able to be a Delegate from either Camp. They can't be from both, but they certainly can be from either. I think it hurts Departments. You want to get as much representation as you can.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Kevin, I think that's what he says.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

If their Camp elects them as a Delegate to represent their Camp, it's not influencing another Camp, he's just a Delegate for that Camp.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's what he said, Kevin.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I understand. I don't think the question should be split. I think that all of it should be defeated.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's discussion. So either, you're doing discussion right now. When you get to the vote, you're either gonna vote ... Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Right now you're in the discussion phase. There is a motion to split the vote or to split 7 from 8, 9, and the rest. When you get through discussion, you're going to vote whether to separate this or to leave it all at once. Once you do that, if you separate it, then you're gonna vote for 7 independently of the rest of 'em. If you leave it together, it's all gonna go either up or down, on a single vote. Everyone understand that?

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are gonna vote on separating Section 7.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay. The motion at this point is to divide the proposal Section 7 from proposal Section 8 and 9.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All those in favor, raise your cards. Okay. All those opposed? Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now, now we need to vote on if you approve Section 7. Everybody understand what we're voting on? Okay. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed?

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Now we're gonna vote on Section 8.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

8 and 9.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're now gonna vote then on new numbered Sections will be 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

So what we're doing is, what is in your report as Section 8 will become Section 7. What is in your report as Section 9 will become Section 8. The existing Section 7 and 8 will be renumbered 9 and 10.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do we understand?

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Let's try it this way. Let's vote on what's in the report 8 and 9, understanding that they'll be renumbering of Sections if it is adopted.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Point of order. I don't believe we've actually had a discussion on 8, on the newly renumbered Sections. We've basically had a discussion on the Section 7, but we haven't really discussed these and we're about to take a vote. So I'm wondering if we should have a discussion first.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

On the newly renumbered, Number 7 and 8.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We will accept discussion on the new numbers 7 and 8.

Encampment

(chatter)

David Sosnowski, Department of Pennsylvania

Dave Sosnowski, Pennsylvania. On Section 8, you have primary or home Camp where you struck the language out on Section 7. So, there's how do you designate a primary Camp?

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Brother Sosnowski, James Pahl, you're already required to do that under different sections of the Regulations.

David Sosnowski, Department of Pennsylvania

Okay. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Kevin?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I don't have any problem with Section 8, but Section 9 is going to serve to limit the number of Delegates that a Department can bring to the National Encampment or a Camp can bring to a Department Encampment. I think we should maximize the number of Delegates. I would stand in opposition to number 9.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Kevin, retake the microphone a minute. I have question..., microphone. Okay. restate that. I'm confused on what you're saying.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I stand in opposition to Section, Section 9. I'm sorry. Is it re-section 8? I'm confused on what number this is now, what's printed as Section 9, dual members shall only be eligible to the Delegate, to Department and National Encampments from their primary or home Camp. I think if one of their Camps has a full Delegation, they would de facto lose, the Department would de facto lose a Delegate. It's fine for the count, but I think that they should be able to be a Delegate from either Camp.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Marc Witkovski, Department Chaplain. Point of information first of all is can we have discussion on these separate Sections without splitting them first?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We're discussing them right now.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Well he's wants to, he's in opposition just to one part, not both. So that's why my question is, do we have to split that before we can even consider ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

... the separate Sections. Okay. All right. I would also like to speak in behalf of this. I have dual membership because I was brought in as Camp Commander to help a struggling Camp. And my home Camp is still the Camp I originated in which I plan on going back to when my time is done with the second Camp and I don't understand that it's some people's opposition to this in that it will impair Delegates because you're gonna be a Delegate to the National Encampment from your Department. Okay? So that wouldn't really apply. And as a Camp Delegate you only get to vote once. So we would like to make it that your initial Camp, and we're coming from the point of view for those of us who are either starting new Camps or are going to help struggling Camps, that you're

voting privileges would stay with your original Camp unless, I mean, most of us are not planning on staying with that second Camp in that we went there to help a struggling Camp or to start a new one.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Through you, may I ask Brother Tucker a question? Through you?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Pardon?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

May I ask Brother Tucker a question?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Without it counting as my time? Kevin I understand your concern. my question is, if we take the phrase either primary or home Camp and change it to number one, would that, would that alleviate your concerns?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Yes it would. Definitely.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Then I would suggest that you make such a motion.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Thank you. I make a motion that Section 8, the newly renumbered that we change home Camp from their primary or home Camp to either Camp.

Encampment

(chatter)

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Okay, one Camp, sorry.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'll second Brother Tucker's motion.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on ...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, let's raise the cards. All those in favor ...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief? Commander-in-Chief? Commander-in-Chief, I have a clarification.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I want to make sure I understand. The exact wording then would be, a dual member shall only be eligible as a Delegate to Department or National Encampments from one Camp. Is that correct?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

That's correct.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Or Department. It should say or Department. One Camp or Department.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I rephrase that to one Camp or Department.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I just want to make sure that we had the phrasing correct.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes there was. Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
I did second it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I've got it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

it reads now motion by Brother Tucker, seconded by Brother Orr,
to change primary or home to one Camp or Department, for Section, old
Section 8, new Section 7.

Indistinguishable

No.

Encampment

(chatter)

E James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Replace the words their primary or home ...

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Their primary or home ...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

... with the word one. Add behind Camp or Department. Period.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Does everybody understand what we're voting on?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now, all those in favor, raise your blue cards. All opposed, same
sign. Motion passes.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Now we need to vote on new Section 7 and new Section 8 ...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

As amended.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... as amended. All those in favor, raise your blue cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

We now have Proposal Number 3 on Page 43. This will change Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 2. And this change requires the Camp Installing Officer to complete the Installing Officer's Report Form 22 before leaving the meeting. And you can see the bold print as the change or the amendment that we're looking for. The Committee recommends adoption of this.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I have a motion. We have a second?

Greg Carter, Department of Illinois

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have discussion?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Would you come and state your name for second? So it will be on the record.

Greg Carter, Department of Illinois

Greg Carter, Monuments Officer for the Department of Illinois. I second that.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

The only issue I have with this is that all National Forms have to be printed out on a computer or typed and that may be difficult to do at an Installation before you leave.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Can you identify yourself?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I'm sorry. Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I think that would be too difficult to attempt.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don?

Indistinguishable

Wait.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I had the same question as you did, Kevin. The thing is what in you, I didn't read, what I think you didn't read, this is the Installing Officer from the Camp. The elections are held at one meeting, the installation is

done at a next meeting, that gives you x number of time to do that installation.

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Pennsylvania. Brother through you to Brother Darby, that's assuming a lot. I mean, there is a lot of times Camps will elect the officers ...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Ehh ...

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

... and install them.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Can't do it.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

No you can't. You elect, you have to have your elections before December, you install in January.

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

Not necessarily. You must be elected, and installation can occur the same day.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Charlie, the Regulations say that the elections must take place between the 1st of November and the 31st of December.

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

Right.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And you cannot install until the 1st of January. So a Camp that installs the same day, they're violating the Regulations.

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Alan Russ, Past Department Commander, Kansas. I believe the Regulations say the elections can be held October through December, with installations November through January. And I would prefer a moment that we actually refer to the Regulation on that.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Might I ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Your name is?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would suggest that all we need to do to rectify this is for the incoming Commander-in-Chief to issue a General Order modifying the Regulations to not require the Installing Officer to type his report, but simply print it legibly. And

then pre-typing does not become an issue for that report. The reason for this is, these need to be done and into the Department Secretary so that they, and this has the EIN information, it has the contact information for the Camp Treasurer. It's all part of a package here to resolve the EIN reporting problem that we discussed at length last night and discussed a little bit earlier today and this sets right now and we've had Camps who said, well, our Installing Officer took the report with him. He didn't sign it, didn't give it to us. Particularly in those Departments who actually follow the ritual and have an Installing Officer appointed by a Department Commander who is not from that Camp and they don't get reported, they don't get in, in a timely fashion, so that delays everything. The whole purpose of this was to put a time certain on when the report would be forwarded to the Department Secretary to make his job a little bit easier.

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ, Past Department Commander, Kansas. Just for reference, it is Chapter 1, Article 4, Sections 2 and 3 of the Regulations, which specify the period October through December for, inclusive for elections, and installations at the between the first meeting of November and the first meeting of the following January inclusive.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Alan. Marc?

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska, Chaplain. I want to speak out in favor of this. I was Installing Officer once in a Camp that was some distance from my home and by the time I got in the car, at some point I lost the list of the Officers I installed and I had a heck of a time getting a hold of the Camp Secretary to make out that report. So if we do it right there before you leave the meeting, you got the Camp Secretary's information right there. You're probably not going to mess it up like I did. Thank you.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There's two potential solutions. The Installing Officers sign a blank form, except for the parts that he's got to sign off, that he did check the books and all the dues and everything else that were due the Department have been paid, and simply sign the form that he did install the officers and let the Camp Secretary type it out later. Or, we can, purely modify the Regulations regarding, in fact, but that's a General Order. That's not in the Regulations about everything having to be typed. So, either you or the incoming Commander-in-Chief could issue a General Order modifying the standing General Order about all forms having to be typed, allowing the Installing Officer Report Form 22 to be hand written, as long as it is legible. I would, we need to be able to read names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

And the term legible is debatable.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay? I mean, I know what I write, and God has a hard time figuring out what I write. Okay? So, I mean we did the General Order because we couldn't read your handwriting. So Rich is right. You can change that, but it, we're taking two steps back when all we really have to do is have the Camp do an installation on another day after the election, that's it.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Bruce?

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Bruce Frail, Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island. Can't we just modify so that we can have it handwritten with an attachment of something typed later? To be sent in when it's filed?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's, where I guess no different than the suggestion that the Installing Officer simply pre-sign the report.

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

It is in the way that you're getting the signatures on the handwritten copy, and then before the copy is sent in, whoever the Secretary is sending it in types up the Officer's names.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I'll support that motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Are you making a motion?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, we have a motion on the floor now, with a second.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

You, he's moving to make an amendment.

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

I'll make an amendment.

Steven Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Who's the second?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Second it, can you come (indistinguishable).

Steven Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

(indistinguishable)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Steve? Steve what?

Steven Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

Steve Hackett, Department of Rhode Island.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion and we have a second. Discussion?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Are you (indistinguishable).

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

No, but I need to know whether I'm speaking to this replacement motion or to the original motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

You're now, you're now speaking to the amendment, so ...

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

Commander-in-Chief, actually, my comments can be to any of it. I am Phil Caines, Camp Secretary for the General W. S. Rosecrans Camp Number 2 in Los Angeles, California. I am also Department Secretary for the Department of California and Pacific. With regard to the Form for the installation of officers, at the Camp level, the form involved is a three page form. The only information that's going on page three which needs to be signed at the Installation by the Installing Officer, is the list of Past Camp Commanders. That information should not be being changed at the meeting with the exception of well, Brad was the Camp Commander, and we voted him out now, we voted somebody else in now. But he'll have to be added to the Past Camp Commanders List. Otherwise, the listing of the names, addresses, and information for the elected and appointed officers is on pages one and two. You could sign page three at the installation, match it up with the printed, corrected, you know, change of names of who was installed, and still be able to do it. Whether that's being done by the Installing Officer taking the list home, doing it and turning it in? Or whether it's being done by the Camp Secretary taking the signed page three, showing that Glen Roosevelt was the Installing Officer and matching it up with the corrected pages one and two. I just wanted to mention all that.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Kevin?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I disagree with the Brother. I don't think you can have it, a blanket signature that you can get somebody to attach to a document. I agree with Brother Orr. I think the standard needs to be changed so that legible is instead of printed is used and that would solve the whole problem. You wouldn't have to attach anything. If it's not legible, the Department Secretary can always send it back and say do this over and then have it re-done.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So we have a motion and we have a second. And would you read this, sir?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

On to the amendment, I'm sorry.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay. Motion seconded by Steve Hackett to amend the motion to approve Section Proposal 3.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Could you repeat your amendment, please?

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

The amendment is to allow the handwritten Form 22, to allow to be handwritten, okay, by the Installing Officer and signed and then be, prior to being mailed into your Department or to National that an attached typewritten copy of the names be included.

Encampment

(chatter)

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

To allow the Form 22 to be handwritten, as legibly as possible and signed by the Installing Officer ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

Then to have a typed list of the names attached prior to being mailed ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Does everybody understand the amendment? Okay. All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed? Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now we have to vote on the original as amended.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And Gene would like to read it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Original motion to approve Proposal 3 as amended. That's it.

Indistinguishable

Could you hold the mic up, please?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Original motion is to approve the Proposal 3 as amended.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed? Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Now Proposal Number 4 on Page 43. This is a proposal to amend Chapter 1, Article 6, Section 4. And this change will add a new paragraph to requiring the Installing Officer to submit the Report by February the 15th. And you can see the language, the bottom of there on Page 44. Secretary shall forward to Department Secretary when Installing Officers Report Form 22 on or before February 15th of each calendar year. In the case of the Camp-at-Large, the Secretary shall forward the Installing Officers Report Form 22 to the Assistant National Secretary appointed to serve as the Secretary / Treasurer of the Department-at-Large or, on or before February 15th of each calendar year. The Committee recommends adoption of this change.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby second.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Who was, who was the original motion?

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Robert ... Excuse me.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Point of order. James Pahl, Parliamentarian. When it's a recommendation from Committee and they move to have it adopted, it does not require a second. It's automatically on the floor for consideration, Brother Darby.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign.
Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal Number 5 on Page 44. This proposal will change Chapter 1, Article 7, Section 1, by relates to the change will require the new member application fee be submitted by the 15th of the month following receipt of the application. And you can see the change there. With the Camp Status Report Form 27 by the 15th day of the month following receipt of the Application and it strikes out the existing language, with the Annual Per Capita Report. And the Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Commander-in-Chief, Alan Russ, Past Department Commander, Kansas. The Camp Status Report, just for clarification, is Form 30.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

The Committee recommends that we amend that to Form 30. So we'll need to vote on amending it to Form 30.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed?
Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now we need to vote on the change.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

As amended. All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed?
Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, on Page 44 we have Proposal Number 6. This is a change to Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 8 and this adds the word not, which was inadvertently deleted in the previous re-write. And you can see that we have the word inserted in bold type. And the Committee recommends adoption.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed?
Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. Proposal Number 7 on Page 44. This is a change to Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 3. This change will add a new paragraph to this Section requiring the Department Secretary to compile and submit to the National Treasurer a list of EIN's and an IRS contact person by March the 15th. And this requires a new Section which you can find on Page 45, Section B, based on the information contained in the Installing Officers

Report submitted by the Camp Secretary. The Department Secretary shall compile a report consisting of the Entity Identification Number known as EIN and IRS contact person, name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. If there is any, for each Camp, the report shall be provided to the National Treasurer on or before March 15th of each calendar year. This report may be filed electronically by e-mail, spreadsheet, text document, or by mail. Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Page 45, Proposal Number 8, change to Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 3. This change removes the language relating to compensation for the National Secretary. And basically, we need to get rid of the language compensation and then it's going to be a reimbursement later on and some other changes here the expenses rather than compensation. And you can see the strike through on that particular section. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Page 45, Proposal Number 9, amend Chapter 3, Section 5, Article 5, Section 4. And this change removes the language relating to compensation for the National Treasurer and accomplishes the same thing reimburse expenses rather than than compensation. See a strike through there on Page 46. And the Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Page 46, Proposal Number 10. This changes Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 6. This change will add a new paragraph to this Section describing in greater detail the duties of the National Patriotic Instructor relative to the operation of Memorial University. The new Section C, the Americanization and Education Committee, under the direction of the National Patriotic Instructor, shall determine course offerings, develop and continuously update the curriculum, establish Department requirements, and be responsible for the overall management of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial University. And the Committee recommends adopting.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, National Patriotic Instructor. Should there not be a period after the curriculum, before the word establish?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you have a name?

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Charlie Mabie, Department of California and Pacific. The grammar ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

I use the grammar, like the American and Education Committee, comma, under the direction of the National Patriotic Instructor, comma, because it's the Committee under his, not, it's not the Committee it's a grammar thing.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. With that added on the comma ...

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

On Page 46, Proposal Number 11. This proposal changes Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 8. The change will specifically authorize an Assistant National Counselor. You see the bold language in new Section B. The Commander-in-Chief may appoint an Assistant National Counselor who may assist the National Counselor in performing his duties in the act and the place of the National Counselor if the National Counselor is excused from his duties. Committee recommends passage of this proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Question.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I see a potential problem here. If you have an Assistant National Counselor, you have a National Counselor, they both can issue opposing opinions. And then you have a real dilemma. This needs to have some type of restriction on the Assistant National Counselor's authority to issue opinions, we'll say he can act whenever the National Counselor is not available, but there's no language in here that says he can only issue an opinion if the National Counselor is unavailable.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Orr, I think one of the things that need to be considered here

Indistinguishable

What's your name?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Donna, one I would like to say congratulations on your wedding.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Darby. One of the things I think maybe the Commander-in-Chief may appoint an Assistant National Counselor for a period of time. The second part is, even if they do issue opposing opinions, it's just an opinion. The Commander-in-Chief can trash one, both, or keep one of those. So the, the opinion if, if he issues one that counters the, the sitting person, it's up to the Commander-in-Chief to decide which one he's going to pick. So I don't see where that's a problem.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I believe at one point we had a slew of Assistant National Counselors and I don't think we ever, and Jim you can correct me if I'm wrong, but we never ran into a situation where they opposed, they came up with a difference of opinions, did you?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

This is Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl to answer Keith Harrison's question. The purpose of those Assistant National Counselors was entirely different when that existed and they were limited to attorneys to help provide legal assistance to the Order. This is a totally different purpose I believe to allow the Commander-in-Chief to appoint someone to assist the National Counselor in all of his duties, not just rendering legal advice or legal assistance, which was the previous program. So ...

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

In essence, is this Assistant National Counselor would have the same job responsibilities as defined in the Regulations?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. The same thing as I'm currently Assistant National Treasurer, I can act if Rich is unable to act.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right, but you can't ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

The purpose here is to give someone, or if that National Counselor disqualifies themselves from rendering an opinion because of personal bias or interest this allows Commander-in-Chief to appoint someone to stand in place of and act as National Counselor because the National Counselor disqualified himself for a particular issue.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I still think we're just playing on words here that, I'm doing a what if scenario that probably will not happen.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Actually the disqualification issue was discussed this past year and so it became an issue that whether he should ...

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... he should have disqualified himself or not. This allows a mechanism that should that happen we can be covered.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, it's (indistinguishable).

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And you are?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Orr, Past Department Commander ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

... Pennsylvania, National Treasurer and I don't know what else.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

While Keith is right in one respect for talking language, to me it seems that it would be much better if this was enabling language allowing the temporary appointment of an Acting National Counselor, considering the scenarios that are being mentioned here. Should the National Counselor, for whatever reason, maybe he's got to have major surgery and he's gonna be out or, he's unavailable for six or eight weeks and you need somebody in the meantime. Or excusing himself because he's already been involved within his Department in an issue that comes in for an opinion of the National Counselor. There's a difference between an Acting National Counselor, who has a very limited time frame, and has the whole authority of the National Counselor, as opposed to someone where you have a National Counselor and you have an Assistant National Counselor, and they may never be on the same page. And then you get conflicting advice being given to the Commander-in-Chief. And you get that already from three people sitting up here, so ...

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I would move you that this be, I would move you that this be worded to change, the Commander-in-Chief may appoint an Acting National Counselor, who may perform the duties of the National Counselor should the National Counselor be excused or asked to be what's the, or disabled, or request to be what's the word I'm looking for?

Indistinguishable

Recused.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

... recused from a particular incident.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Say that again?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Excused, disabled, or asked to be recused, or recuses himself. Whichever the right wording is.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

Is that a motion?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Indistinguishable

Second?

Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts

Yes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim?

James Braden, Department of Iowa

Jim Braden, Department of Iowa, Commander. I understand the intent. I think the verbiage as proposed on Page 46 would suffice and be sufficient if we simply change the word and after his duties to or. Because then that covers the ability to act as an Assistant to the National Counselor in the first part, and it covers the ability to act in his stead in the second part.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Brother, the difference is that an Acting National Counselor is not a standing appointment. He would only be appointed should the circumstances arise, so therefore he's not assisting at any time.

James Braden, Department of Iowa

Okay. Okay. Very good. That's clarification that is well taken. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

We have a motion and a second. Do you want me to read it?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Brother Orr moved to reword the paragraph to appoint an Acting National Counselor should the National Counselor be excused, disabled, or asked to be recused. Seconded by Perley, Brother Mellor.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion. We have a second. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. On Page 46, Proposal Number 12. This is a change to Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 9. This change will bring the language and regulations in conformity with the language in the job description for the National Historian. It eliminates saving all Civil War Materials by the National Historian. And you can see the strike through. And that change it to Members of the Grand Army of the Republic. And the Committee recommends approval.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have three people. The first one to rise was Past Commander-in-Chief Kennedy.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief. Upon taking a look at this, I don't disagree with the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, but that would prohibit any Soldier, Sailor, or Marine who died in the service of the country as they were not members of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as other Civil War Veterans who did not join the Grand Army of the Republic. So it would be prohibiting a great number of veterans. We may want to you know, preserve some of their records as well.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Dean?

Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer

Commander, Dean Enderlin, Department of California and Pacific National GAR Records Officer. I have to confess. I think I started us down this path and I'd like to perhaps suggest something. The reason this was brought up was because in trying to review and write up my own job description, I reviewed some of the historical work that was done describing the job description of the National Historian, and discovered a conflict between the C & R's and the job description of the National Historian and brought that to attention of Brother Orr and he suggested that I approach the Committee with this. Since then, I discovered that the origin of this goes back to the 2006 Encampment, in which the Council of Administration first approved the GAR Records Officer and the GAR Records Committee, and recommended that all references to GAR Records be removed from the job descriptions. At that time placing the purpose of the Civil, for the National Historian and that Committee on the Civil War and SUVCW Records Activity. And so that was just done to clarify and separate the job descriptions between the GAR Records Committee, the History Committee, the National Historian, and the National GAR Records Officer. So it appears that the action was taken back in 2006. What appears to have happened is that the job description of the National Historian was not updated at that time. And, so it wasn't a matter of striking out to the Civil War, it was a matter of striking out references to the Grand Army of the Republic, to make it consistent with the duties as defined in the C & R, between that and the job description.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Jerry?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Jerome Kowalski, Chaplain, Department of Illinois. I stand in opposition to this suggestion, this proposal, to say that we should only collect information about members of the Grand Army of the Republic leaves a whole lot of information out that we should not disregard. We probably may have to throw out a great deal of stuff we already have if we only keep what pertains to the Grand Army of the Republic. So I would suggest voting against it.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

I might mention that the Committee sort of looked at it a little differently. We were looking at it from the point of view that we were requiring the Historian to go out and collect and preserve all this Civil War biographical and other materials with no place to put it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion. We have a second. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed? It's the first time I haven't said motion passes. Motion's rejected.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Sir?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

If I may, Richard Orr, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania. I would suggest that this be referred back to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, the GAR Records Committee, and the National Historian, there are differences between the job descriptions and the regulation, and to come up come up with language that is acceptable to all three of them for them to present it next year.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

You can refer the issue back. Even though the amendment has been rejected, the issue can be referred back. They're not giving any language. You're just telling them to start over guys and come up with something that works.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We refer the motion then back to the C & R Committee.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

No?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

That is a motion to refer the subject matter back to those three Committees to come up with a workable solution between the three of them.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second. This is George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Dean?

Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer

Commander, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. Once again, I refer the Committee to the 2006 proceedings where the National Encampment acted on this topic and specifically recommended and approved the removal of wording in the National Historian and History Committee descriptions for GAR. Just to clearly define the duties between GAR Records and History.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Any more discussion? Mr. Gene, would you read this back please?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay, motion to refer this issue back to the C & R Committee, the GAR Records Committee, and the National Historian to come up with a workable solution between these three entities.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do we understand the motion? We have a second. All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, since we've been going at this for two hours, I'd like to make a motion for a fifteen minute break because the next one that comes up is going to be ...

Encampment

(chatter)

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

I will second that, Commander-in-Chief. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania.

[three raps ***]

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Would you please close the Bible?

[one rap *]

(break)

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We now, and in your song book on Page ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

On 13.

Encampment

(chatter)

Encampment

(singing - *Marching Through Georgia*)

Encampment

(chatter, laughter, and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we shall now continue with the Reports.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. On Page 37, lucky Number 13. This change to Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 3 - B. This change eliminates language that does not apply to this Life Program since there's no distribution under the 2001 proratement. You can see the material that has been lined out there. And the Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Chair will rule. and do we have a second. We don't need a second.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don't need a second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Chair will rule that we can have five speaking in favor and five speaking in opposition. Therefore, we're open for discussion.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

There being no discussions? There being no discussion, those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed? Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Page 47, Proposal Number 14. This is a change to Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph D. And this change eliminates the requirement that a Camp request Life Membership reimbursement and requires the National Treasurer to send a Life Membership reimbursement to the Camp based on the information on the Form 27 - A. And you can see the current Paragraph D is lined out and the replaced with reimbursement shall be made by the National Treasurer in accordance with the Life Membership List submitted in each Camp's Annual Report, Form 27 - A. Committee recommends adoption of the proposal.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'm going to object. Commander-in-Chief, I would move you non-concurrence with the Committee's recommendation for the following reasons: one, the National Treasurer never receives Form 27, so he

doesn't have the information. And number two, our auditors will not sign off on our audit unless there is a signed receipt for every Camp stating that those members are still actual members, and Form 27 does not meet the requirements for our auditors.

Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake

Point of order. Steve Hammond, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake. This proposal is derived from a resolution made by a Department that we chose not to seat at this Encampment. Should we even be acting on it?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Steve, it's a Report of the Committee. It has nothing to do with the Department being here or not.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, for the information for the Brothers. The origin of this action by the Department of New Jersey is that all of their Life Membership reimbursement was denied because their Department Secretary took it upon himself to collect the forms from every Camp within the Department and mail them to me on the 5th of February. That was the date they were post-marked. The Regulations say that I am to receive them by the 31st of March. So I sent them back and said that by Regulation, I was unable to pay them. And that's the origin. They screwed up, so now they want to change the Regulations.

Indistinguishable

The 31st of ...

Indistinguishable

Of January.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The 31st of March.

Indistinguishable

And they sent it on February 5th?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, I'm sorry. Sent it on April 5th.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second on Richard ... Yes?

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

Commander-in-Chief, I just rise to ask a question. Since this proposal is from a Department which is currently in arrears and not in good standing, is it still a valid proposal?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Alan, it's a recommendation of the Committee and not the Department.

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

Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Can we have a second on the motion?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'll second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Who's that?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Got it. You want for me to read it?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you want to read back what it is?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Yes. Brother Orr moves non-concurrence. Seconded by Brother Pahl because the Treasurer does not get the Form 27 and the auditor ...

Indistinguishable

We can't hear.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

In the back. Use the mic.

Indistinguishable

Brother Orr moves for non-concurrence with the Recommendation, seconded by Brother Pahl because the Treasurer does not get the Form 27 and the Auditors need a signed proof that these members are Life Members. Is that what it was?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Basically, the auditor's want something signed by a Camp Officer saying they're still living, breathing, and a member of the Order.

Indistinguishable

Got it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are gonna vote on ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... non-concurrence. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Go on Page 47, Proposal Number 15. This is a change to Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 5, this change is authorized by the National Encampment in 2010 but had been included in the C & R and was updated. The change removes the restriction on the use of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund. And you can see the wording out there. Committee recommends adoption of proposal 15.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards.

Indistinguishable

We need a second.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

No you don't.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

No you don't. Just a motion. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

On Page 48, we have Proposal 16, Change to Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 9. This change restricts the National Officer reimbursement to actual expenses incurred that can be documented and eliminate expense reimbursement for voting members of the Council of Administration. Can see a line out and the new language is reimbursement for actual expenses supported by documentation up to the amount. And Committee recommends adoption of that part for 9 - A. And part 2, you can see the line out there. And the new language is in dark print, shall be submitted to the National Treasurer. And then we have some more language that is lined out. And we have the same thing on Section 7 there. And the Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in ...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Discussion.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have discussion. Go ahead.

Encampment

(chatter)

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia & South Carolina

Yeah Brian Pierson SBC Georgia / South Carolina. The in Paragraph, Sub-Paragraph 2, which says a final accounting shall be submitted, passive voice. It's a grammar thing. Who submits the report to the National Treasurer? Just a question for clarification purposes. That's all.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

Brother Orr, wouldn't that be like whenever the National Secretary questions every time that we submit something for reimbursement, we have to submit controlling documents attaching the receipts and things that (indistinguishable).

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Only part of the Regulations are here. Section 9 - A deals with National Officers. Sections 1 and 2 deal with the Commander-in-Chief. the difference is, that we do advance the Commander-in-Chief his expenses and this allows him a month and a half after the Encampment closes to submit his final receipts to account for the money that he receives and then that allows me to have that all ready and send the records out to be audited in October. So that's all that, 1 and 2 both

deal with the Commander-in-Chief, and, well actually, Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary and National Treasurer, all three of them have until the 30th of September to submit their final expense reports for the previous calendar year. The last year, in trying to cut the budget expenses, we eliminated the per diem payments to the voting members of the Council of Administration. And we, since we did that, the language in the Regulations authorizing payment of that per diem became moot I guess is really what it is. So, and there are Sections which follow this. So rather than renumber all those Sections, Section 7's just marked reserved.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any more discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, on Page 48, Proposal 17, change to Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 10. This change reflects action taken at the National Encampment in 2009, but not included in the C & R when it was updated. This change increases the maximum amount of Memorial or Monument Grants from five hundred to one thousand dollars. And the Committee recommends approval of this. You can see the language has been lined out and replaced with the bold print.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed? Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

On Page 49, Proposal Number 18, change to Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 10, this change adds a new paragraph to this Section and reflects action taken by the Council of Administration during the past year regarding who receives copies of contracts. And the new Section 11, Paragraph G, copies of all contracts shall be provided to the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor, and Executive Director. And Committee recommends adoption of the proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Page 49, Proposal 19, change to Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 3. This change will add a representative from each of the Allied Orders to the National Site Committee and you can see the current language for Section 3, and the bold print shows the additions. It'd be one representative of each of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, aided in concert with the Sons of Union Veterans. And then the lining out of, between Departments and Camps or Allied Orders that they represent. The Committee recommends adoption.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? Jim Houston.

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Jim Houston, Chairman, National Encampment Site Committee, Department of Ohio, Past Department Commander. As I started to reference back in the report, you look at Page 70, this is a unanimous Committee's opinion. We believe adding members to the National Committee, either from the SUVCW or the Ladies Organizations would not add expertise to carrying out the mission of the Committee and in fact would impede Committee operations. We believe participation of the Ladies Organizations is best addressed at the Host Committee level. That is in operating and planning of a National Encampment. Not in review of the qualifications of potential Host Departments or in detailed review and negotiation of hotel contracts. Our experience has been that participation by the Ladies Organizations at the Host Committee level has been ongoing and most beneficial. So we would like to offer our opinion to reject this proposal.

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

I will second that. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jeffrey, did you have a comment?

Jeffrey ?

I was just going to move to second it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Bruce?

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

I got, I do have a comment, too.

Bruce Butgereit, Department of Michigan

Bruce Butgereit, Department of Michigan, Past Department Commander. I can understand probably both sides. However being the husband of a Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corp, I have to listen to her side, too.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Bruce Butgereit, Department of Michigan

We talk of wanting this to be the Allied Orders Encampment. In fact, it's advertised as such. And yet, if we go back to Kentucky when we talked about really making something happen, low and behold, we forgot to introduce the President of a National Woman's Relief Corp at the banquet that evening, didn't help the cause. We have had other discussions and nothing happens. The Woman's Relief Corp has been waiting to hear from somebody for a number of years, as to where this is going to be. In fact, recent inquiries were finally answered by Brother Michaels out of Wisconsin about 2013. So, we talk of making this truly Allied Orders. We talk about wanting the Daughters and the Woman's Relief Corp to join us, and yet we seem to keep throwing sticks and stones in their way to make that happen. This proposal is a way to actually include them and have a say in that. My wife has also put together Encampments or Conventions for upwards of ten thousand attendees. I think she would disagree with that level of expertise that

she might bring to that. Also, we need to think about the costs involved. And so we're asking them, after it's all said and done, this is your part, just pay for it. And then when they can't or they don't have a say in it, then we wonder why they're not with us. So I would support this issue, at some level, or if we're not going to do that, we have to come up with some way of better communicating that we truly do wish them here.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. no, John?

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Go ahead John. I'll hold off on my ...

John T. McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

John McNulty, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania. Back when Steve Michaels was Commander-in-Chief, he started an initiative to try to rejoin the five Orders back into the Allied Orders, that the Grand Army of the Republic, our ancestors, had intended it to be. It was clearly stated a few years before they went out of existence that they wanted us to work as a family. In Pennsylvania, the four Orders that still meet together, one simply goes off on their own because there's only a few of them left. We have members on our Committee, that picks the sites. Not just the Host Committee, but the Committee itself. Is it a perfect system? No. Sometimes it has its problems. But we make it work because we believe in Pennsylvania, that we are stronger Allied together and that we are doing what our ancestors wanted us to do. So we will work together and we will make it work. If Pennsylvania can do it, I challenge the National Organization to get in line with what our fathers wanted us to do.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Charlie?

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

Brother Commander, kind of a point of order here. We're here to decide the functions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. And why are we letting somebody who's not a member of the Order, or anything else, decide that for us? That is just my opinion. I understand what Brother McNulty is being from Pennsylvania, I've worked with these women before and they do help a lot of times. And it does create a whole new ball of wax to deal with. But I agree with what Jim's saying, that that has to be at a the Encampment Site Committee the local Committee level, rather than at a National level. That's just my opinion. And this is the only time I'll get up on this.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Jim?

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Jim Houston, Department of Ohio, Past Department Commander. I think that the communication definitely might be improved and I might take responsibility for that, although I've tried to communicate with all the current National Presidents about where upcoming Encampments are and so forth, and give them contacts of the Host Committee Chairman. And I think doing that may be (indistinguishable) improved method would solve

that problem. We don't want the Ladies to be offended or not be able to participate in the actual planning and operation of the local Encampments. Such as this Encampment. And they did participate here and as far as I know most of the Ladies Organizations have participated in the organization of the Encampments. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Jerry?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Commander-in-Chief, Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois, Chaplain. I stand in opposition to this proposal. The wagon's not broke. It does not need to be fixed. If we accept this proposal, let me assure you, the wagon will become broken.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby please.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would stand also in opposition to this and one reason is, do the Allied Orders, have enough money to fund that representative to go to the various states and do that? I know a few of the Orders are down to, I mean, you can almost count their membership on your fingers and toes. Now so you're willing to meet with us, your group is gonna have to fund this person to go to Los Angeles, to go to Wisconsin, and they're on a shoestring budget right now, you're gonna kill 'em. The other thing is, what Chaplain Jerry said, if you agree with him, say Amen because it ain't broke, you don't need to fix it.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Indistinguishable (multiple)

Amen.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, Jim.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I think I disagree a little on it ain't broke. I think it is broken, if we adopt this, the practical application would be the LGAR and the Auxiliary get to appoint one member each to the Site Committee and they get to help decide where the Encampment's going to be. The opposite of that is we're telling them where they're going.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I think a partnership in a family requires joint participation. We'd also be telling the Daughters and the Woman's Relief Corp, if you come back and begin meeting with us again, you will have a voice and can be heard. But if you look at the recommendation, the Sons will still control the Committee. We still get to make the final decision. But they're entitled to a voice and be heard. And I think that's a very

appropriate thing to reach out that hand to our Allied Orders, as they're meeting with us, they've consented and agreed I think it's appropriate that we allow them to have a voice, even where we're going to do this.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm not sure in what order here, but I'm going to start with Don and ...

Indistinguishable

Mark.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

Mark Day, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Chesapeake, Encampment Committee representative. I just wanted to say that I felt that we a very inclusive organization within the Encampment Committee. I felt that we had a very inclusive organization and we coordinated, we had the Ladies on the Encampment Committee. They were full participants, those, if they wanted to be. I know that my own wife was the Department's President, attended every meeting for the Auxiliary. Dennis Harding and the others were given an equal opportunity. I think they've had a fairly decent, I think they've had a good encampment. I think that if you keep it at at the Encampment Committee at the Department level, I really believe that you have a closer relationship with the with the women in, that are actually going to be doing this, or actually gonna be part of the Encampment Committee, and are actually gonna be doing the work on the ground. And while and believe me, my wife is very vocal and I understand the gentleman that was speaking earlier. I hear it all the time as well. And but I do believe we have a system that works and I would be in opposition of changing it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, National Patriotic Instructor. I too am in opposition to this. One of the things that most all of us have worked in committees. And it's difficult in and of itself to do that. You don't make it easier by adding more people to the committee. And while I agree with what's been said, that the Allied Orders do need to work together, I don't think this is an area which that step should be taken.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Kevin?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, the Past Department Commander of Department of Massachusetts. What I would ask is the reason that these groups meet separately from us because they didn't like the locations that we pick?

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

I don't think that's the issue.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I think the issue is, I don't know that there is an issue. I think that we ...

Indistinguishable

There is.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

... subsidize this Encampment for them. That, you know, they, it's not like they pay an equal amount. We subsidize this Encampment for them and we be clear about what we're talking about. We're talking about, where it's sited. Not, none of the rest of it. Just where it's sited? I think we've got experts doing it now. Bringing in somebody from the outside and giving them a power with, and I don't know how much responsibility, but, giving them power over one, how we spend our treasury is an issue with me. Also at the end of this, it says all shall be in good standing with their respective Department, Camps, or Allied Orders which they represent. And how do we verify that?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Alan?

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Thank you. Alan Russ, Department of Kansas. I am also in opposition. Having worked with the Site Selection Committee for five years, I found them to be nothing less than totally professional. We could not have had the 2010 Encampment without them. I am also wondering to what effect it would have on site selection with these additional members for those Departments of the Sons who do not have all of the Allied Orders or some of the Allied Orders within their Department areas. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. This is my last time up on this. The one thing you have to understand, this is not just to pick the location. If these people, these representatives are part ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

If these organizations are made part of this thing, then they hold the entire responsibility of exactly what each of the members now handle. It's just not, we want to go to Vegas, it's all when the things go downhill quick, they'll be the ones tap dancing and answering the questions. And I don't think, but it's more than just picking the site. It's a total involvement in that Committee and I am simply against this.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, I'm gonna hear three more.

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

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable) Charlie.

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

Okay.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I have Gene, Rich, and Charlie.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

You've been up twice, Charlie.

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

this is my second time.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Gene first.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I'm not here to stand for or against this thing, but I will tell you this much. I had an opportunity when we were picking this hotel and this site, to work with the Site Committee. And I can tell you, I was amazed as just technical that process was. This is not something that you just go to these site and say, I like this and I like that. There is a myriad of different things that they have to take into consideration. And frankly, I can't see how any more than three people could do an effective job. I mean, this, this is one of those things that truly is, is too many cooks, you know, you know, in brew for, for something like this. It not gonna help at all by putting more bodies on. I mean and frankly, I mean it, maybe if they could bring, if other organizations could bring to the game what we bring to the game like, you know, do they have anyone who's had experience working directly with hotels or working in the entertainment industry or ... And if they had someone who was qualified to those things, then I'd be a little bit more acceptable of it, I guess, and that would also be, I don't know. It just seems to me that, that we've got a pretty good process right now and I can tell you from working with them, that these people really do know what (indistinguishable). When I've watched them do the negotiations with, with these hotels and it's incredible how they do it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Richard?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I'm surprised nobody asked me what the basis for this was. And this recommendation is being made because the Auxiliary last year amended their by-laws so that they can quit meeting with us. They now are no longer obligated to meet with the Sons with the changes they made. A lot of the Sisters didn't know that's what they were voting for because there were a handful that worded it that way to change and striking clauses in their by-laws that they now are no longer required to work with us. This was brought to my attention by the National President. It was brought to my attention by the President of Pennsylvania Department, asking if there was something we could do to

make them feel more of a participant because they have no say in where we go. And that's all this is talking about. Where we go. Not the local level, not the actual nuts and bolts of each Encampment, but selecting the site. They have absolutely no input and for that reason, they feel that we're taking the attitude towards them that was taken to the Woman's Relief Corp and was taken to the Daughters and that attitude was expressed here of, so what if they don't like it. That's why they don't meet with us. Because the Daughters and the Woman's Relief Corp were point blank told by the Commander-in-Chief, and I know U. S. Grant gets blamed for this a lot, but he wasn't the one that did it.

Indistinguishable

Correct.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

They were told to go fly a kite. If they didn't like it, we were the Sons and we are the heirs of the GAR and they were gonna do what we want to do or tough. Well, that's why they don't meet with us anymore. And we face, now facing that situation with our own Auxiliary.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. I'm gonna listen to two more. Charlie, I'm gonna listen to you.

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

Brother, Brother Commander-in-Chief. Question through you to Jim, and some of these Brothers do not know this. Jim, do you sign a contract, a legal binding contract, representing the Sons of Union Veterans. Correct? So it is we are on the hook for what happens here financially.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

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

Okay. Do you think that the Auxiliary could sign that contract as well and finance everything that's done here? Do they have the resources for it?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Obviously not.

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

No they do not. Thank you very much.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, National Patriotic Instructor. Again a couple of things that Rich is saying here. They chose to do that. And it wasn't that we particularly drove them away. If they made those decisions, those were decisions that they made, just as we need to make decisions that are for the good of our Order. And to help with the relations, there again, are other ways to do this. But this is probably not a good way to do it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Okay. Gene, would you read the motion please?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We're voting, okay. We are voting on a proposal ...

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Brother Jim Houston moved to reject proposal 19, seconded, seconded by Brother Kuhn.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are voting on Jim Houston's proposal to reject it.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Jim Pahl, Parliamentarian. To clarify, if you vote yes, you're supporting Jim Houston's motion to reject the Committee's recommendation. Just so everyone understands what a yes vote means. It's to vote against the Committee recommendation and strike this proposal.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Yeah, this is a motion by Brother Jim Houston to reject proposal 19

Indistinguishable

Which was seconded by Brother Kuhn.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Everybody understand what we're voting for? Okay, those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

You can ask for a re-count and I'll be glad to do it.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

Okay. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor, raise your cards.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, cards down. All those who opposed raise.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Vote was ninety-three to fifty-one.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

It's rejected.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The motion to reject from Jim Houston was accepted.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The motion by Jim Houston was accepted.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

And the vote was?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Ninety-three to fifty-one.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Ninety-three to fifty-one was the vote.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Thank you.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Page 49, we have Proposal Number 20. This is a change to Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 6. This change eliminates the authority of the National Site Committee to select the National Encampment Site. It gives that authority to Council of Administration and the National Encampment. It also authorizes the National Site Committee to sign contracts appropriate to the Encampment and requires copies of the contracts be provided to certain National Officers. Can see the bold print there showing the changes. And the Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Mark?

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

Mark Day, Junior Vice Commander, Department of Chesapeake. As there is language in this that deals with the Allied Orders having representation and making recommendations, I believe that this recommendation would be inappropriate as we have rejected the idea that the Women that we would then included in the earlier at least, if nothing else, it would have to be divided out, separated out. That part.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Jim?

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Jim Houston, Department of Ohio, Past Department Commander, Chairman, National Site Committee. As you see on bottom of Page 70 we didn't, at that time, we didn't know what the recommendations were gonna be in the C & R Committee Report. But at that time, we said we believed no change should be made in National Regulations. The opinion issued by Past Commander-in-Chief Darby in 2006, wherein the procedures stated in the guidelines promulgated by the 97th National Encampment. specifically, that the National Encampment Site Committee continue to

make final decisions regarding National Encampment award and hotel selection pertaining thereto. We go back to proposal 20, there's one area which we now have covered and which actually the Committee would wholeheartedly agree with, which said copies of all, in essence, if we go back to proposal 18, which was approved copies of all contracts shall be provided to the National Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor, and Executive Director. And we have no problem with that. And that actually is covered now in proposal 18. So the part that is part B, where it says Committee Chairman shall sign all contracts on behalf of the Order with the Encampment Hotel and other businesses necessary, and provide contracts and so forth, the second part of that sentence is already covered. And the first part is already in the Regulations I believe. So, our point is that we don't believe that any change needs to be made and that we would I move that the proposal 20 be rejected.

Indistinguishable

Second the motion.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Richard?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief obviously I'm going to support this because the most recent action by a National Encampment was the job description of the National Site Committee. And this job description says that they shall make recommendations to the Council of Administration and the National Encampment. There's a conflict within the Regulations itself 'cause neither one of them is an overruling document, except for the fact that the job descriptions is the most recent action by a National Encampment and actually should a ruling regulation because it is the most recent. All this does is incorporate the language that's in the job description under the duties of the Site Committee, for they are listed under Committee responsibility in the Regulations. As to part B, no, the Committee Chairman right now does not have the authority to sign contracts. It is, in the job description, but the Regulations said all contracts will be signed by the Commander-in-Chief. So again, there is a conflict within the Regulations. And by putting this into the Regulations and not in the job description, it more, gives a stronger position to the Committee Chairman and that is because there is a question raised by our auditors about who was signing the contracts for the National Encampment site because I didn't have any to give to them. And I told them they were signed by the Site Committee and they came back and said your Regulations don't authorize him to sign 'em.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

This is going to be kind of convoluted. First off, I'm the Commander-in-Chief that made the ruling that says when the Regulations and the job descriptions are in conflict, the Regulations take priority. The Regulations were in effect when that new job description was written. They should have either changed the Regulations or made the job

descriptions fit that Regulation. That's one. Two, this is the 130th Encampment. The 96th Encampment wrote a book on what the Site Committee can do. One of the things that that said was, they will select the point of the Committee. Now, it's been going on for thirty-four years for that one. A half a decade for my ruling. And we're gonna change it? I mean, it's not broke. The only thing that I can see, and when we look at the other thing, I believe the Policy on contracts states that the Chairman of the Committee is the one that signs the contracts and takes care of all the paperwork or the Committee. So I don't know what the Regs say, but I know what the Policy says. And this is where we have a problem. And you'll correct me if I'm wrong, I'm sure. so in my mind, I would make a motion that ...

Indistinguishable

You have a motion.

Indistinguishable

We have a motion and second on the floor.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I will make an amendment that we delete, in Section 6, the line that says, in concert with a Representative from the Allied, other Allied Orders because we just voted that down. And two, that we divide this issue into Section 6 - A and Section 6 - B because they're apples to oranges. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second on that?

Indistinguishable

Second. (multiple)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion ...

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Point of order.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, point of ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim, do you accept that? Splitting the motion?

Encampment

(chatter)

Ken L. Freshley, Department of Ohio

Ken Freshley, Department of Ohio. I just looked up the Policy and it actually gives the Site Committee Chairman rights to execute a contract.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Parliamentarian?

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Okay I have a point of order as to Brother Don Darby's motion. It's with multiple subjects. I believe the motion is out of order. We should deal with each of those two topics individually. One is a motion to amend the language. The other is the motion to separate and I think we should be doing those separately. It's a multiple motion and needs to be redone and should be ruled out of order.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I'll rephrase my amendment. I would make the motion to separate Section A, in 6 - A and 6 - B, and vote on those independently.

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

I second the motion. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are voting on separating Section ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... 6 - A ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... from 6 - B. All those in favor ...

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

How does ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Gene?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

How does this affect the first motion?

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don's motion is declared out of order. And the motion to separate supersedes the motion to ...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

... the motion, so we're voting the motion to divide the question.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Yeah, we're not voting to approve either one, we're just we're just voting to separate.

Indistinguishable

Separate.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That's where we should be. Okay.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're voting on to separate. All those in favor, raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. Okay, we'll separate them.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Amendment A - this deals with Section 6 - A, which gets rid of the phrase, in concert with the Representatives from the Allied Orders, to make a recommendation for the location of the National Encampment three years in advance to the National Council of Administration and National Encampment. I would move that we strike that based on the vote we just had that says we don't have to have the Allied Orders there.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay, you're striking the introductory clause.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan. What happened to Houston's motion? Should that not have been an amendment?

Encampment

(chatter)

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's motion's on the floor, if I'm not mistaken, isn't it?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The main motion was to deal with the whole thing. We divided the question, so now you have to consider individually and that main motion dies, because you divided the question.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. However, I should have been then indicated as such to the Encampment because that was not at all clear, it ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are voting on, Gene?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Voting on, to strike the phrase, and this is in, in Section 6 - A, to strike the phrase, in concert with Representatives from the other Allied Orders.

Indistinguishable

Comma.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Comma.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, acting as Parliamentarian. At this point, there is no motion on the floor. The motion to separate, when passed, killed the original main motion. And so we'd have to consider these now individually. And so we have, theoretically, for us, Section 6 - A as amended, but we need a motion now as to how to consider that.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I have a question. First if the end of the bold part, there's a strike out that says, , to select, let me make sure I ...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

The strike out after that bold part, is, is that striking out the ability of the Site Committee to pick the site?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes. This motion for language in this part of the Regulation's identical with the language in the job description as it now exists.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, then ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It takes the final, it, it takes the authority to make the final decision from the Committee to either the Council of Administration or this body.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So at this point in time, we have ...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

No motion on the floor.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There's no motion on the floor right now so this is ...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So we haven't gotten rid of, Allied Orders?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes, that's done.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

The I would make a motion to un-strike, or stricken, or whatever you want to call it ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Un-strike.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

... the portion that prevents the Site Committee from making the selection of the Encampment Site, which in my mind means the part that's stricken should be ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'll just move non-concurrent. There.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

Second.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Motion for non-concurrence as amended.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Don?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Can I get clarification then on how this is, what a yes or no means on this.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Okay.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin National Patriotic Instructor. Can we get clarification on how this is being read and whether a yes is what and a no is what?

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

This is James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, acting as Parliamentarian. The language before the body at this time is, from proposal 20 of the Committee, Section 6 - A only, and the motion is non-concurrence. Therefore, if you vote yes, you are voting against the Committee recommendation and in fact voting to keep the Regulations the way they currently read.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Kevin Tucker is next.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts. I support non-concurrence, one of the big issues I don't know if any you have worked with the Committee, but their decision is based solely on who can pull off an Encampment. And nothing else. And that's the way that they look at it. If we put it before a political body, it's going to be, who's going to support me the next election if I put the Department Encampment in their area. I'm sorry, National Encampment, I take it back. I would say that this is the most non-political and fair way to do it. I support the Committee and I and I

support the amendment.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

I also support non-concurrence for this because we're picking a Committee, we're picking the guys to do this job. And then again we're going okay, you go out and do all this work, you're the experts, you know what's going on. And now you have to come back and sell it to a much larger group once again. And there's really no record that we're seeing that they're not doing their job.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim?

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Jim Houston, Department of Ohio, Past Department Commander. I just need clarification on what we would be voting for now. Here's of course what our Committee would like to see. We would like to see all the bold type removed, of course, in concert with Representatives of Allied Orders already moved, but the rest of the bold removed and the Chair select the Encampment Site for the National Encampment added back.

Encampment

(chatter)

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Is that what we got?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

If you vote yes, that's what you will get.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief, may I?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim?

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Again, James Pahl as Parliamentarian. If you vote yes for Don's motion, what Section 6 - A shall read, it shall be the duty of the Encampment Site Committee to select the Encampment Site for the National Encampment and to arrange for room accommodations, yada, yada, yada.

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Thank you, Jim.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

So that's what Don's motion accomplishes, to leave it as it is, remove the bold, reinsert the cross-out, and just leave it as the same. That's the effect of that motion.

David Sosnowski, Department of Pennsylvania

Dave Sosnowski Pennsylvania. I'd vote for non-concurrence of this motion but then we still have the problem of a conflict with the job description. So what are we gonna do about that?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

David?

Encampment

(chatter)

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

David Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. He's to where we go back to some urinary Olympics that occurred about three or four years ago that's ongoing. We've got a job description and we've got the Regulations. The job descriptions are part of the Regulations and that's why we were making an effort for a long time to put these job descriptions into the Regulations so we're not saying, well the job description says this, but the Regulations says this. And then the Policy, now says this. So you've got three different documents saying one, three different things on one subject. If we're amending this, we're amending the Regulations. The job description is going to say this, which is conflict with the Regulations. So I am in concurrence with getting away with this, I mean doing away with it, but we need to get these job descriptions into the Regulations the way they're suppose to be and not separate them as they are now.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well this, this is the language in the job description.

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

Then why are we amending a section in the Regulations?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Because the Regulations are not in agreement with the job description and the job ...

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's what I'm saying. The job descriptions need to be put in the Regulations where the Regulations say they need to be.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And this is an effort to put the job description of the Site Committee in the Regulations.

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

It doesn't say that.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It doesn't say that here, but that, in my original explanation, I said that's what ...

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable) add in Washington D. C. We need to be more clear as to what we're going to do.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well that was the purpose because there is a conflict between the two and this was to incorporate the job description into the Regulations as the job description currently is written.

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

Then I suggest that we say that we are going to incorporate all the job descriptions into the Regulations instead of taking just this one that we're going to do that with.

Encampment

(chatter)

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

Because it's gonna create more urinary Olympics with other job descriptions.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm gonna hear one more.

Ted Golab, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Ted Golab, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. I've been working with the Site Committee since Peabody, does that correct to Blossom, Massachusetts...

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Ted Golab, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

All right. These people are so thorough that they're doing a fantastic job and I think that we should support them and vote no.

Encampment

(chatter)

Ted Golab, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

We want it yes to disband this and leave it the way it is 'cause those people know what they're doing, I'll tell you that. They really run you through.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. if we vote yes, we are voting for ...

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Keeping it the way it is and not changing it at all.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Does everybody understand that?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay. Motion by Don Darby for non-concurrence of Section 6 - A. Seconded by Ted Golab.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, this raises two issues. And the first is, the way we just voted, the Regulations do not agree with the job description.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's made my point.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Okay. And so I would, I would call it upon the Commander-in-Chief to make a ruling as to which one is applicable. Secondly, I move that the permanent Committee on Constitution and Regulations be charged with revising the job description and bringing that back before us next year so that the job description conforms with the language of the Regulations this Encampment just approved.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I got a question immediately on that. And Jimmy asked them to do two different things. One was to make a ruling and then secondly to, in essence to say in how, how that ruling was going to be.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

No I didn't. I asked the Commander-in-Chief to make ruling. And then I'm making a motion for the C & R Committee to come back with language to make sure that they're not in conflict.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

(Indistinguishable) to what they want.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

If he says Regulation, signed, and we have to make a ruling, the C & R Committee has to come back and change the other one or vice versa. Depending on what his ruling is.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I'm asking Commander-in-Chief to make a ruling as to which one is applicable.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Exactly. But the other one back in conflict.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

We'll see what he says.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's my point.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Rules and Regulations is the ruling.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Regulations take precedence over the job description. That's the ruling.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I move that the permanent Committee on Constitution and Regulations be charged with amending the job description ...

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Second.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... to conform with the Regulations as to this Encampment Site Selection Committee.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And the second was by?

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

I second. Marc Witkovski.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm going to limit two yes for this and two no's for this. Kevin?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts. I would make a friendly amendment that we change the wording to "all" job descriptions, instead of this job description.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I'm not going to accept that as a friendly amendment.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Then make it as an amendment.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Then, so made as an amendment.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I second it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have have ... Go ahead.

B. P., Department of Georgia and South Carolina

yeah. B. P. Department of Georgia and South Carolina concurs with Mr. Tucker there.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

David?

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

Sir, I just for clarification. I understand that Jim did not accept the friendly amendment, so did Brother Tucker make the amendment?

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

And I seconded it.

Indistinguishable

Good. Thanks.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're first going to deal with the amendment. Everybody understand? Okay. All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now we have to vote on the motion as amended. All those in ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We're not gonna vote that needs to be amended.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Motion as amended by Brother Pahl and Marc Witcovski, that the Constitution and Regulations Committee be charged with amending the job description to conform with the Regulations.

Indistinguishable

All job descriptions.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All job descriptions.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do we understand? All in favor, raise your cards yes. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. This room is gonna be used. I've been assured that we can conclude. I'm gonna need ten more minutes, Steve, and then we'll go for it. Go ahead.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Gonna go entertain 6 - B. The Committee Chairman shall 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 Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor, and the Execute Director. The Committee recommends that you adopt this.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards yes. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. This room is gonna be used for our activities tonight so we've got to clean it up. Senior Vice Commander Palmer, you had one more thing to say?

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes please.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I just want to let you guys know we're gonna be in Room, I think it's 9 and 10 tomorrow for the SVR Breakfast at 7:00 o'clock. Be there There's no sales at the door. If you haven't paid your money, sorry.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay gentlemen, we got a little bit of work for you to do tonight, kinda home work. There's a survey going around and this survey is gonna be used, the information that we generate from that survey, is gonna be used to help us generate our long-term plans for the, this next decade. We're gonna be talking a little about vision tomorrow. We got to get out of here tonight, so we're not gonna take that time, but we'd like each of you to take a few minutes and think about your responses, fill out the surveys, bring them back tomorrow. We'll have a box strategically located in the room where you can drop it off. You don't have to put your name down or anything like that. You know, what we found in the past when, when done these surveys before, at least on the Department level, is we get a lot of good information when someone's feet is not held to the fire. So please take a few minutes tonight. Be candid in your responses. No expletives please and no old jokes.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So anyway, like I say, we'll talk a little bit more about vision tomorrow, but we've got to wrap things up tonight. So please bring those back filled out and we'll go from there. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. One last serious thing and then is over with for the night. Or this part of it tonight. We are gonna schedule a meeting after this for the Department Commanders and Secretaries on the IRS issue thing. I'm gonna cancel that meeting tonight because we're running way behind schedule. We will determine tomorrow when we reschedule it. If it can be, then we will send out or pass out ...

Encampment

(chatter)

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Chaplain, I'll let you close the Bible and we will continue this discussion in the morning. Thank you. Gentlemen, thank you very much. The meeting for later on tonight and we will reschedule that meeting which I think is very important. If we don't get it done, then we'll put together a packet and send it out to all the Departments.

(end of day one)

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Page 17 in your book.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes sir?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

we have a Delegation here from the Department of New Jersey. including Past Department Commander and Past National Secretary, David Horn. Brother Horn has given me a list of the current Department Officers to the extent that he can. He doesn't have addresses with him. I would move you that, with the caveat that the Department is going to straighten out the problem with their Department Secretary not filing their reports on time, that we seat this Delegation.

Indistinguishable

I'll second that motion.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion to seat Department of New Jersey. Their reports are in. We have a second. All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes. Page 17 with our choir group. Lead us in the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Please stand.

Encampment

(singing - *Battle Hymn of the Republic*)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Mr. Hammond, would you join me here? I'd like to say one thing about the Battle Hymn of the Republic. It's traditional and in the demand of the Grand Army of the Republic that whenever this song was sung or they heard it, they all stood. One of the things I noticed more often than not when I'm visiting places, is this does not occur. That's a crime. I want you all to go back to your Departments and whether you are in a Department meeting, a Camp meeting, or you're anywhere in public, when the Battle Hymn of the Republic is sung, I want every member to stand up. That's the least we can do to honor the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Hammond, you have a note?

Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake

I'm Steve Hammond, Past Department Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake. For the good of the Order, could I have Past Department Commander Department of the Chesapeake, Keith Young, please step to the microphone. And also, could Past Department Commander Mike Paquette of the Department of the Chesapeake please step to the microphone.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Keith Young, Department of Chesapeake

Good morning. I am Keith Young, Past Department Commander Department of the Chesapeake. We are honored to have you as our guests here as the Department of Chesapeake, but I would like to say that those of us in the Department who really recognize that the individual that has done the heavy lifting in organizing and putting together your stay here, is this gentlemen right here, Mike Paquette. I have for him a small, a token of on behalf of the members of the Department. I'd like

him to take a look at it and explain to people what that is, so that people will recognize that the next time you see him wear it.

Mike Paquette, Department of Chesapeake

It's a Marine cap device from the Civil War. And I did twenty years in the Marine Corp. So thank you very much, Keith.

Keith Young, Department of Chesapeake

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Mike Paquette, Department of Chesapeake

I will begrudgingly accept the recognition, but any of you in the leadership position know that it's really the people behind the scenes that make things go on. So there's been a lot of work that's gone on and the lion share of the hands on piece of that is in my Committee and the volunteers that we had work in the registration station. So, thank you very much.

Keith Young, Department of Chesapeake

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter, laughter, and applause)

Encampment

(in unison) Huzzah, huzzah, huzzah!

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We will now continue the meeting with ...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief there was a question about a question on Brother Palmer's survey from, from the National Chaplain.

Encampment

(chatter)

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Commander-in-Chief, Jerome Kowalski, Chaplain. The question regards the 501(c)(3) designation, yes or no. Could you please have instruct the National Treasurer to tell us why we should yes or no this particular item? What does it mean if we adopt it or don't adopt it, 501(c)(3)?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Two minutes or less.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief through you to the Brothers, and I'm sure Brother Pahl will jump in here where I'm wrong. 501(c)(3) is a different non-profit charitable designation to what we currently have is a 501(c)(4). They are a charity, it changes from filing requirements with the IRS. The biggest benefit is that most foundations have limits in

their own Articles of Incorporation that they can only contribute to 501(c)(3) organizations. Which is why we started our foundation to be the recipient of any type of contribution like that. The down side is that every one of the states has charitable organization laws. If you solicit contributions from within any given state, you must register with that State's Bureau of Charitable Organizations or the equivalent thereof, and file an annual report. The National Organization will have to do that will all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. And Washington D. C., Each Department will have to file with their own individual State, and each Camp likewise. If you are given a donation or you are not registered, you must return it. If you accept it, you are subject to fines and the lowest fine that I can find on the books for such an action is the State of Hawaii, which starts at ten thousand dollars and goes up. They definitely make it not worth accepting contributions from someone outside the state. You also need to designate on all of your documents, where you are registered. New York requires you to put your Registration Number and the address and telephone number of their regulatory agency. Pennsylvania requires you to put the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of their regulatory agency. So that anybody contributing can check with them and get the latest copy of your filing. So that's the downside and it's a lot of work for each of the Departments and Camps, and particularly the National Order.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Richard. Well, one other announcement. We have some great stuff in the Exhibit Rooms around here. For those who have not visited, it's around the corner. They have not seen as many of you, as I think you would like to go to it. I encourage you all during this time to go down there and participate. These people have assisted us and many of 'em are our very good friends that we normally get in the future. I can tell you this, the Regimental Quartermaster that is down there is a big contributor to our Gettysburg event. So please go in that area.

(chatter) Robert Grim?

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

Sir, I wish that the Treasurer could please give us the upside ...

Indistinguishable

Who are you?

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake, Junior Vice Commander. Could you give us the upside on the 503(c)3? You gave us the downside already

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I gave you both. The only upside is that foundations will be able to make contributions. That's the only upside. For different from what we have right now. Because right now, we have a ruling from the IRS that any individual contribution is tax deductible. So that will not change. The only thing that changes is those foundations and similar types of organizations that have within their own by-laws or restriction on

donating to 501(c)(3) organizations, will then be able to make contributions.

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

I just wanted to clarify that because it was my understanding that right now, with the way we are set up, we can only take private donations. We cannot take any corporate donations. And if you are doing large projects like monuments, etc., you would need, and you wanted to raise corporate donations, you would have to be a 4, excuse me, a 3, rather than a 4. Is that correct?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

If I can address that, I'm James Pahl, Parliamentarian yada, yada, yada. It isn't that we can't accept 'em. It's that those organizations are limited to who they can give to. We can accept those contributions and they will be tax deductible to the donor, but the foundations themselves are limited, most all of them, to only contributing to 501(c)(3) organizations. So we can accept it. It's just that most of them can't contribute. So if we want to go after the big bucks we'd have to be a 3, not a 4.

Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake

And that, that's what I thought. I just thank you for that, sir.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. (indistinguishable)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Guys, this morning, we got a lot of things to go into. I'd rather not get into it. Council of Administration along with Richard discussing this pretty seriously right now, so if I might we'll let the Council work through this a little bit and we will report back. The new Commander-in-Chief will report back to the next Encampment. Thank you. Brother Grim?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Before we get into this exciting C & R Report, want to remind everyone that the Gettysburg Parade is on and hopefully we'll see you all in Gettysburg in November. Think we're ready for Proposal Number 21 on Page 50. This proposal will make a change to Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 2 and will allow the distribution, relates to how the distribution of General Orders by the Commander-in-Chief will be placed on the website. And you can see in the bold print the changes to the section that we're recommending. Then there's a Section B which, which has a whole new area relating to the website. And there's some changes in Section C, or Paragraph C rather that relate to the website. And the Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother George?

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. My objection is to the part Section B. The first sentence, General Orders that are

published only on the SUVWCW website shall be printed and distributed through the mail by the Department or Camp Secretaries. That's what I object to. It's like the Federal Government saying yes, you can do this program, but we're not going to give you any money to do it. You're gonna have to pay for it. That's what I object to. And I would make a motion that that, that sentence be stricken.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Kirk, let me answer that one. I'm the instigator of that. The Departments and the Camps, for those members who do not have electronic means of receiving stuff. I know that my Camp and my Department, we then physically send it out, the General Orders, to everybody by mail.

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

How many members are in your Department?

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

If you have a large Department, that could be very expensive.

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

Yeah.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

And my objection is, because you're forcing them. You're saying that they have to do that.

Encampment

(chatter)

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

And every time the Commander-in-Chief issues a General Order, you know, that could be four, five, I believe you have what, twenty-six? Twenty-seven?

Encampment

(chatter)

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

So that would be twenty-seven times you have to send it out to, to the people in your Department. To those who don't have e-mail.

Encampment

(chatter)

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's just too expensive.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The option right now is to continue to print them in The Banner, which is what our current policy is. When you have some Commander-in-Chief has forty-six General Orders, some of them are lengthy, some of them are not, yes, Charlie exceeded what I did. Then what we're doing in we're taking in The Banner a great number of pages of that that I would rather see show your activities and what the Order is doing. If, and George, my intent was that was certainly not to have every Brother get a copy of the General Order, that's important. It was rather to utilize The Banner with more activities about the Order than just printing General Orders. That was the intent.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

I have no problem with that, Commander. It's just that you're passing the expense on to the Departments, to the Camps. If there's a way that we can do that without saying that they must do it ...

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

Change it to may.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right, Brother Charlie is saying change that to m...

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

Shall to may. Shall to may. Change the first sentence there was SUVCW website may be printed and distributed through the mail.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Charlie, you need to get over towards a microphone.

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

if you'll accept a friendly amendment...

Indistinguishable

Who are you?

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

This is Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. I agree with George on this. You're kind of forcing everybody to do that and that's going to be a nightmare for Secretaries to know who doesn't have e-mail or who does have e-mail. And I know in our Department Roster I maintain there's a lot of Brothers on there that don't. And we have eight hundred and some members in our Department. If we can get around this by just changing the word shall to may, it would read, "General Orders that are published only to the SUVCW website may be printed and distributed through the mail by Department or Camp Secretaries to members who do not have access to the National Website". It's not dictating to them that they have to, it's saying that they may.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Current standing requirements are that the General Orders be read at a Camp meeting, not be distributed to every Brother. So the only people that the Department Secretary needs to assure get a copy are the Camp Secretaries. So that means each Department only needs to distribute it through their Camp Secretaries, as we do right now electronically. And we need, it does need to be reworded to reflect that, but the requirement, the standing requirements are that it be read at a Camp meeting. The assumption being that every Brother attends the Camp meeting as they should. If they don't attend the Camp meeting, well then they're not going to find out about it.

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

If they don't attend Camp meetings most of the time, they really don't, know one way or the other, so ...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

So it does need to be reworded that, each Department Secretary needs to assure that each Camp receives it, either electronically or paper

mail. And that greatly would reduce the amount of paper that Department Secretaries have to send out.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Are you making an amendment?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm pointing out what the current Regulations are, so what I'm saying is, this proposal is not consistent with the current Regulations and I would, rather than sit here and try to work the language out, I would suggest that the Encampment C & R Committee, when we're done with the rest of the Report, go back and rework the wording on this, if that's okay with Brother Grim?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Is that a motion?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's a motion to recommit to the Encampment C & R Committee to rework the wording to be consistent with the current requirements.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Commander-in-Chief would accept without any doubt the word may rather than must.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

The wording needs to be something along the lines, General Orders that are published only on the SUVCW website shall be distributed through the mail by Department Secretaries to those Camps who do not have access to the National website. That's, the wording that we need in order to be consistent with the current rulings of other Commanders-in-Chief that they be, that the General Orders be read at all Camp meetings.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Is that a motion?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I will make that as a motion as substitute language.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. We have more discussion?

Indistinguishable

Who's the second?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

General Orders that are published only on the SUVCW website shall be printed and distributed through the mail by the Department Secretaries to those Camps which do not have access to the National ...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Website.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

... website.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And we have a second on that. Any more discussion?

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

It, I'll second that.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Already have a second by Mr. Darby. Okay. We're going to vote then on the amendment.

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

This is for, this is for Section B, correct?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

That's correct.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

For Section B, for those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

On to Section B, C?

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

C, I do. I think it's a typo and on the very last line of Section C and communicate with the membership in writing in any other effective manner. It should be or in there. I think it was probably just an omission when he was typing.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

I move you that the word "or" be added to that last sentence.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

In place of the word "in"?

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

No, it is in between writing and in, "writing or in any other

device".

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

At such time that The Banner may not be published or the SUVCW website is not operational, the Commander-in-Chief may issue and promulgate his General Orders and communicate with the membership in writing in any other effective manner.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's okay. It's, Comman..., Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

The, the language that is written right now requires that they be in writing. The "in any other effective manner" is whether or not they're hand delivered, mailed, faxed, or any other method is used to distribute them. It's not how they are ...

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

Promulgated.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

How they're promulgated. That is how they're being distributed. So the options there to distribute it in any manner that effectively gets it out there if it can't be published on the website.

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

Yeah, I move that the word "or" be inserted.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. we have an objection. Do we have a second?

* Hershberger, Department of Chesapeake

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Who's the second?

* Hershberger, Department of Chesapeake

(indistinguishable)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay.

* Hershberger, Department of Chesapeake

Department of Chesapeake.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert Moore, II, Department of Chesapeake

Robert Moore, Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. this is a minor point here, but why is "Communicate" capitalized?

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert Moore, II, Department of Chesapeake

Lower case.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Lower case.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, I'm James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I stand in opposite of Charlie Kuhn's motion. If it passes the way Mr. Kuhn is proposing, then the Commander-in-Chief is authorized to do it in writing, or verbally, or he can whisper it in one Brother's ear, who whispers it into the next Brother's ear, who whispers it in the next Brother's ear, who whispers it in the next Brother's ear, who whispers it in the next Brother's ear.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

The way it is currently written, make reference that he's got to do it in writing and then it's published in other fashions depending, because the website and The Banner is not effective. That is appropriate. If we change it to the way Brother Kuhn is recommending, that he doesn't have to do it even in writing, and it's binding on the order and you've got to know what it says, how do you figure that out? So, I think if Brother Kuhn's recommendation is followed, we've created chaos.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Does everybody understand what we're voting on?

Indistinguishable

No.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are voting only to put the word "or" in there and if we do that, then what ... ?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Can I read the motion so that we can clear up for Charlie's motion what exactly what he wants?

Indistinguishable

Yes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

So the motion now reads, motion by Brother Kuhn, seconded by Brother Hershberger to change the words "in any" to "or any".

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Or in any, or in any.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

You are not replacing the word "in". We're adding the word "or" between writing and in. It is membership in writing "or" in any other effective manner.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

... membership in writing or ... I understand. Okay.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have spoken fully enough that we now understand it. Okay, the motion is that we're gonna add the word "or". All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed? Opposed passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now we are voting on the one, the motion that is amended. Everybody understand that? For Proposal 21. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed? Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal Number 22 on Page 50. This is a, a change to Chapter 5, Article 3, Section 5, Group D. This change will allow members to wear Special Event Badges as authorized. And you can see the addition in bold print. It says, other temporary badges authorized as official badges of the Order by the National Encampment or Administrative, Administration, or Council of Administration or the Commander-in-Chief for the time period specified in the authorization. So this deals with sesqui-centennial badges and that type of thing. When they're authorized for a specific event or period of time, they can be worn as a Group D Badge.

Indistinguishable

Do you recommend?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any debate? All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed? Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal 23 on Page 51. The change to Chapter 5, Article 3, Section 13, Paragraph B. This change will allow Members and Associates to wear their Memorial University Lapel Pin on the Ribbon of the Membership Badge. The Juniors are allowed to do this already and now this

proposal will allow other members to do the same. And you can see the language at the bottom of that paragraph. It says the lapel pin may also be worn on the Ribbon of the Membership Badges. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed? Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

The Proposal 24 on Page 51. A change to Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 6. This change adds a new paragraph to this Section naming the Commander-in-Chief as the person where charges are to be filed if they are filed by an Elected National Officer on behalf of the Order against a person who fails to pay a debt to the National Order, is accused of defrauding the National Order. It also gives the Commander-in-Chief the option to assume jurisdiction and take summary disciplinary action or refer the matter to the Department Commander of the accused and the new Section B is there. It says, when charges are made for failure to pay indebtedness to or financially defrauding the National Order by an Elected National Officer on behalf of the National Order, they shall be filed with the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief has at, at his sole discretion, may assume original jurisdiction and establish a Hearing Council, take summary disciplinary action as provided in Section 17 of this Article, or refer the case to the Department Commander of the accused. If the charges being filed under Paragraph B of this Section are against the Commander-in-Chief, then Section 11 of this Article applies. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal Number 25 on Page 52. This is a change to Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 8. This change requires a Commander to appoint a Hearing Council within forty-five days after receiving a complaint with charges and specifications, provided those charges and specifications (indistinguishable) or provide those charges and specifications to the accused within twenty-one days and you can see the bold print inserted in Paragraph, or in Section 8, and then there's a line out and a couple of words added to the bottom there. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. Proposal Number 26 on Page 52. Change to Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 10. This change requires the Hearing Council to convene within ninety days after it is appointed and you can see the change in the bold print. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal Number 27 on Page 52. Change to Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 20. This change requires the Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief to appoint an Appeals Panel within ninety days after he receives an appeal and you can see the bold print change. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. On Page 53, we have some miscellaneous changes here. We want to change the word per capita tax to per capita dues. Committee recommends adoption. This would be throughout the entire C & R.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

And the next change on Page 53 involves change to SVR Regulations. This would be in Section 11. Deals with the filing requirements for the EIN Number. And this would require the SVR Adjutant General to file the EIN Information with the National Treasurer by March 15th each year. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in ... hold on ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Alan Russ, Kansas. And since it happened yesterday, I need some refreshing. Did we not change that for the rest of the Order to the 15th of February? And should this not be matching it?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, if I may. Brother Alan, this is the Adjutant General. The next Sections cover the Adjutants in the individual units.

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The district or because there's another layer in the SVR and I still need the final from the Adjutant General by the same date. So his is the same. But then you have the district, and then you have individual units. So we've got to as we go through this, you'll see there are dates for each level within the SVR.

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

I appreciate the clarification. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. On Page 53, this is Article 3 and this change will require the District Commander of the SVR to ensure that the Annual Unit Application is filed with the SVR Adjutant General the earlier date, which is February 15th. The current date is, that they use is 30 April. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay, on Page 53, this is a change to Section 7 of the SVR Regulations. This change would require the District Adjutant to retain to obtain his unit reports at an earlier date. They have to be in now under this proposal before 15 January. And the Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

On Page 54, this is a change to Article 6 of the SVR Regulations. This change requires the Unit Commanders to file the Annual Unit Application by January 15th. And the Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. On Page 54, this is a change to the SVR Article 10. This change means the Unit Citation Badge will be worn on the left breast, rather than the right breast. And for those SVR Members, the Unit Citation is the white badge that I'm wearing. Units that get that in the past have worn it on this side. Now they want 'em to wear it on this side. And the Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion, thank you Charlie. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

Point of information. General Grim, when will this go into effect?

Indistinguishable

Immediately.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Immediately.

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. Now, we have a, a supplement to the the Report, and that's Proposal Number 28 which should be in your packet I think. I think it's probably the last page of your packet. I'm not sure.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. This is a change to Chapter 2, Article 9 of the C & R. And this change adds a new Section establishing a procedure for Camps-at-Large to select Delegates to the National Encampment. Camps-at-Large tend to be in the western part of the country and this may be an issue at the Encampment in California next year. And so that's why we propose this change. In the bold print, says, each Camp-at-Large must provide to the Department-at-Large Secretary / Treasurer by August 1 of each year the names of the Delegates from their Camp who will be attending the Department-at-Large Encampment. Paragraph B, the site of the National Encampment on the morning of the first opening day of the National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief will call to order prior to 8 a.m. an Encampment of the Department-at-Large. At this Encampment, the Delegates to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be elected. If the Commander-in-Chief is absent from the Department-at-Large Encampment, the next ranking officer will call the Encampment to order and preside over Department-at-Large Encampment. If attendance of the Department-at-Large Encampment is less than the allotment of Delegates permitted to a National Encampment, than are in attendance, with the exception of the Department-at-Large Officers, will be declared Delegates to the National Encampment. If the number in attendance is greater than the allotment of Delegates permitted by the National Encampment then a vote will appear. The Committee recommends adoption.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Everybody understand that the National Commander-in-Chief is the Department Commander for Membership-at-Large? Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. We have one more and then we'll be done. This one's not in your packet so this is Proposal Number 29. So you'll have to listen to what I read for you. This proposed change will add two new paragraphs to Section 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 5 of the Regulations. And provides a disciplinary procedure for those filing complaints under the SUVCW Harassment Policy. This Section B says, if the charges pertain to

Section A of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Harassment Policy Grievance Procedure, then upon notification of a Harassment Complaint, a confidential and impartial investigation will be promptly commenced and will include direct interviews with involved parties and where necessary, with employees as defined in the SUVCW Harassment Policy. It may be witness or have knowledge of matters relating to the complaint. The parties of the complaint will be notified of the findings and any further proposed action. Should the complaint prove to be viable, it will be moved to the disciplinary process as stated in the following Sections of this Article. Paragraph C - If the charges pertain to Section B of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Harassment Policy, then upon notification of a Harassment Complaint, a confidential and impartial investigation will be promptly commenced and will include direct interviews with involved parties. And where necessary, with employees as defined in the SUVCW Harassment Policy. It may be witness or have knowledge of matters relating to the complaint. The parties of the complaint will be notified of the findings and their options. Should the complaint prove to be viable, it will be moved to a disciplinary process as stated in the following Section of this Article. And the Committee recommends adoption of this.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion? Mr. Palmer?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Don Palmer, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Should the proposed amendment also include the Fraud Policy in addition to the Harassment Policy?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief I think that was left out by the Council of Administration because the Fraud Policy only applies to Brothers and they're already covered by the other parts of the disciplinary process. But this whole thing has to do, is necessary because the Harassment Policy applies to non-member contractees that we have. While I don't anticipate anything being filed in those cases, we still need to do this to satisfy the insurance company that we do have a process in place. Where the fraud is entirely internal and involves no external parties. So the existing disciplinary process would apply.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. All those in favor, raise your cards. Opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Commander, that concludes the Report of the standing Constitution and Regulations Committee.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

James B. Pahl, Department-at-Large

Commander-in-Chief, I'm James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, and in this role, I am reporting to you as the Secretary / Treasurer of the

Department-at-Large. Is Brother Randy Fletcher in the room? Right here. Randy Fletcher is a member of the Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp Number 6, a Camp-at-Large in Oregon. Traveled all the way here to be with us today from Winchester, Virginia. But ...

Encampment

(laughter)

James B. Pahl, Department-at-Large

In my memory of attending National Encampments, this is the first time a Camp-at-Large has been represented. And I hope that next year in Los Angeles, we'll see more members of the Camps-at-Large, which is why we did Number 28. But I wanted to introduce you to a Brother of a Camp a long way away.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Okay. Next Committee Report, Fraternal Relations. Do you have anything to add?

***, National Committee on Fraternal Relations**

Nothing to add, sir.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you have any recommendations?

***, National Committee on Fraternal Relations**

No, no recommendations.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on Grave Registration. Anything to add to your ...

***, National Graves Registration**

Nothing for us.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any recommendations?

***, National Graves Registration**

No recommendations.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Committee on History? Anything to add?

***, Committee on History**

No. No recommendations.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Committee on Legislation. the Chairman is not here. He had nothing to add. And I don't believe he had any recommendations.

Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake

Yes, he does have a recommendation.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

He does have a recommendation, thank you, Steve.

Encampment

(chatter)

Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake

The recommendation actually falls on Page 78.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake

I'm Steve Hammond, Past Department Commander, standing for Brother Don Earl. The recommendation is that the National Encampment direct the National Committee on Legislation to establish an account under the name of the National Organization with popbox.com, which is a free online service that allows non-profit organizations, as well as individuals, to automatically and collectively communicate with members of Congress, their support for or opposition to Federal Legislation. Further, the Committee will be directed to submit the Order's position on specific legislation along with additional comments as the National Encampment C of A and / or CinC deem appropriate.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Any discussion?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I would move you that the recommendation to the Committee Reports be taken up ad-seriatim, where there is no objection, be approved at the sound of the gavel.

Indistinguishable

Second.

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

I will second that. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, raise your cards. Those opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

No objection?

[two raps **]

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Lincoln Tomb Committee. Anything additional?

***, Lincoln Tomb Committee**

Nothing to add, Commander.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Committee on Membership. Anything you need to add, Perley?

Perley E. Mellor, National Committee on Membership

Nothing to add.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any recommendation?

Perley E. Mellor, National Committee on Membership

Our recommendation was read in the Officers Report.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. National Military Affairs Committee.

***, National Military Affairs Committee**

Nothing to add.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any recommendations? No. National Committee on Program and Policy?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you want to come up here, Don?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Program and Policy

What's that? No. It's not that extensive.

Indistinguishable

Page Number?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Program and Policy

Page Number, actually, all the information I'll be discussing is on Page 41.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And your name is?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Program and Policy

My name is Don Palmer, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Program and Policy

Anyway, on the table on Page 41, some updates on the bottom items on Fraud Policy and Harassment Policy. Fraud Policy was approved by the CoA. The Harassment Policy was approved pending action by the C & R

Committee on the disciplinary actions which we just discussed here, so, I believe those policies will go into effect. A few recommendations from the Program and Policy Committee you can see there. One of them is development of a quantitative criteria to assist the Commander-in-Chief in awarding the Abraham Lincoln Award. This was brought up earlier this year. The Committee didn't have time to address this one, so it's recommended that the Program and Policy Committee adopt the quantitative criteria based on a program that's already out there by one of the Departments to assist in making this award and then the second recommendation I guess you want to do them ad-seriatim, I guess.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I think we have to deal with the first on.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, these can't be taken up ad-seriatim because they're a recommendation to additional work. I would move you that both of these be forwarded to the Program and Policy Committee to report next year 'cause we're not, or report to the Council of Administration at Gettysburg. Whichever they think they can do quicker.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So moved. Their second recommendation?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Program and Policy

All right, well, it's the same type of thing. It's more work. It's a revision to a form. So, it, it falls under the same category.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So moved, to the Program and Policy.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Program and Policy

Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on Remembrance Day.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., National Committee on Remembrance Day

Brothers, we have a Remembrance Day Parade this year. That was in question ...

Indistinguishable

Who are you?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., National Committee on Remembrance Day

... for a while. Charlie Kuhn Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Pennsylvania, Remembrance Day Committee Co-Chair. We have a Remembrance Day Parade this year again. That was in question for a while. We didn't know if the businesses in Gettysburg were going to cough up the thousand dollars we need to get the permit for the parade from the Borough. Through a lot of coaxing from other Brothers and through some other contacts, we were able to get the thousand dollars and then we sent it all in. Then the Borough Police called back and said well we need another thirty dollars on top of that for a processing fee. So, I sent 'em a check and the, the C of A has assured me that it will not break the budget for them to reimburse me.

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., National Committee on Remembrance Day

But the parade is on this year. It will be at 1:30 in the afternoon. I have no recommendations other than one thing, I'm asking that we be allowed to produce a Commemorative Challenge Coin every year annually and the expense for the initial striking of that coin will be taken from the Grand Army of the Republic Fund. Is that correct, Rich, what we talked about?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(indistinguishable)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., National Committee on Remembrance Day

And of course, it will be returned to that, reimbursed to that. And we already have a design for the first year. Does anybody have that with them they can show around? It was left at the Remembrance Day and Military Affairs Meeting.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., National Committee on Remembrance Day

So, that is the coin. Anybody wants to see it, it'll be up on the front desk. It is a beautiful coin. It will change every year. I think we decided to keep the front the same and then the rear is going to change, or is ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, what the proposal was that the Committee, first of all the, the obverse design will change. Right now we're, because the proposal, they use the same design that's on the SVR Challenge Coin. the theme will be the same, but we're gonna actually have that design using a photograph of the hands across the wall, similar to the 1938 reunion at Gettysburg. The back would change every year, putting a different monument at Gettysburg on the rear of the Challenge Coin, along with the changing the date. The first issue of these would be this year, in the fall. so ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... they'll be a limited number. They'll be a maximum of a thousand coins struck and when they're gone, they're gone. They will never be duplicated.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

I move that we approve the request of the Remembrance Day Committee to produce the Challenge Coins as presented.

Indistinguishable

I'll second that motion.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., National Committee on Remembrance Day

Point of interest there, too. It will be handled through the National Quartermaster, correct? Rich?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(indistinguishable)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., National Committee on Remembrance Day

Yes, this is correct. So Danny, there's more stuff for you to sell.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any discussion?

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Post Records.
Anything to add?

***, National GAR Records Committee**

Nothing to add to the record.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And then no recommendation.

***, National GAR Records Committee**

(indistinguishable)

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Before we go on to the next subject here, I want to thank Bob Grim and his Committee. We saw the amount of time that was done up here. The Committees in this Organization re phenomenal in what they do and I'd like really to have a round of applause for that Committee.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Our next thing is Don, do you have another Patriotic? Then we'll break.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

I want to go ahead and continue with General Sherman. And made me think yesterday when we weresinging *Marching Through Georgia*, he would not have been very happy about that. They used to sing that and play that song everywhere he would go to speak, and he really did not like that song at all. It was about going into war. I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, for vengeance, for desolation. War is hell. War is at its best barbarism. War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueller it is, the sooner it will be over. You cannot qualify war in harsher terms than I will. Winning the war is the choice is made. War is the remedy that our enemies have chosen, and I say let us give them all they want. Every attempt to make war easy and safe will result in humiliation and disaster. I would make this war as severe as

possible, and show no symptoms of tiring till the South begs for mercy. If the people raise a great howl against my barbarity and cruelty, I will answer that war is war, and not popularity seeking. My aim then was to whip the rebels, to humble their pride, to follow them to their inmost recesses, and make them fear and dread us. Fear is the beginning of wisdom. On peace, the scenes on this field have cured anybody of war. But, my dear sirs, when peace does come, you may call on me for anything. Then will I share with you the last cracker, and watch with you to shield your homes and families against danger from every quarter. And the last one is a prediction. There will soon come a contest between capital and labor. They will oppose each other, not with words or arguments, but with shot and shell, gun-powder and cannon. The better classes are tired of the insane howling of the lower strata and they mean to stop them. Thanks.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Will you close the Bible?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We will now take a break and we will return here at 10:00. A ten minute break.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Will the Auxiliary Visiting Committee meet me up here so we can pay our respects to the Ladies.

(break)

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Gentlemen, last night I was given the most wonderful gift I've gotten in a long time. Janice Harding, Past President of the Auxiliary and I went to a dinner last night. She gave me a copy of the 1895 Blue Book. I would like to ask the Chaplain to please put this on the alter. We all salute to the Grand Army of the Republic.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Just to let you all know for those surveys, there's a box sitting by the door, the gentleman with his hand raised, on the chair. If you wouldn't mind depositing those once they're completed. If you weren't

here yesterday or you didn't get a survey, please let me know. I've got a bunch 'em sitting up at the table here. So we want to make sure that we capture everybody's input.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Okay. We are now going to continue on the Reports of the National Special Committees. National Committee on the Civil War Heritage Fund. Don't believe they're here. Nothing to add.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. Anything to add?

***, National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund**

Nothing to add, Commander.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee of e-Bay Surveillance. Nothing to add. National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters. Nothing to add. National Committee on Scholarships. They're not here. I thanked them for all the work they did.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Is there a recommendation?

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. and I'm just reading these. recommendations from this Committee, Scholarship Committee are one, that the scholarship application be modified to include the applicant's initial date of membership in the SUVCW or Allied Orders. Do you wish to take these one at a time or all at once?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

these are all changes to the application form. Right?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It appears to be, yes.

Richard L. Orr, Pat Commander-in-Chief

rather than standing here and reading them, Commander-in-Chief, I would move you these be sent to the Program and Policy Committee which is responsible for the forms of the Order.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., National Committee on Remembrance Day

I second that. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

National Committee on Fort Donelson. Any recommendations? National Committee on Canadian Veterans Monument. Anything to add? Any recommendations?

Lee Stone, National Guard

Brother Commander-in-Chief, the Ladies of the Grand Army would like to visit us.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Please escort them in.

Encampment

(chatter)

[three raps ***]

Escort

Brother Commander, It is a privilege to present Barbara Knopke, the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Welcome. Please join us up here, Barb.

Escort

Commander, I would like to present Nancy Conaway from the, from the great State of Ohio.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Please escort her up here.

Escort

I would like to present Janice Corfman.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, I'd like to introduce Phyllis Houston.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, I'd like to introduce Barbara Stone, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 to 1865.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I want you all to meet my very good friend and traveling companion, and a lady who I have enjoyed all year long. Your turn.

Encampment

(laughter)

Barbara Knopke, LGAR National President

Sorry, Jim.

Encampment

(laughter)

Barbara Knopke, LGAR National President

I am Barb Knopke with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. And I have been very proud to serve the Organization and in the time I've been coming to conventions, meeting the men the heroes, so to speak. And I've thoroughly enjoyed being with Brad. Your Commander is awesome. He gets it. He truly believes in the Allied Orders. He has worked very hard to include, not just the Ladies, but the Auxiliary and bring us all together. Because he knows that membership is hard. It's

hard to keep good people and though our numbers might be lower than what they were back in the day, our roles have kind of switched. But we have to work together to make the Allied Orders grow. It can't be done just by the Sons and it can't be done just by the women. We have to do it together and this man gets it. And I am eternally grateful that you do get it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Barbara Knopke, LGAR National President

And maybe because you're from Kansas. I don't know.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Could be.

Barbara Knopke, LGAR National President

(laughter) But I do thank you. I look forward to seeing you at other conventions. I have a little token of my love and affection. And they say, you got the best, dear.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Nancy Conaway, LGAR Past National President

My name is Nancy Conaway. I'm from the State of Ohio. And I am the Senior Past National President. I served in '79 and 80.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Janice Corfman, LGAR Past National President

I'm Janice Corfman, Past National President. I served '85 - '86. Um... and it's amazing to look out on this group. When I first joined, we were, the Sons were numbers like ours are now. And you have grown. And it's just wonderful to see so many of the sons, grandsons, great-great grandsons, whatever, here with this Encampment. I am so pleased to see so many. And I hope you continue to grow. We need these patriotic organizations, to keep going, to keep alive, what our ancestors did. Thank you so much.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Her husband Chuck was one of my mentors. I miss him. I think he'd be proud of this group here today.

Janice Corfman, LGAR Past National President

He sure would.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Lynne Bury, LGAR Past National President

Thank you. My name is Lynne Bury. I too am from Ohio. We've had three I a row. I served as National President of the Ladies in 1986 - 87, 2003 - 2004, and 2004 - 2005. I'm pleased to see not only numbers in the room, but some very old friends that I haven't seen for a long time. And we also enjoy meeting with you gentlemen. I also should extend

greetings from Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury, who unfortunately could not be here this weekend. We're hoping for next year. You never know. But as Janice said we've had a very nice close working relationship with the Sons, and especially during my last several terms, they were more than helpful to any of my questions and pleas for help. And it, that, that works both ways. We are always help, happy to help the Sons as well. So, we thank you for receiving us and for being with us.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I want to thank she and her husband for all the help they have been over the years. And I must tell you a quick story. One of the first Encampments that I went to she was dressed in one of her normal outstanding dress period attire that I guess you have. I was younger then. She met me in the hallway and she engaged me in conversation and she say, she said, young man, do you know who the LGAR is?

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Phyllis Houston, LGAR Past National President

I'm Phyllis Houston. My first year was '93- 94. And then I had it in '96 through '98.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause, chatter, applause in unison)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Of the many Allied Orders. The Daughters just had their convention a week ago, right.

Barbara Stone, National President

Yes.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And this is the newly elected President.

Barbara Stone, DUVCW National President

My name is Barbara Stone. I live in Columbus, Indiana. I just was installed this past Monday. I enjoy the Delegation in Louisville, Kentucky. A couple of years ago, on behalf of our Past National President at that time and our National President, knowing that I will be the seated President, it was my goal and my desire to come to Reston, Virginia to give greetings from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 - 1865. Next year at your convention, our convention will be held in a similar hotel, at the LA Marriott Hotel, in Los Angeles. We have our opening evening ceremony. It will be on Thursday night. I hope many of you are there. Please feel free to come and the Department of California / Nevada will be hosting a reception afterwards. I have been told by our Senior Vice President that lives in California, and she's in charge of it, and her Committee, that I have some surprises.

Encampment

(laughter)

Barbara Stone, DUVCW National President

And I have no idea what those surprises are. I feel then I don't want to know. But I would like to extend an invitation for any of you or all of you that are there on Thursday night to come to the opening ceremony. After that, refreshments will be served and wherever they have it. It is great to be here as the seated President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. An Allied Order. As we like to refer to us in short, DUVCW. We've just gone through a National Convention. We had some little ups and downs and bumps and everything, and I'm sure all National Organizations have that. But we all have to work together. You know, we are all descendants of Boys in Blue and that is one of the things that we have to honor and carry on their wishes. And I know that there's been some rifts between our organization and the Sons. That was when I was in high school and so I found out. You know, I wish our Daughters would put that to bed and rest and let's move on as all of the Allied Orders. Which I've got some big shoes to do when I get back home working with the Delegate from California for next year. Working with our Senior Vice President. They work hand-in-hand and I'm gonna do all I can to have a queasy group next year. I wish all of you a successful convention. And I'll see most of you in California next year.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

David, would you like to give the response? Yeah, and Andy, I forgot you. I apologize for that. I would like for you to come out after David to give a response to the ...

Andrew Johnson, Department of Maryland

Well yes, I my response that I had prepared for another group here is equally applicable to the Daughters who we greatly appreciate your presence here with us today. For more than a century, your organization and the Sons have marched hand-in-hand. Daughters of the Boys in Blue. Who saved our precious Union from the evil forces of rebellion and disunity. How good it is to walk with like-minded sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long and fruitful, but the march continues. Our paths become even more difficult in the twenty-first century as fewer Americans feel that essential bond of blood to those brave American Soldiers and Sailors whose memory we honor. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new century and beyond. The spirit of the Boys in Blue march with us. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause / applause in unison)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Gentlemen, you need to remain standing. We have another Delegation in the hallway.

Encampment

(chatter)

Escort

Commander, I have the privilege of presenting Danielle Michaels, Past National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Please escort her.

Escort

Commander, I have the, the privilege to present (indistinguishable) Sons Auxiliary Number 5.

Encampment

(chatter)

Danielle Michaels, ASUVCW Past President

At ease, men. Take your seats.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Danielle Michaels, ASUVCW Past President

Have a seat. Have a seat, please. I won't be that long, but what I have to say, I want your undivided attention. You sent three...

Indistinguishable

Four.

Danielle Michaels, ASUVCW Past President

Four handsome ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Danielle Michaels, ASUVCW Past President

But when Jim talked, he said that what would the Sons be without the Auxiliary? I turn that around and say, what would the Auxiliary be without the Sons? We are Brothers and Sisters in the Allied Order and we have to act as Brothers and Sisters. Not in rivalry, but working together as a family. And from what I've seen through the years of my time up as President to present is that it is getting back to we, treat one another as Brothers and Sisters because we worked with them. We know them. We can laugh with them and we can cry with one another and that's what makes a family. Being there for one another and our goal is to continue this. Our goal is, if you need something in your Departments, and you don't have an Auxiliary in your Department, I am the contact person for the National Order. I will help you get it started. If you have need in your Department, call me. I will be the one to contact them. I'll take the burden off your shoulder. If you need something and you have an Auxiliary, ask them. Ask them to help. We are here to help. And that's what I have to say about that. I do want to give you this from Virginia Twist.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Danielle Michaels, ASUVCW Past President

And she brought a gift along. A little taste of New York. And I also want to bring greetings from someone that did not come. He started his new job, and all rumors that I've heard this weekend. He is not

dead. I did not divorce him. He did not run away. He is not quitting the Sons. He dearly, he holds the Sons very dear to his heart and this, I'll tell ya', this is killing him, not being here, to be with you, to see you, to work with you. But, he started a new job. Three days in really doesn't give them any advantage to say, hey boss, I'd like to take four days off.

Encampment

(laughter)

Danielle Michaels, ASUVCW Past President

So, he is doing well. He is doing a job he loves. Things are good in the family. Okay? And he will continue so that's the truth behind it all and if I can get a plug because he's not here, he would do this. We know we're going to California next year and you all should know you that you're coming to Wisconsin the following year. And the doors are wide open for you. We have already started making plans what's available, what to show you know, the hotel is wonderful. We've been working with the hotel, see what else we can get. So see me if you want to know more about it. It's got lots of sights to see. But you definitely, this is a personal invitation from Past Commander-in-Chief and myself, come out to Wisconsin. And I guarantee you will enjoy it there. Thank you for the time, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I would just like to say, yesterday we had a standing ovation for Steve and the job he's done. So we understand him. We love him dearly.

Encampment

(chatter)

Denise Elmott?*

Good morning. I'm the other one.

Encampment

(laughter)

Denise Elmott?*

I am Denise Elmott*. I am Dannyle's twin ...

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Denise Elmott?*

I again extend an open arms invitation to each and every one of you. It, you're families, your wives, bring them all. Because we, in Wisconsin, we are family oriented and we have many things to share with you. We have a new Civil War Museum that's not that far away. It is really worth time. The people in the Milwaukee area and outlining areas are already geared up to make sure that your stay is one to remember. So dear Sons, dear Brothers, please join us. We will make sure that you will have an event to remember. Thank you for all your hospitality. Thank you for working with us and just thank you for being there. And love to all. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

Ladies, it's always a pleasure to be with you at our National

Encampments. I've been coming since 1994 and I've made some extensive friendships within the Auxiliary. I know everybody here has. I'm gonna echo things that were said earlier. We are a team. We all are in this together. We have got to move all of this forward, together, and not individually. I do appreciate you being here. I know everybody here appreciates you being here and thank you for the work that you've done with the Sons. I'd like to continue our work with you to progress our Orders forward. Will we have cheese in Wisconsin?

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

Again, thank you for all your work with us and looking forward to working with you in the future years.

Encampment

(applause)

[three raps ***]

Encampment (in unison)

(applause)

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. National GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Michael Beard, you have any recommendations?

D. Michael Beard, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Michael Beard, Sesqui-Centennial Chair. The report didn't make it in, but then I wanted to make one thing known to the Encampment. That the Committee owes a lot to Brothers Blair Rudy and Brian Glass from the Department of Texas for getting the design of the medal approved through the CoA and the medal that we see on sale here today. Department of Chesapeake has put in for another Sesqui-Centennial Event, Battle of Kernstown. I got an application here from the Department of California and Pacific for the Civil War Encampment at Fort Bourbon in the Presidio in October of 2011.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Robert Moore, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

If I may?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Robert Moore, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Robert Moore. I'm also on the Sesqui-Centennial Committee. How many people here on Facebook? Just out of curiosity. All right. We've got a lot of people that we can friend the Sesqui-Centennial Event on Facebook. And I encourage you to do so. So you keep up to date on what's going on with our Signature Events. Please. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We're still at Memorial Day Committee. I don't believe they had any recommendations there. Correct?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Committee on Battle Flag Preservation. The chairman of that unfortunately is working eighty hours a week right now and could not get time off to do it. Did he have any recommendations?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. No recommendations. Okay. We will go on to Mr. Mortoff, Report of the Council of Administration.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We'll start with Finance Committee.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Robert E. Grim, Finance Committee

Yes, we have no additional report other than the Committee's completed its assignment and requests to be to be discharged.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

So moved.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Committee is discharged. GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Richard L. Orr, GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief and Chairman of the Committee. Recommendations are on Page 56. There's no real additions to the Report. We do need to take up the recommendations.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee

First recommendation is that we continue to pursue the Commemorative Coins.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap *]

Richard L. Orr, GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Second, that we continue to pursue the Commemorative Stamp be issued by the United States Postal Service.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion?

[one rap *]

Richard L. Orr, GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee

And the third one, that a separate committee be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to plan, develop, and implement a Commemorative Event on or about 6 April 2016 in Decatur, Illinois. That our Sister Orders, or the Allied Orders of the GAR be invited to participate at all levels of planning and implementation. Or alternatively, the scope of this committee be expanded to include such an event and the committee be authorized to seek participation by the other Allied Orders in planning and execution of such an event.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Richard L. Orr, GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee

That's it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

That's it.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

David?

David M. Lamb, Canadian Union Veterans Monument Committee

Commander-in-Chief, I'm David Lamb. I'm Chairman of the Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument Committee. And I realize we're not a standing committee on this so we're not necessarily required to give an oral report, but I would suggest sir, one friendly amendment to our Report as stated on Page 57. There is a typographical error in the second paragraph that states, "over the past few months of 2010 and into the early months of 2011", etc. We had mis-named the monument on there to read, Angels and Heroes. The actual original intent was for that to be Angles, A-n-g-l-e-s and Heroes. And I would recommend that we just change that verbiage. Thank you, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Dean Moore*, Past Commander-in-Chief*

Commander, Dean Moore, Past Commander-in-Chief. If there's someone in the room who happens to be on the Real Sons Committee, if they would come back and see me. We have something we would to do in the future. Just to let you know we did get some bars for Life Real Sons and what we want to do is have the Committee actually see that they get them. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The one thing we have, the Report from the Executive Director has a recommendations and the CoA didn't take them up. And they all have to do with changes to the forms. So Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the request from the Executive Director to modify Forms 30, 27, 35 there's a couple others in here, be forwarded to the Program and Policy Committee and report back to the Council of Administration at Gettysburg to make the modifications since these involve the Annual Reports for next year.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So ordered.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The minutes of the August 11th National Committee of Administration, I mean Council of Administration Meeting held on Thursday night. I'm going to dispense with with the admin stuff like who was there and all that. Just about everyone was there. We'll just go to the meat of the subjects.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

We were presented with a copy of last year's written, completed proceedings by Ken Freshley, who is the Secretary for the Proceedings Officer. And he had I think that's the first time he ever had 'em in one year, wasn't it?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Brother Orr reported on the budget and not the accounting, you know, the spending that we did last, over the last year. He presented later a proposed budget for next year, which I believe has already been passed out. I think we passed that out earlier.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It's only being printed.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That one's being printed as we speak. So that will be later. He also passed out copies of the Consolidated Balance Sheet and we discussed that. And he provided us with a line-by-line explanation of that report. Brother Petrovic presented a long-range financial plan, a ten year plan and discussed that, after that was finished the Treasurer gave us a real short explanation of what organizational funds we have that could be freed up for possibly being invested using that plan.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That was Perley Mellor that did that. I'm sorry. I discussed the Honorary Membership Presentation for Ed Beers and had a certificate ready for signature and we did that on the Thursday evening. Programs and Policies, Don Palmer and the C & R Committee, we, we've discussed the Harassment and Fraud Policy. We talked about that. Brother Russ moved to approve the policy and pending required changes to the Disciplinary Section of the National Regulations. That was passed. Brother Russ also moved to approve the Fraud Policy in doing the same thing and that passed unanimously also. Brother Orr presented the proposed budget and the C of A went through that line by line. We had a little bit of a lively discussion on Life Memberships but did not result in any new action. When we reconvened, Charlie Kuhn spoke about the Gettysburg events and Remembrance Day. After failing to get responses from the merchants specifically, and I won't mention their name the Business Improvement and Development people came through with a check for the thousand dollars but they needed the additional thirty which we talked about, going through with all that to reimburse him was agreed upon. Brother Mellor introduced Bill Johnson, who spoke about advertising the SUV CW in the media, he provided to us some different examples and examples of costs and plans for advertising in websites, tv's, newspapers, etc. We had a general discussion on past advertising efforts, talking about the pros and cons of which ones work, which ones didn't. We all decided that we need to define where we want to go with, with a recruiting vision for the Organization. Brother Petrovic spoke about The Banner and some proceed problems that we've had there. Some concerns that we had was specifically was how much we were paying for The Banner at the time. We had a guest come in and talk to us a little bit about his background, his experience in working in media and printing, we had a question and answer period that, following his

presentation. The issue or any issues that we have concerning The Banner, we decided that we would pass to the incoming administration and allow them to look over it and decide which direction they want to go. Brother Petrovic spoke about the, let me see what this is. Ken Freshley discussed our problems in publishing the proceedings. He has completed and posted the 2010 and 2003 is also done. We still need to do 2002, 1999, 1993, 1990 1986 and 1983. Possibly they may also, some of those may also we're, we think that they may have been published, we're just trying to get our hands on a published copy of them as we speak. I know one place we discussed that we were going to look at was at the National Headquarters. By the way Dave, if you're here. Where's Dave Demmy? Dave, you know, we had that one meeting last week or week or so ago. I'd love to come down with you and spend some time searching for those if you don't mind.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Secretary shares that resolutions received that will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. There was a gift discussion resulting on the late submission of two of those. Decision was made for the Secretary to write a letter about those, but they will be dealt with in a different way. Don Palmer discussed the draft vision statement and discussed the changes made to it. He will present his Vision Statement to the Encampment and the survey instrument on the Encampment floor and explain how it will be implemented within the Order. Brother Perley discussed his supplemental report on new membership. Brother Orr discussed the new SCS Gettysburg Challenge Coins, which we've already dealt with in here today. He had a photo of those which we passed around today also. Brother Orr announced they were going to a tracking slip for merchandise shipping. There was a concern about that. Also there is a box of photos that they are trying to copy. They have older members identifying who are these pictures. These are pictures that had been located of, I guess they're very early meetings of the Sons of Union Veterans in the past encampments or other places and they would just like to try to find out for historical purpose, just for the good of the Order just who these people are. Meeting closed at 10:50 p.m. .

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief the motion put for this body is that they authorize the Council of Administration to engage the services of a professional fund a professional financial advisor to develop a plan for investing our assets to the betterment of the Order.

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Motion made and second. Understand that with the financial condition and currently the interest rates and things that we are getting on CD's are close to nothing. We now would like to, or the

motion would, by the Encampment, would let us engage a financial advisor to advise us on how to get more money out of the asset funds that we have.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And, of course, if we have any Brother who is a financial advisor and wants to donate their services, we'd gladly take them.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And as Jerry would say, all those who agree say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

Amen.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? We need a vote. So raise your cards in favor. Those opposed? Motion is passed.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Seriously Brothers, if anyone here or if there is a Brother in any Camp who's willing to help us you know, while the percentage we have to pay is relatively small. But still, if they're glad to talk to 'em.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Orr acknowledges he would like to speak or not like to speak, but speak to us afterwards. Thank you. Okay. We're gonna go to the Report on Specials Committees, Encampment Committees. Walter Busch, are you prepared for the Credentials?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay. I'm gonna read off by Departments. Basically what you're entitled to and then what you have. So this is what you're entitled to, if everybody had members present. California has four hundred and five members in good standing which means they could have seventeen potential Delegates, six Past Department Commanders were listed in their Annual Report, one Department Commander, for a total of twenty-four votes. Chesapeake has four hundred and ten members in good standing. Seventeen potential Delegates, seventeen Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, for a total of thirty-five. Colorado / Wyoming, fifty-eight members in good standing. Three potential Delegates, twelve PDC's, one Department Commander, for a total of sixteen. Connecticut, seventy-two members in good standing. Four potential Delegates, six PDC's, one Department Commander, for a total of eleven.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, this is not his final report before elections, correct?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

No.

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

Okay.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

We haven't taken the I have to up who's present, we haven't ...

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

Right. Okay. I just want to make sure, so ...

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Yeah.

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

This is not the one that really counts. This is the one that we're gonna determine how many, how many are here actually.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Right. Correct. Florida, a hundred and forty-nine members. Seven Delegates, seven PDC's, one Commander, total of fifteen. Georgia / South Carolina, seventy-two members. Four Delegates, one PDC, one Department Commander, total of six. Illinois, two hundred and nine members. Nine potential Delegates, nine PDC's, one Department Commander, total of nineteen. Indiana, hundred and eighty-three members. Eight potential Delegates, eleven PDC's, one Commander, total of twenty. Iowa, one hundred and sixty-two members. Seven Delegates, seven PDC's, one Department Commander, total of fifteen. Kansas, hundred and fifteen members. Six potential Delegates, eight PDC's, one Department Commander, total of fifteen. Kentucky, eighty members. Four potential Delegates, eight PDC's, one Department Commander, total of thirteen. Maine, eighty-five members...

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(laughter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

...Four potential Delegates, eight PDC's, one Department Commander, total of thirteen. Massachusetts, one hundred and eighty-seven members. Eight potential Delegates, four PDC's, one Department Commander, total of thirteen. Michigan, one hundred and five members. Twenty-one potential Delegates ...

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(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I'm sorry. A hundred and sorry. Five hundred and one.

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(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Twenty-one Delegates, nine PDC's, one Department Commander, total of thirty-one. Missoura, or Missouri, two twenty-five. Ten potential Delegates, ten PDC's, one Department Commander, total of twenty-one. Nebraska, eighty-three members. Four Delegates, four PDC's, one Department Commander, total of nine. New Hampshire, ninety-three members. Five Delegates, ten PDC's, one Department Commander, total of sixteen. New Jersey, two hundred and ninety-six members. Thirteen Delegates, twelve PDC's, one Commander, total of twenty-six. New York, five forty-two members. Twenty-three Delegates, eleven PDC's, one Department Commander, total of thirty-five. North Carolina, seventy-two

members. Four Delegates, one PDC, one Department Commander, a total of six. Ohio, four hundred and seventy-one members. Twenty Delegates, twenty-three PDC's, one Commander, total forty-four. Oklahoma, fifty-five members. Three Delegates, eight PDC's, one Department Commander, total of twelve. Pennsylvania, eight hundred and sixty-eight members. Thirty-six Delegates, twelve PDC's, one Department Commander, total of forty-nine. Rhode Island, one hundred and six members. Five Delegates, six PDC's, one Department Commander, total of twelve. Tennessee, one hundred and twenty-six members. Six potential Delegates, twelve PDC's, one Department Commander, total of nineteen. Texas, one hundred and five (chatter) members. Five potential Delegates, seven Department Comm... Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, total of thirteen. Vermont, fifty-one members. Three potential Delegates, zero Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, total of four. Wisconsin, twenty-six two hundred and sixteen, instead, members. Ten potential Delegates, eight PDC's, one Department Commander, total of nineteen. And I'd like some suggestion on how to do this. National Members-at-Large, we have fifty-seven members at, in good standing. I have two potential Delegates. Do they get, do those and Camps-at-Large get an additional vote for Department-at-Large status like all the Departments get?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. Members-at-Large are treated separately for Delegate purposes from the Camps-at-Large ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Uh huh.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... which are all part of the Department-at-Large. So you have the Department-at-Large, and then you have the Members-at-Large. They're treated separately.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay. So I got the National Members-at-Large, fifty-seven members in good standing. They're entitled to two Delegates. Camps-at-Large ...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

No.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Camps-at-Large, a hundred and sixty-eight members in good standing. Seven potential Delegates. And that doesn't, sir, I'm not counting any Departments.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

So, that is what everybody is entitled to. Here's what's been present since we've been taking the information. They may not all be present today. California and Pacific has had ten present during the Encampment. One Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, six Delegates. Chesapeake, present twenty-nine.

One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, nine Past Department Commanders, sixteen Delegates, two still listed as Alternate. Colorado / Wyoming, one present. One Delegate. Connecticut, two present. One Department Commander, one Delegate. Florida, five present. One Past Department Commander, four Delegates. Georgia / South Carolina, four present. One Past Department Commander, three Delegates. Illinois, ten present. One Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, four Delegates. Indiana, seven present. One Past De..., Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, three Delegates. Iowa, four present. One Department Commander, three Delegates. Kansas, three are present. One Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders. Kentucky, three present, two Past Department Commanders, one Delegate. Maine, zero. Massachusetts, eleven are present. One Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, seven Delegates. Michigan, seventeen present. Two Past Commander-in-Chiefs, one Department Commander, fifteen Delegates. Missouri, seven are present. Three Past Department Commanders, four Delegates. Nebraska, three present. One Department Commander, two Delegates. New Hampshire, zero. New Jersey, five present. One Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, one Delegate. New Jersey, I'm, I'm sorry. New York, seven are present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, two Delegates. North Carolina, four present. One Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, two Delegates. Ohio, seventeen are present. Three Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, one Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, eight Delegates. Oklahoma, one present. One Delegate. Pennsylvania, twenty-one present. Four Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, two Past Department Commanders, fifteen Delegates. Rhode Island, six present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, four Delegates. Tennessee, four are present. One Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders. Texas, one is present. The Department Commander. Vermont, zero. Wisconsin, six are present. One Past Department Commander, one Past, I'm sorry, yes. One Past Department Commander, one Department Commander, and two Delegates, and two Juniors. National Members-at-Large, one is present. One Delegate. Camps-at-Large, one is present, one Delegate. We have a total of one hundred and ninety-one present. We have one Commander-in-Chief present, thirteen Past Commanders-in-Chiefs present, eighteen Department Commanders, forty-eight Past Department Commanders, one hundred and two Delegates, two, I'm sorry yes, two Alternates, and two Juniors present. And that's my report.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief. One correction. The National Membership-at-Large, would it be entitled to three Delegates? The Regulations read, National Members-at-Large attending the National Encampment may elect from their membership one Delegate to represent them and further Delegates based on the same ratio as provided to representation of

Departments. So they get the one automatic plus they get the additional based on their size.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I'll make that change.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska Chaplain. We have a correction. You have listed there as our Department Commander, he is a Past Department Commander. Thank you.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Is he still the Department Commander?

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

No.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

No. He'll need to come back and cha...

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(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

and change it.

Ted Golab, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Ted Golab, Department Commander of Georgia / South Carolina. Thank you for the promotion, but I don't think I get it till next April. He'll be, there's four of us here.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Uh huh.

Ted Golab, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Three Delegates and one Department Commander.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay.

Ted Golab, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Thank you.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I'll check our records on that, too. Maybe it's marked wrong. You guys (indistinguishable) ...

***, Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific. There are three Past Department Commanders. You forgot the most important one.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I've got him listed as the Commander-in-Chief.

***, Department of California and Pacific**

No, no, that would be four. There's three of us.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay. So we need to recheck California, Georgia, and ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Total number is correct. California, Georgia, and Members-at-Large. Okay.

Indistinguishable

Any other corrections?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Resolutions Committee. Leo?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

May I approach?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee had several items that was presented to it. Two have actually already been taken care of through other engagements throughout the course of yesterday and this morning. So, the ones that have not been. Resolution for the Department of Pennsylvania to the Brothers of this Encampment, the popularity of the Scottish Kilt has come in style and the organizations have adopted a particular type for its own use, they're recommending adoption of the Federal Memorial tartan. We have no problem with this, but I want to say that I do have several kilts and the kilt never went out of style, okay? but the Committee ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

... the Committee does concur with this.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

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Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

The Department of Nebraska, Resolution for Junior Membership. I don't believe that this has been addressed. It talks about Junior Membership for the Junior Members, Junior Associates and talks about working with materials developed by the Boy Scouts of America to consider as a model to involve the youth for achievement upon completion of each unit with certificates, patches, and / or medals. To develop youth that what patriotic involvement and more knowledge in the Civil War, its causes and effects. Knowledge of the President Lincoln, his history, actions through the war. And the principal Generals from the government of the GAR. And also whereas music is an important motivational part of the war, Junior members should be encouraged to

participate in drum corp, bugle playing, become more familiar with the songs sung from that period. Material of development may take several years and then needs to be evaluated for its appropriateness to the age group. Considering the sequence of publications, cost of distribution needs to be developed by the community the Committees. Friendship programs for adult members of the Order who are leading the youth will also need to be developed to make the program a success and the LCVW Junior Membership Program, if well developed, could be adopted through schools as a model to teach the history of the Civil War and for contribution to the American society by the Civil War Veterans. So the resolution is that four standing committees be formed to expand the materials that are already developed. One of the committees to be established as the coordinating committee. The other three committees each taking on one-third of the age groups and developing a program for that age group with continuing and oversight by the coordinating committee. We agree with the program, we do not agree with four separate committees. So we bring it to the Encampment with that recommendation.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So ordered, go to Program and Policy.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

Department of Michigan Resolution. The Department of Michigan would like to accept a resolution for its membership regarding the, and I'm not exactly sure of the pronunciation of this, I apologize. The HathiTrust Digital Library and its efforts to record, preserve, and foster research and open access to works created by the Grand Army of the Republic. The resolution reads this, "Whereas the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War is upon us and the 150 Anniversary of the founding of the GAR is fast approaching. And whereas the HathiTrust Digital Library has digitized over eight million books and is committed to the long term preservation of these digital assets, and providing free online and public access to the books in the public domain or for which they have received a copyright for these statement. So whereas the Grand Army of the Republic, the publisher, a copyright holder of numerous publications no longer exist and the Grand Army of the Republic through the Deed of Conveyance transferred all records and property to the Commandriean Son Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the intent of said Deed of Conveyance was to provide for the public use of such records. Be it resolved, the Brothers in Michigan, recommend the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War grant the HathiTrust Digital Library copyright release for works created by the Grand Army of the Republic in order to foster research and open access". We had multiple questions on this. First of all, I'm not sure that some, we're not, we are not certain that the copyright applied in all cases. We were not certain if they were asking for access to our

personal holdings and if that happened, would we lose the rights to them. So we are bringing it back with no recommendation.

Encampment

(chatter)

Matt Adair, Department of Michigan

Commander, Matt Adair Historian, Department of Michigan. Since I was the one who instigated this, I should probably give a little background. The HathiTrust Digital Library was instituted through the University of Michigan. Many of you are probably familiar with Google Books. The University of Michigan was the first institution to partner with Google to digitize library holdings. As part of their partnership, they made an agreement with Google Book that all that data that Google digitized, that they got a copy of. They are now putting that information online into the public access through the HathiTrust Digital Library. HathiTrust also has a number of other very large institutional libraries, New York Public Library, Harvard I think about eighty-three libraries across the country are participating. And this is simply a resolution to open up access to works published after 1923 to be made available online. The information is already digitized as a preservation measure, but it's not available to the public because it is not in the public domain being published after 1923. This would simply grant them access to make it available to the public. We would not lose the copyright on it. We would retain all copyright on those materials. Like I say, it's just providing the access to them.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother, may you state your current occupation?

Matt Adair, Department of Michigan

I well technically I'm a student but I'm working in archives and preservation.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, we can't give something away that we don't own. The GAR themselves put all of their documents in the public domain. And I realize as Jim said, they're saying they don't want to accept that. But the only way they're gonna do it is to go back and research the GAR Records where they did put it in the public domain. We do not hold copyright on anything the GAR published. So we cannot give away something we don't have.

Matt Adair, Department of Michigan

May I ask a quick question on that? Wouldn't copyright be considered intellectual property?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

It is if the GAR owned it at the time the Deed of Conveyance was executed, and they didn't.

Matt Adair, Department of Michigan

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Because they had themselves had put in the public domain.

Matt Adair, Department of Michigan

I see.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Robert Moore?

Robert Moore, Department of Chesapeake

Robert Moore, Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake. As far as copyright goes, anything I've got is seventy-five years. Is that not correct?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

There's been several changes in the copyright laws. In fact, the law that is right now on the books, as soon as you create it, it's copyrighted. It's yours for your lifetime and it's for the lifetime of at least one generation of your descendants before it automatically goes into public domain. We're talking about copyright law here prior to 1978, I think that was the last time it was changed. Knew there was a time period in there where it was the life of the original copyright holder. Prior to 1923 it was for seventy-five years. So, it depends on when the things were created, copyright law applies and it's a very specialized area of the law. Jim and I have talked about it a lot and you know, we couldn't ..., Jim certainly offers legal opinions on it but mine are based from organizations that I work with that deal a lot with copyrighted materials, particularly photographs. It's a minefield, but the fact is, the GAR themselves did not protect their ownership and they gave it away.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I have a question for Brother Adair. And first of all, by way of introduction, Matt Adair is a professional archivist. He'll be completing his Masters Degree at the University of Michigan very quickly and works at currently the Burton Historical Collection, where there's a lot of fantastic things. If indeed the Grand Army of the Republic surrendered that copyright, put it in the public domain, and that is published in their proceedings, would that satisfy the requirements of the Trust to make those documents available online?

Matt Adair, Department of Michigan

Absolutely.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

So we can do that research. Rich believes it was sometime in the 40's.

Matt Adair, Department of Michigan

Yes. Absolutely. When I approached the library, I had presented them with the Deed of Conveyance and, and they were perfectly acceptable to that as well. But if the GAR did in fact turn that over to the public trust, then it's just a matter of documenting that for them.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, we did, it was at the same time that they lost the control of the medal which is why we do not own the patent on the medal. They just themselves failed to protect it and that they lost I believe was in a Court case that was challenged because, and the case was that they simply made no effort to protect it for a long period of time and it was ruled to be in the public domain. And they just sort of gave up at that point and put everything in the public domain.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to table that motion for investigation upon the details of the GAR proceedings. When we find that out, then we will do it. I think it's a great idea. I'm supposed to say, so ordered.

Encampment

(laughter)

Matt Adair, Department of Michigan

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

Resolution for the Department of Massachusetts. This is a resolution defining the purpose and limitations of an Appeal Board. Through the current verbiage in Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 12, the third sentence states, the sole object of the hearing is to dispense expeditious justice between the parties. The hearing council shall conduct a hearing in conformance to the Constitution, Regulations, Policy and any other orders that may be issued by the Commander-in-Chief. And whereas, ending, ending the quote there. Whereas no such statement of purpose exists in the Regulations for an appeals panel, possibly allowing the panel to interpret and decide its own role in bringing justice to the Order and under the U. S. Law an appellate court's purpose and review the trial court's decision is to review the Trial for mistakes of law which might the cause the Trial to again fairly slanted toward one side or the other. The purpose of an appeal court is not to re-try cases. So long as the original trial was conducted properly, an appeal court would not reverse a trial court decision or send it back for retrial. Only if they find this court had made a mistake of law. And without a specific purpose, a statement purpose, and appeals board it may be unclear to what its function is. And we hear cases already conducted properly, thereby racing the time of those Brothers who served on a hearing council by unnecessarily nullifying their decisions when no impropriety was found in the original hearing. Appeals court ruling should be confined to the grounds cited in the appeal. If the sentence given by an appeal, by hearing counsel is not appealed on the grounds, then it is too harsh or unfair, an appeals panel should not rule it so arbitrarily. Brothers who take the time to serve on hearing councils generally do so reluctantly. With the principal in mind that they are performing an unpleasant but necessary service for the organization. To treat their time and efforts as if they are unimportant by vacating their decisions and rehearing a case simply because the defendant asks for an appeal will cause the discouragement of Brothers to serve on future hearing councils, thus

delaying or denying justice within the Order. The, the resolution is that the National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War amend its Regulations by approving an addition to the following Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 20 after the sentence, whenever a Department Commander or the Commander-in-Chief shall receive an appeal, they shall appoint a three persons appeal panel. The sole object of the appeals board is to determine whether or not a Hearing Council, I'm sorry, a hearing was conducted in a fair and judicious manner and in conformance with the Constitution, Regulations, Policy, and other orders as may be issued by the Commander-in-Chief. Thus, the the recommendation is to amend the Regulations by approving the addition of the following to that Article 5, Section 6, Section 21. The Appeals Panel may only rule on the grounds given for the appeals by the appellee party. It may not rule on the grounds which have not been brought before it as the reason for the appeal. Our recommendation was to forward this to the permanent C & R Committee for review and to come back with a recommendation on this as it changes several points.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Referred to the C & R Committee.

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

Resolution for, this is also from the Department of Massachusetts. A resolution assigning responsibility for issuing notifications during and following the appeals process. Again, Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 13 B states, the hearing council shall then make a specific findings of fact and issue their decision as either guilty or not guilty as to each specification. Two-thirds affirmative vote necessary to convict. If a guilty verdict is determined, the hearing counsel shall then determine an appropriate penalty as to the manner, the matter. Said penalty shall be effective throughout all Camps, Departments, and the National Organization. This regulation fails to designate specifically to whom and by what means the hearing council shall issue its findings. The Regulations fails to designate which Brother or Brothers are responsible for notifying Camps, Departments, and the National Organization as to the finding of the hearing council. And we all knowledge of the findings and any sanctions imposed by the appeals board enforcing the sanctions throughout the organization as called for in the Regulations is impossible. So the Regulations for Chapter 5, Article 6, 23, states the decision of an appeals panel appointed by the Commander-in-Chief upon the conclusion of the process as outlined in Section 22 is final and no further right of appeal exists. The party may request leave to appeal to the National Orga... National Encampment, which request must be moved in thirty days of the issuance of the decisions of the appeal panel appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Any decisions of the National Encampment is final and my not be reviewed by any authority at a future time. Whereas the Regulations fails to designate specifically to whom and by what means the appeals panel shall issue its findings, the Regulations fails to designate which Brother or Brothers responsible for notifying or by what means they shall make notification to the

parties involved and the National Organization of the finding. And with our knowledge of the substance and timing of the findings and any sanctions imposed by the appeals board, compliance with the time limitations given in the Regulations is greatly impeded. Therefore, and ask that it be, it be resolved with the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, amend Regulations by approving the addition of the following to Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 13 B, as in bravo. The hearing council shall transmit to the Camp Commander, the Department Commander, or Commander-in-Chief their findings and any imposed sentences in writing at their earliest convenience. The Camp Commander, Department Commander, or Commander-in-Chief will, upon receipt of the findings, issue a Camp, Department, or General Order announcing the findings of the hearing council and any sentences imposed. So the resolution continues to say in the Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 22, they request they add in the following, an appeals panel shall transmit to the Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief their finding and any imposed sentences in writing at their earliest convenience. The Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief will, upon receipt of the findings, issue a Department or General Order announcing the findings of the hearing council and any sentences imposed. Again, we refer to the C & R Committee.

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D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

It is moved to the C & R Committee.

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

From the Department of Georgia. Modifications for the regarding the War Medal. The eligibility criteria of the above policy of the War Medal statement for award of the War Medal does not include the Korea Defense Service Medal which is now awarded for service in the Korean Peninsula, from July 28th, 1954 to present. The GSW does recognize the award and the Korean Defense Medal as criteria for membership. It is therefore proposed that the current policy statement be changed to add the Korean Defense Service Medal to the listing of ribbons and medals that would qualify a Brother for the Order of the War Medal. Brothers who have received the Korean Defense Service Medal would then be authorized to wear the War Medal with Korea on their bar. And we disagree.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Objection? Please come, please come speak before the microphone.

Encampment

(chatter)

***Matt Trixie, Department of Michigan**

Matt Trixie, Department of Michigan

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Please please state your name.

***Matt Trixie, Department of Michigan**

Yes. Matt Trixie, Department of Michigan, Past Camp Commander and

Past Patriotic Instructor.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

***Matt Trixie, Department of Michigan**

I spent thirty-two years in the military. I'm a life member of the VFW for like thirty-five years Viet Nam, and Iraq. I also have speaking to this issue, the Korean Defense Service Medal, which I spent the total of it's like seventy days in Korea. Didn't see anybody carrying a weapon with live rounds in it. I like it's very nice medal, pretty medal and an outline to use it politically and correct didn't degrade anybody's you know, award of the medal. It's as you know, it's very well deserved. But you know, and I objected when the VFW authorized a membership under it because the Veterans of Foreign Wars is exactly that. Foreign war. While there have been actions in active shooting incidents in the Korean peninsula, I think that it's going a little bit too far, to say, the war service medal is to broaden that for service to the Korean Defense Service Medal, I just don't think it fits well. And, and I objected to the VFW, but they're hurting for membership with the demise of the World War II Veterans, so they're out there grabbing, you know, people like the the Berlin Occupation Medal qualified and many of those people, even though it was a cold war didn't see a shot fired in anger either. So, that's my objections and this is not to put down anybody's service who was awarded the Korean Defense Service Medal, but just because the VFW did it, I don't think I wear the War Service Medal for Viet Nam and Iraq and I just don't think it qualifies. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Ted?

Encampment

(chatter)

Theodore H. Golab, Department of Georgia / South Carolina

The Department Commander of Georgia / South Carolina, Ted Golab. Being a combat wounded veteran of the siege of Khe San during '67 and '68 where I lost fifty of my friends within seventy-seven days, these other people, when they're walking the Korean line, that shows how smart our government is. They give 'em a rifle and on the other side, these people have weapons with bullets in it and we let our soldiers walk up and down these trenches, was unarmed, and how many soldiers have been killed or wounded, and they received the Purple Heart. Right? Just like I did for combat. I think it's a dishonor. I know this Organization here, I met a person five years ago, and he's got a Viet Nam Service Bar, and I said, oh, where were you at in Viet Nam? And he says I wasn't in Viet Nam, I was in Germany. You know how bad I felt? I served in Viet Nam, was almost killed, and all my friends are dead. They're all right, right down the street in Arlington's National Cemetery. We just lost thirty-eight brave soldiers. These guys are risking their life for us just like our ancestors fought. Our ancestors, it's not what we did, it's what our ancestors did. And our kids, we have to take care of 'em. All right. I disagree and I wish we

could give him this. And there's a few other things we would like to make changes, sir. And thank you for the time, Commander.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Alan?

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Commander-in-Chief Alan Russ, Past Department Commander, Kansas. I would recommend the Commander-in-Chief refer this to the Council of Administration as the Regulations of the Order state it is the Council of Administration who determines periods of service and such for award of the War Medal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

***Eric Spindle, Department of Wisconsin**

Eric Spindle, Delegate, Department of Wisconsin, C. K. Pier Badger Camp Number 1. I am also a retired Lt. Colonel in the United States Army. I am also a Past All-State Commander, VFW Post 7591, Madison, Wisconsin. I served over in Korea twice. Once in a tour, once PDY. It is a war zone over there gentlemen. You don't hear about it over here. I also am a participant in Operation Paul Bunyan. On 16 August 1976, two officers were killed in Panmunjon and for about two months thereafter, it was pretty close to being war. Units over there patrol the DMZ and are in constant threat, twenty-four hours a day. All units maintain a basic load of ammunition. I was an artillery XO and maintain the basic load. It is a war zone, gentlemen. It is still war over there. We just do not hear it here. Since 1953, there's been approximately two hundred personnel killed and probably about five hundred wounded. So I submit that for your consideration. And finally, the VFW does not determine membership by themselves. Membership criteria for the VFW must be approved by Congress. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Second turn.

Theodore H. Golab, Department of Georgia / South Carolina

I hate to be so emotional. Ted Golab, Department of Georgia / South Carolina. Is there some way we could bring up to the membership today to vote on this thing? To make a motion. That we, we should award this to these, our Brothered Warriors? Can we bring this to a motion? I'd like to make a motion that, we have at our own Encampment. Our Brothers here. If we want to recognize these warriors or not. Could we do that?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

You may make a motion.

Theodore H. Golab, Department of Georgia / South Carolina

I make a motion that the ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Theodore H. Golab, Department of Georgia / South Carolina

I propose that the criteria for the War Medal to Brothers who have served and were awarded the Korean Defense Service Medal be awarded, be able to wear our Sons of Union Veterans War Medal with Bar stating Korea for their service. I make that motion.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have a second?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I need names, I need someone to step to the microphone for a second. Identify yourself Marc.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska, Chaplain. I second the motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

Steven Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

I'm Steve Hackett from the Department of Rhode Island. And I just to reinforce for my brother who was a Lt. Colonel. I'm a retired Lt. Colonel, Reserves. I have some friends who have been in Korea. They're wearing Combat Infantry Badges, they're walking along the DMZ, and have combat patches on the right sleeve. Okay. And yea, a lot of guys who were in Korea, they never got close to getting shot at. But there are guys who do. And it's another thing that bothers me 'cause again, I have to admit my fault for not checking the C & R. But if we do not have including the C & R, any Brother who has earned an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Marine Corp Expeditionary Medal, or any Expeditionary Medal, for the conflicts that many people don't even know about, and have combat stars on those awards, should be awarded the War Medal. And I know that's not something we can act on today, but it should be looked into.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Let ...

Steven Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

(indistinguishable)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Let me deal with the motion and the second on the floor.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Brother Commander Brother Commander-in-Chief when the vote is taken on this, could it be possible that we have three categories of voting? Those in favor, those against, and those abstaining?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

No.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'm not expressing an opinion one way or the other on this. I would like to state for the consideration of the Brothers, the requirement for the Korean Defense Medal is to spend thirty days in Korea and that's it. That's all you need to do is spend thirty calendar days consecutively in Korea to get the medal.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. First, Don.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, National Patriotic Instructor. And you if had spent that thirty days there, you might understand a little bit more. Thirty days in an area that could become a hot combat zone is more than enough for things to happen. And we are, our ancestors who go to Washington D. C., who possibly did not get action. But we still honor them. And as was said, Korea is a potential war zone. And see this all the time. It's been in the news just recently. So yes, thirty days is a term of service.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Gentlemen, I'm gonna limit this discussion to two for and two against. and back Brother Brian.

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia / South Carolina

Brian Pierson Senior Vice Department of Georgia / South Carolina. Active duty Air Force '06. Thirty days, consecutive or sixty days non-consecutive is standard DOD criteria for being awarded a Campaign Medal in any theatre, no matter whether or not you see combat or not. I just want to throw that up there for consideration. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

No. One more. Bruce, behind you, I think you were next.

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island Department. Commanding United States Marine Corp. I saw combat in three different occasions and have earned the Combat Action Ribbon. That Ribbon states that you only have to serve combat for thirty consecutive days in order to receive that ribbon. I believe anybody who receives that ribbon along with the Combat Infantry Badge should be able to wear a War Veterans Badge.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska, Chaplain. Point of information. Are we not still technically in a state of war with Korea? There was only a cease fire made?

Encampment

(chatter)

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Those ladies and gentlemen there are under war-time conditions.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

In response to your question, technically, we've never been at war in Korea. It was a U. N. Police Action. Congress never declared war.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion and we have a second. And Gene, would you please read it?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I will accept one more.

***Jim ?, ***

Any servicemen who's in active duty during war time is authorized a service medal. Okay. No matter what war you were in, deciding, there's a service medal that you are authorized. In World War II, every GI was awarded at least two service medals. In the Korean War, if you step foot in country, you were authorized three. Two for the United States and one for the United Nations. If you were in Viet Nam, there was one National Defense Medal that every soldier wore from 1965 to 1975. Under that action, I have the War Medal. The regulations changed in the last few years. I would not receive it now. In 1967, when I started wearing a uniform from the military and I wore it for over forty years, I was subject to go wherever they decided to send me. Fortunately, I never left ConUS*. But after going through jump school, things kept escalating, you never knew. So I serve there, and here, until I'm buried. Because I'm proud of it. Now, in 1954, we left Korea. The Korean Service Medal was discontinued. And from that time, soldiers until three years ago or so, did not receive any credit for serving on the Korean Peninsula. The government changed that with the Korean Defense Medal. But every year since that time, there have been a potential for harm and many times there have been shots fired, tragedies and deaths, for your servicemen patrolling the DMZ. And I see no problem honoring any servicemen who puts their life in harms way. And there are some people who could wear the War Service Medal by spending their time in Viet Nam, in Saigon, in one of the officers club ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim, I must (indistinguishable).

***Jim ?, ***

(indistinguishable)

Encampment

(chatter)

***Jim ?, ***

But if you were on active duty during war time, you receive at least one service medal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Okay. We have a motion and we have a second.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Motion from the floor that Brothers who have been awarded the Korean Defense Service Medal be eligible to wear the SUVCW War Medal with Bar stating Korea for their service.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Everybody in favor, raise your cards. Everybody opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

Indistinguishable

Thank you Brothers for all our service members, and God Bless America.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Amen.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

(break for lunch)

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're going to continue where we left off, Leo.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

This next Resolution is from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. And there is currently no need for the Department Commander or the Camp Commander to recognize service beyond the efficient and loyal service normally expected in the performance of a Brother's duties. It is therefore proposed, where a Brother's performance has been exceptionally notorious and if approved by Board consisting of the Commander, Past Commanders, and the current Senior Vice Commander, he, he shall be authorized to wear a one-half inch Service Star when awarded by the Department, or one-half inch Blonde Star when awarded by the Camp. This Star shall be worn on the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Membership Badge with SUVCW Badge of current office or the SUVCW Past Commander Badge. There are restrictions. The restrictions

are: there are no more will be made of, be required to be made, only one award each year by the Department or the Camp may be made. A Brother may receive the award once at the Department or Camp level. Only one star of any type is authorized to wear upon any of the SUVCW Badges. This does not apply to any Sons of Veterans Reserve where a star may have been awarded. All recognitions for this award shall be in writing, the following approvals shall be awarded the next higher headquarters for their information. The award may not be made retroactive based on any previous recognized service by a certificate or letter. The award shall be accompanied by an appropriate certificate or letter authorizing the star's wearer. The Committee did not concur.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

Encampment

(chatter)

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Jerome Kowalski, Chaplain. am I to understand that this is a motion, a suggestion to place additional hardware onto the existing badges done by a Department or Camp? Is that what this proposal is about?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes it would be.

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Okay. First of all, shouldn't that go to some Committee to decide the correctness of it, number one. And number two, if you're gonna vote for it, I don't want to see the Badges cluttered up by Camps and Departments for doing a good Boy Scout Ceremony, you get a little half-inch gold, bronze star. So if you're going to vote on it, I'm gonna vote no. I don't think it's a good idea, but prior to even voting no, it seems like it should be going to some place bad.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

You're not objecting. There was a resolution, the Committee rejected it (indistinguishable) ...

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Oh ...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So you, you're not objecting. You're, you're just ...

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

I'm concurring with the Committee ...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

... and throwing it out. Yes. Okay.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. There being no objections ...

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Resolutions Committee

And the Resolution Committee thanks you so much for allowing us to to be here today. Thank you, sir.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Officers Report.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

Okay. The Encampment Committee on Officers Reports reviewed eight recommendations. There were a number of 'em that were part of the that were tied to the Constitution and Regulations that were dealt with yesterday. but we have a number of these ... Thanks, Steve. first one from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Council of Administration establish a listing of the types of events the SUVWCW would consider for Signature Event Status that can be included on the Signature Event Approval Form. Since that dealt with a form, it was recommended that that be passed on to the Program and Policy Committee.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So ordered.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

A few recommendations from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. one of 'em, a big problem that we have is the tracking of the Brothers that have moved. A copy of the Form 30 Camp Status Report with this type of change should be sent to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This would ensure that he can reach the Brothers that need to be contacted. And the Committee concurred.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

Second recommendation from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Have the Department Junior Vice Commanders and the Camps-at-Large Secretaries provide a written report to the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief by June 30th of each year. These reports would be included in the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's final report to the National Organization. And the reasoning is right now, the only data that he is tracking is those applications that come through the internet. Since he is Chairman of the Membership Committee, it would be beneficial if he had membership reports that covered everything. And the Committee concurred.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. This involves an amendment to the job descriptions of these individual officers, the Department and local, which is therefore a change to the Regulations and so I would recommend this be referred to the C & R Committee for a study and report back next year.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Referred to the C & R Committee.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

Okay. Recommendations from the National Treasurer, those that were not that did not impact the Constitution and Regulations. Life Membership Program be suspended for the forthcoming year and such action to be reviewed at the 2012 National Encampment to determine if suspension will remain in effect or be lifted. The Committee did not concur.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Is there an objection?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brothers, this recommendation is made because every Life Member that joins costs the National Order twenty-three dollars a year in per capita dues forever. We currently are losing, and that was in my report somewhere. We are currently losing on average nine thousand dollars a year in lost per capita for the Life Members. Last year we increased the per capita to cover the expenses and that five dollar increase which netted us about fifteen thousand dollars, half of that was because we are not getting per capita money from the Life Members. Life Membership Program never benefits the Order. The money goes into the Permanent Fund. We cannot touch the money which is provided for Life Membership payment. All we have is the interest. The bulk of that interest is used to pay the reimbursement to the Camps for Life Members. It is a losing proposition for the Order to continue a Life Membership Program without substantially increasing the cost of Life Members. At current interest rates, to produce the per capita tax that is needed, current per capita tax and that assumes no increases ever in the, in time that the Brother is a member. We would need to increase the Life Membership Application Fee from five hundred dollars to seventeen hundred and fifty dollars.

And we would need to increase the two hundred and fifty dollar over sixty-five to twelve hundred and thirty dollars. That is how much we are short being in a sound financial condition with Life Members. The Life Members in actuality, and I include myself among this, are a burden on the annual dues paying Brothers. To continue the Program only continues to add to the burden on those who do pay their dues annually. So I am objecting and I am moving that the, the Program be suspended for a one, and by suspended, that only means it is closed to new enrollees. Doesn't mean we're not going to pay the, the reimbursement to the Camps that we already are obligated to pay. It simply means we would accept no new Life Members and be reviewed again next year. Should the financial conditions of the economy change enough that we can generate enough income, the Encampment would then be free to reinstate it.

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

I'll second that. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? Please ...

Indistinguishable

Commander ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... state your name.

A. Bryan Salter, Department of North Carolina

Bryan Salter, Past Camp Commander, Camp Number 5, North Carolina. I support keeping the Life Membership. One reason, I'll soon be sixty-five and be eligible to get a reduced rate.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

A. Bryan Salter, Department of North Carolina

I'm a Life Member. Actually I'm an endowment member of the NRA. I'm a Life Member to UNC Alumni Association. And I don't think any of those organizations have lost money by, you know, mine and the many other people being Life Members. I really don't understand why it's such an issue with the SUVCW. And I know we're not as large perhaps as the NRA, or even, even the Carolina Alumni Association. But again, I think having the Life Membership is something for members to look forward to.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, since there's a question there, if I may respond and not get counted? If you are a member of the NRA, you're also at least quarterly being inundated with mailings asking you to become what amounts to a Super Life Member ...

A. Bryan Salter, Department of North Carolina

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... because they are losing money on their Life Members. I am a Life Member of the NRA. I get them at least quarterly. I'm a Life Member of the Penn State Alumni Association. They're doing the same thing. The

big difference is, our Life Membership Fees go into a restricted account. We cannot touch the Life Membership fee. Most organizations have their Life Membership Fees into a separate fund, but they draw down against the principal as well as the earnings. We cannot draw against that five hundred dollars. We cannot draw against the two hundred and fifty if you're over sixty-five. All we have is the earnings on that money to cover your per capita.

A. Bryan Salter, Department of North Carolina

But if we change the Regulations where we could draw against the principal too, then that would solve some of that issue.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It would, except we can never take the money out of the permanent fund that's now in there. We would have to start a new fund and start at zero. But that's the only way it would be possible.

A. Bryan Salter, Department of North Carolina

And again, the Committee's recommendation was not to suspend the Life Membership?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, my, the ...

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

The Committee's recommendation was not concur, and not concurring with the recommendation.

Encampment

(chatter)

B. P, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

B. P. here from South Carolina. A quick question. Can or would the Committee explain their reasons for not concurring with that? Just for informational purposes. I think that would help us make an informed decision here. Thank you.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

I guess in part was to prompt Brother Orr to explain the situation thoroughly as he did, so that we, we were successful in that endeavor, but I know during the discussion one of the members brought up an issue with some members that have already paid into as partial payment towards their Life Membership.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

They would have to be allowed to continue.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

That's okay. So and that, that, that would ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's a contract, in essence a contract in which they are making payments. So that, that's a contract between us and that Brother that is in place.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

Okay. So that was one of the issues that wasn't clear and that was one of the reasons. So, if that's a moot point, then, but we got the full explanation.

B. P, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Charles?

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Charlie Mabie, Department of California / Pacific. You know, gentlemen, we were faced last year with a lot of discussion about people being outright angry over a five dollar increase, which is two cups a coffee. It's a three-quarters of a McDonald's meal. It is, in California, it's half a pack of cigarettes. It's ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

A yearly increase you know, I never thought like, like the roof was gonna fall in and here we are, we're still standing. There's people in the room who have paid a lot of money to come here. It costs to belong to this Organization and it's not enough for us to say, we'll fix it someday because today is today. You know, at age ninety-one, my grandfather lost a tooth. Brad, my grandfather, at ninety-one he lost a tooth and the doctor said, you have to get this fixed, the dentist. And he said I won't live long enough. And at ninety-seven, he died with a tooth missing.

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

So you know, we all say, we're not gonna be here, we can put it off for a future generation. It is now. There's a whole handful of us sitting in this room that expect to be here, God willing, thirty or forty years from now. And if we don't do what we're gonna do, we're gonna end up like one of the other groups that is meeting in this hotel right now with a handful of people inside their room because we haven't planned. And if our money keeps dwindling, we're gonna have to pay. The suspension is pretty clear. If you suspend it and not accept those members. Perhaps we can look at some things for senior members over the age of sixty-five, ways that you can get more bang for your buck, forgoing certain services, or receiving certain printed material or something. There's a whole gamut of things we can do. But I think that we might want to look at something for seniors, but the bottom line is, we're gonna have to pay more as time goes on. It makes no sense to loose nine thousand dollars a year. If you or I lost nine thousand dollars a year and had no increase in income, we know how devastating that would be, and that's what exactly what is happening now to our Organization. I think you have to make the hard decision, tighten up our belts, and look to the future. Whatever you're gonna do to take care of our, our senior members while having an organization that's still as thriving and exists.

Encampment

(applause, chatter, and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I have two senior citizens in the back that wish to speak to this. Keith, you first.

Encampment

(laughter)

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

I Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. Just a question, Richard. How many of these Life Members do we generally get in a year?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'm not positive what the number is. The current total number of Life Members from all three programs is, by my count, five hundred and eight. And I think that includes the last one that Brother Demmy sent me just before we came here. So, five hundred and eighty and twenty-three dollars a year is eleven thousand five hundred dollars in per capita tax I rounded it off.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

No, I know, I understand that, but the thing is ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

How many do we get in a year?

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Because you're suspending just for one year and how many on the average, how many do we get in a year?

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

How many people does that actually have an impact upon?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brother David, you have a better idea. I don't really keep track of the new ones.

David W. Demmy, Sr., Department of Pennsylvania

Maybe two years ago I think it was about a dozen and last year I think it was fifteen or sixteen.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We've got like four, and we've got four already. Okay. Brother Demmy said he's had like sixteen or seventeen last year. Year before that was a dozen, give or take a couple. And I know we've already got four since the first of July.

David W. Demmy, Sr., Department of Pennsylvania

Five already this year ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Five. Okay.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

So we're probably running about fifteen per year that this may impact.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And I will tell you, most of those are two hundred and fifty dollar Life Memberships.

Encampment

(chatter)

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Ed Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Indiana. I got a few, couple questions on this and then make some points. Now, with passage of this, the way it was moved, what part of the Program is being suspended? Are we suspending the payouts to the number one or the number two? So what we'd be suspending is taking in money that we pay nothing out for. Correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

we, we'd be suspending ...

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... new Life Members ...

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right.

Indistinguishable

Coming in.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... which, depending on what their life expectancy, how much money we lose and ...

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Or how much money we lose. Not, not how much we pay out?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

So we're not paying anything out for them ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It's lost income. Not money we pay out.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

But if those members were not members, we wouldn't be gaining anything either.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I guess the example I use, if a fourteen year old became a Life Member for five hundred dollars, and they lived their life expectancy which right now I think is ninety-two.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. And they paid seventy-eight years worth of dues for five hundred dollars. If our per capita tax at twenty-three dollars doesn't go up in that seventy-eight years, difference between seventy-eight times twenty-three and the five hundred dollars is the money that is lost to the Order. Minus the very minimum, I mean, right now it, say we're making one and a half percent interest, if that. I mean that's about the best we're doing on anything. So, that's how much money is

being lost to the Order over the lifetime of that Life Member. And that's where I'm saying the problem is. It's how much we lose over the lifetime of that member in operating funds.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Just a point of order. We are talking about suspending, for one year.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And we're talking about somewhere fifteen to twenty people. Is that correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm not the math major, okay? I'm a criminologist. But if you suspend the Life Membership, we still lose nine thousand dollars a year. We haven't done anything to correct that other than, you don't get any influx of money for that year. We also on this, have not addressed the pay-outs of which we are contractually obligated to. Okay, just like a Rocky movie. We have Rocky 1, 2, or 3. Okay? In Life Membership, plan one, they pay out how much?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Last year it was four dollars.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

But that, the amount is set by the Council of Administration.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Ken said it's zero.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. But we're still paying four. Another program, we're paying twelve, and that's not up for a vote.

Indistinguishable

No.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Is that correct?

Indistinguishable

And we can't (indistinguishable).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

And that's seventy people, correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Seventy people.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So if you suspend it, you have done nothing but not allow income to be into that. If the interest rate in the next five years goes up to seven, we start making money back. I mean we're, we're what if'n to death. We, we did the fourteen year old that lives to ninety-two. Well, if he croaks at seventeen, we're good.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

And in case you missed it, there's a war on. All right? So, if you do this, there needs to be, in my mind, letters sent out to that two hundred and three, that get four bucks. The twenty-two, or the seventy that get twelve bucks a year. Saying guys, we're going down the tubes, we need you to say it's okay to break our contract and not have to pay that money back. That money is owed to the Camp. Okay? The Camp is a beneficiary of the contract. The contract is between the member and National. Only he can break the contract. The Camps, yeah, you're gonna get hit. You're not gonna get the twelve bucks, but we either have a hundred and ninety-five people or we're like the group down the street with, you know, fifty. It's something to think about. Okay?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Charles?

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

Brother, Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Brother Don, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby through Commander-in-Chief to you that's not the way I'm viewing it. The way I view it, is we can't touch that money anyhow. We aren't rejecting any money from coming in. That money, when it comes in, goes into an account we can't even touch. So we have no access to that. And the little bit of interest we get on five hundred dollars is what? About a dollar? Or fifty cents on a years time or whatever? You know, it doesn't amount to anything. And we're paying money out of that to, to meet our obligations. On the interest only that we're making on that.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

What?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Are you asking me a question through him or are you just making a statement to me?

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

I'm making a statement to you kinda.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Oh. Well ...

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

I, you know, you're ...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Put it this way, Charlie. Five bucks interest, no bucks interest. I'm not a math major and I can figure that out.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

What about the other eighteen dollars a month per capita?

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

He, he ...

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Let me, let me clarify something here. Okay. We are not talking about the past.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, we're not talking about that.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We're not talking about the payouts. What we got before us is a motion to suspend for the next year, the Life Membership. So let's get focused on what the motion is and not the other things.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

On new Life Members.

Encampment

(chatter)

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

Yeah, I mean, it, it's a twenty-three dollars and I'm wondering how many Life Members actually would be members regardless if they're Life Member or not. A lot of these men are already members paying, you know, thirty-one dollars per capita for Department and whatever, like our Department, and they, they opt for the five hundred dollar fee to get out of paying it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Charlie. Bob?

Bob*

I've been involved with Life Membership for a long time. I am Life Member Number 31. The last I heard, the Life Memberships were over seven hundred and something in membership. My dad was a Life Member. He died years ago. The money is in a treasury. That's why it's a permanent fund, so that in the future we would have money. It's unfortunate that the economy sucks.

Encampment

(laughter)

Bob*

It is unfortunate that we're only getting one and a half percent right now. I was a member, an active member in this Order when we were getting ten percent. And we were only paying five dollars out for the Camps. So, we're losing sight of the fact it's not the payout, it's the income. Five hundred dollars went into our fund and it's there forever.

That guys dies. None of us are going to live forever.

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable) Bob.

Bob*

... a couple of years ago, I'm gonna die and I mean I will die. So that, all that money is to the future of our Order. I think if you're willing us, for us to look at it and say, oh but we're not getting no, you got. And instead of getting twenty-three dollars or fifty dollars out of a member, you got five hundred dollars. That guy is saying I'm betting I'm gonna live at least ten years. You're betting he's not. So, I mean you know, it, it, to me, the Life Membership Program is a wonderful thing for the Organization. It's not what we're paying out, it's what we're putting in. And so in that sense, I don't mind suspending it for a year, but frankly I think it's a long-term good thing for the Order. I know Rich and I disagree on this and Rich and I are very close friends. But it's just something that I believe that the more people that are paying in on the permanent side, some day it will be paying ten percent again. And that's gonna be that nest egg that carry us in our golden years if you like.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Bob.

Bob *

Yep.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Jim Ward?

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

Commander. Jim Ward Department of Florida. I was the long time treasurer for another non-profit history group and we had a life membership program similar to this and we did away with it because looking around and working through the numbers, it was very clear that the financial advisors were all correct that any life membership needs to be twenty times dues no matter what. Doesn't matter how old the guy is, that should be, so that's point number one. Point number two, looking at this program, these various programs from a Camp point of view, it is it is hard not to see hard feelings develop because from the Camp point of view, people are thinking they're life members, that they don't have to pay dues, and yet the Camps are, are put in the position of having to ask for a donation from these people who think they've already paid and made a rather significant donation. And point number three, I agreed that while I disagree that we're looking at, we're, betting, we're wagering on how long somebody's going to live. I think what we're doing is addressing those people who are willing to make a commitment, long term, to this Organization and we should help them say, yes, that's a good commitment. And finally, part three of that is, there are a number of people are saying, you know what, I'm having to pay out drips and drabs every month and pay all kinds of bills and all kinds of donations. I don't want to do that. I'm getting older. I want to reduce my payments by making a life membership and we're not even thinking of those groups. So, what does all that mean? It means

our system needs to be repaired. The suspension isn't going to repair it, but we definitely need to come up with a different program.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Keith, your second time.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second time. Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan, Past Commander-in-Chief. Again, the motion only is to suspend the Life Membership Program for one year. I think the Incoming Commander-in-Chief can certainly make a directive to Richard or the Committee itself to look into other ways to possibly address the issue. But the only thing before us right now is just to suspend the Program for one year. Nothing else. Not the Program, nothing. Just suspend the Program for one year. That's it.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Keith. Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Committee recommended that we don't concur. We have an objection to that. So the motion is ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The motion is ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Secretary Eugene Mortorff. Um... the, the motion is that the Life Membership Program be suspended in other words, closed for new enrollees, for one year and be reviewed next year la-ta-da-da-da the language in the proposal that he mentioned. But basically it was just, just like he said.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, all those that can vote for, we are voting ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

To suspend.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

To suspend.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

To suspend.

Indistinguishable

For one year.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed, same sign. Oh boy, we need a count, gentlemen.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Those for votes, raise your cards please. All those in favor,

raise your cards.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Those, those who oppose, raise your cards.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Gentlemen, we're gonna have to have a recount. It is an exact tie of eighty-one to eighty-one.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. When there's a tie, you decide.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Jim I'm, during the count there was a question of where one vote was counted once but twice. So because of that, I'm gonna ask for another recount.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor, raise your hand. Pardon?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

It's been asked to be restated again. Would you please do this?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Motion that the Life Membership Program be suspended, otherwise closed for new enrollees, for one year and be reviewed next year. And there's a little bit of language in the proposal that, that I didn't get, but Leo, but it's in the proposal.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes is to suspend. No is not to suspend and go with the recommendation.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a recommendation for the vote for yes. Everybody stand and then when you're told to sit, that you'd been counted, please sit down. All those in favor, stand.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable) Commander-in-Chief? Commander, I would like to ask you a question. There are some here who aren't registered to vote. Are we counting New Jersey boys and all that good stuff?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes they are. They have been seated.

Indistinguishable

They're gonna have to use the cards. But some aren't using the cards. They were standing (indistinguishable).

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

It's the disgression of the chair to decide how you're gonna vote. So standing is proper at this moment. Am I correct, Mr. Pahl?

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Yes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, now, those who are opposed, stand.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Commander-in-Chief does not have to vote.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I'm not going to say this is close, but it's eighty-four for and eighty-three against.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Motion carries.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I call for a division of the house under Roberts Rules.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Brother Tucker, what that allows for is to take a rising vote when there's been a doubtful vote. So in effect, what Commander-in-Chief did just now was a division of the house.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Brother Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. Since Brothers didn't have to have their card, and there are alternates in the room, it's a doubtful count.

Indistinguishable

A two-voted count.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I'm gonna rule, as much as I hate to, I'm, I'm gonna rule we'll have a roll call vote.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We will start the roll call vote.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable) we'll take five minutes now and, and caucus within your Department.

Encampment

(chatter)

(tape off / caucus)

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Dealing with all of the issues surrounding the Life Membership Program.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Would anybody like to second that?

Indistinguishable

Second. (multiple)

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Motion carried.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay everybody, now take your seat.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

All right, moving on.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

We've got two more recommendations from the National Treasurer. In the absence of action by the Council of Administration, the National Treasurer be empowered to invest funds of the Order in Investment Grade Corporate Bonds in order to increase the rate of return on the Order's investments. The Committee did not concur.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I believe, I believe the Encampment has already voted to hire a financial council to advise so I'm gonna rule the motion out of order.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

Okay. I guess the last one from the National Treasurer.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

I think this last one, I'm hoping it's fairly innocuous but the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to examine Brother Glenn Knight's proposal for proposed fund-raising plan and recommend a plan be implemented within twelve months and the Committee concurred.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Nobody rejects this idea, right?

Indistinguishable

No. (multiple)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

No. Okay. Since it's unanimous.

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

A few recommendations from the National Chief of Staff. The first one, the Council of Administration discontinue tying the fall and spring Council of Administration meetings as add-ons to other events. That the meetings are to be held in conjunction with those events, then the Council of Administration meeting should be scheduled at an earlier time, even if it means foregoing banquets, dances, etc. And those events are Remembrance Day in November and the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield in April. The Committee did not concur.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

Okay, the last one.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

This coming from the Chief of Staff as well. Encourage incoming Commander-in-Chief to develop a methodology for the Electronic Boardroom in order to allow for orderly submission of motions, invitation for discussion, taking of votes, and announcing results. And this is really behind shortening the Council of Administration meetings which prompted the first recommendation. And the Committee concurred.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

As there's no disagreement ...

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... pass.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

And that concludes the Committee and Officers Reports report.

Encampment

(applause)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Encampment Committee on Officers Reports

And before I leave the podium, one last reminder about the surveys. If you've completed your survey, it goes in the box sitting right behind Brother Demmy over there. And if you don't have one, there's a stack of 'em on the table by the box. So please, if you haven't done so, fill 'em out or drop 'em in the box. Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Rituals and Ceremonial Committee. Did you say you have any recommendations?

Indistinguishable

No recommendations.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Good.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Encampment C & R Committee?

Robert E. Grim, Encampment C & R Committee

The Encampment C & R Committee, this is Bob Grim Past Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Ohio. The Encampment C & R Committee received a few items resulting from the Encampment. The Committee decided they need more study and research and so therefore our recommendation is they be referred to the standing Committee on the C & R.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any disagreement?

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we are a little behind schedule, so we're gonna try to move this forward. We have a lot of good things ahead of us. So let's start with the ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... how about the Charitable Foundation.

Robert E. Grim, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Ohio and one of the Directors of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation. One of the programs that the Charitable Foundation operates is the Lincoln Fellow Program. Today we'd like to take about five minutes and recognize some of the people who have recently become Fellows. Ken Freshley, We would like for you to come down front and some of the Directors will be down here. Okay, Jim Houston, who's the Secretary / Treasurer of the Foundation, and Alan Teller, who's a Director of the Foundation, would like to recognize Ken Freshley, who is a Bronze Fellow. A Bronze Fellow is a person who has made a contribution of at least two hundred and fifty dollars to the Foundation. And he's now being elevated to the rank of Silver Fellow, which is a five hundred dollar contribution.

Encampment

(applause)

Robert E. Grim, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

Mike Paquette. Mike is a Bronze Fellow and he is also being elevated to the position of Silver Fellow.

Encampment

(applause)

Robert E. Grim, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

Now our newest Bronze Fellow, we just recruited him here at this Encampment, Brian Pierson.

Encampment

(applause)

Robert E. Grim, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

Now once you become a Gold Fellow, that's a person who has contributed a thousand dollars. We also have an advanced program where we have a Sentinel Program if you contribute an additional two hundred and fifty-dollars, you become a Bronze Sentinel, five hundred, a Silver Sentinel, and another thousand and you become a Gold Sentinel. We would like to recognize Tim Graham, who is now a Gold Sentinel.

Encampment

(applause)

Robert E. Grim, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

And we have another Gold Fellow who is being elevated to Gold Sentinel, Director of the Foundation, Judge Henry Shaw.

Encampment

(applause)

Robert E. Grim, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

Now I would like for all of the members of the Encampment who are already Fellows of the Lincoln Fellow Program to stand and be recognized.

Encampment

(applause)

Robert E. Grim, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

And if there's any other members of the Foundation or any members of the Encampment who would like to become Fellows of the Lincoln Fellow Program, the Chairman of the Charitable Foundation, Bob Petrovic, would be happy to talk to you.

Encampment

(laughter)

Robert E. Grim, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

Commander, that concludes the Fellow Program.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we're now gonna go to New Business. Does anybody have anything to bring before the floor ...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes, for the Pennsylvania Department, because some where the Resolution ... first off, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. There was a Resolution that was electronically lost in space between the Department and National Secretary, so it didn't get put in with the Resolutions.

Indistinguishable

Brother Orr, since I was at that same Encampment just as reaching my years and being in there during that, very well meet the requirements for the minimum amount of time for the Resolution to be given to the

Secretary.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So I would like to read this and the concluding paragraph of this be reworded to make this a Resolution from the National Encampment. Whereas James Addams Beaver was a distinguished citizen of Centre County, Pennsylvania. And whereas James A. Beaver was a member of and served at the rank of Colonel as the Commanding Officer of the 148th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which was totally raised in Centre County during the Civil War and commonly referred to as the Centre County Regiment. And whereas James A. Beaver was wounded four times in action and lost his right leg at the Battle of Ream's Station in defense of his nation. And whereas James A. Beaver was brevetted the rank of Brigadier-General of Volunteers in recognition of his service to the United States Army. Whereas James A. Beaver also served as Citizens of the Common Law of Pennsylvania as Governor and Superior Court Judge. And whereas James A. Beaver was actively concerned with the welfare of the Pennsylvania State College, now Pennsylvania State University, and its students for the rest of his life. And whereas James A. Beaver served on Penn State's Board of Trustees for over forty years and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years. And whereas James A. Beaver actively supported Penn State while he was the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And whereas James A. Beaver served as Interim President of the Pennsylvania State College following the death of president George W. Atherton. And whereas the students body of the Pennsylvania State College by acclamation named the original football field as Beaver Field in recognition of James A. Beaver's devotion to the college and its students. And whereas Penn State continued the tradition of honoring James A. Beaver when the new Beaver Stadium was constructed. Whereas we've become aware of an effort to rename Beaver Stadium. Be it therefore resolved and let it be known that the Officers and Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, many of whom are also Penn State Alumni, vehemently oppose any and all attempts to rename Beaver Stadium and call upon Penn State University, Graham B. Spanier and University Board of Trustees to protect the long standing Penn State tradition of honoring and remembering a man who dedicated his life to the service of Pennsylvania State College, her students, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United State of America. This resolution proposed, passed, and adopted at the 131st Annual Pennsylvania Department Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in session at Scranton, Pennsylvania on 25 June 2011. Signed by Howard J. Wolfe, Department Commander. Attested, Charles E. Kuhn the Pennsylvania Department Secretary, and Ivan E. Frantz, Jr., Senior Member of Pennsylvania Department Council.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now we go to New Business.

Encampment

(chatter)

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia & South Carolina

Commander, one of the themes I have noticed throughout these past few days here one of the concerns has been to help improve our relations with our Ladies Orders. Now being I'm sorry Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia / South Carolina. ... now being in hostile territory

Encampment

(laughter)

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia & South Carolina

... I find myself out-chivalried by our Sons of Confederate Veterans brethren. They have a medal down there that they award the Ladies, a Ladies Appreciation Medal. I have also seen that the Sons of the American Revolution also have a plethora of Ladies Appreciation Medals. I think it would be a good thing for us to have something similar to that, where we can provide a physical, tangible token of our appreciation to the Ladies in our Allied Orders. If you so desire or if you approve this, I will be happy to work on this for you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia & South Carolina

And I make a motion that we adopt a Ladies Medal provide it and any appropriate regulatory guidance to the Council of Administration.

Theodore H. Golab, Department of Georgia / South Carolina

Second the motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Ted Golab. Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm gonna send that to Program and Policy, which will then eventually go to the C & R Committee. Thank you. Anyone else? No more New Business before the Encampment ...

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Close the Bible.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

It is 2:10. Let's take a fifteen minute break and be back here at 2:25.

(break)

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The first thing that we're gonna do is we're gonna have the Ace Auctioneer and Richard, would you like to explain what we're gonna auction off?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes I will, Commander-in-Chief. In 1997, or actually 1996, there was a body unearthed that the railroad tied at Gettysburg. The Smithsonian did a thorough forensic evaluation. They could not determine whether it was a Union or a Confederate remains. In July, 5th I think it was no, July 1st, actually, 1997, those remains were interned in the National Cemetery. As part of that, this Organization and Sons of Confederate Veterans sponsored a meeting of the surviving widows of Confederate Veterans at the time. Two of the four were able to attend. And at that time, there was one Confederate widow still living and there were three Union widows. One Union widow attended and the one Confederate widow attended. They were our guests of honor, of a luncheon of the two organizations and they partook, participated in the actual internment. Each of them laying a bouquet of roses on the coffin. there were one hundred and twenty-five medals struck of one ounce of pure silver. Fifty of those medals were given to us, fifty were given to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. And the gentleman in Florida who owned Heritage Specialties kept twenty-five for himself. The Sons of Confederate Veterans gave one to Alberta Martin, who is the widow. The four or five members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who were on their committee each bought one of the medals from themselves, and they destroyed the rest. The National Organization of Sons of Confederate Veterans would not condone the meeting. It was actually the Division of Alabama where Alberta still lives, she's still living resided. The Commander of the Division of the Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who then took over sponsorship. We had a number of those medals left. We kept 'em with the idea that eventually as a collectors item because we now know there's a maximum of seventy-five, there are eighty of these that exist. The rest were destroyed. They will go up in value. These have appeared from time to time on eBay. Whether they were the ones that we had sold to members or they were the ones that ended up with the five members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who knows. They are not on there very often. We auctioned one off last year and Danny I'm sure will correct me if I'm

wrong, but I think the final bid on it was six hundred and fifty dollars. We are auctioning off another one this year. I think we had a total of ten that we kept. So this is your opportunity to bid on it. Whatever you bid on it will simply go into our funds. The medal is here. It's a blue and grey ribbon. And the one side is inscribed "Meeting of the Widows" "July 1, 1997", in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Daisy Anderson, widow of Private Robert B. Anderson 125th U. S. Scholar Troops" and the obverse is "Meeting of" same wording, but "Mrs. Alberta Martin, widow of Private William J. Martin, Company A, 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment". That's what you're bidding on. Brother Graham ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

Now those of you last year know that I don't take any prisoners. I will pull it out of you. (auction) A thousand once, twice, a thousand dollars.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

Brother Orr, recognizing an opportunity ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

... a thousand dollars.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And the Quartermaster.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, I need to have the two Brothers who purchased those please approach the microphone please.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Matthew J. Elkin, Department of Indiana

My name is Matt Elkin and I purchased it with Michael Downs. We are of the Department of Indiana. I'm the Department Commander and Brother Downs is the Jr. Vice Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

And the other gentleman?

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

Brian Pierson.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

Department of Georgia / South Carolina.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, three huzzahs to these three gentlemen.

Encampment (in unison)

Huzzah, huzzah, huzzah!

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. Gentlemen, a copy of the Program from 1997 goes with that and the Quartermaster has them in the back.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, I have two announcements. First, Alan Teller.

J. Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. I just wanted to announce, I'm representing the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Central Region Association and our annual conference is in Rockville, Indiana on October 1. It takes up fourteen states, runs from Ohio through Colorado, Wyoming, from Wisconsin, down through Tennessee. All the Allied Orders in those states are eligible. Rockville, Indiana is very near the Illinois border. It's the Covered Bridge Capital of Indiana. There are thirty-nine wooden covered bridges in that county and we're going to take a tour of some 'em in the morning before we have our business meeting in the afternoon. Brother Ken Freshley is going to be our principal speaker and talk about starting the website. So, I'd like to talk to any of you if you're interested in coming. We've got a table down here and I'll be at the banquet tonight.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Glen Roosevelt, the great Department of California and the Pacific.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Glen L. Roosevelt, Department of California and Pacific

Commander, Glen Roosevelt, Department of California and Pacific Department Commander and also Co-Chair of your 2012 National Encampment Host Committee. Brothers, we have a package for you of items that we hope will help you as you come out to Los Angeles. We have these bags for you. They're gonna be available at the tables as you leave this room this afternoon. A label on the outside to tell you what it is. Inside, a few items for you. Some brochures to some of our local attractions like the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, the San Antonio Winery, which we hope to have an offer for you available from, Gene Autry Museum of Western Heritage, A little two sided flyer to remind you of the Encampment. A pencil for you to take notes. A guide from

our Visitor's Bureau, which comes out quarterly. This is this summer's edition. In the back is a fold-out map of Los Angeles area to help you find the sites. A bag of raisins in case you need a little energy this afternoon.

Encampment

(laughter)

Glen L. Roosevelt, Department of California and Pacific

And then last but not least two luggage tags for your luggage because I know you all want to attend. So you can get some your tags on your, "California Here We Come" on one side, "Allied Orders of the GAR" on the other side. We weren't able to bring down all the boxes of these bags. We will have these available as you go out. If you are not going to attend the banquet tonight please try and get in line first and pick one of these up as you're leaving. If you are going to attend the banquet tonight, we'll have the balance of the bags available at the door at the banquet tonight. We'd like to thank our Host Department here, Mike Paquette and the Host Department Department of Chesapeake, for putting on such a wonderful Encampment. We hope we can equal that. And we'd like to thank Jim Houston Bob Petrovic, and the National Site Committee for all the help that they gave us, help and guidance that they gave us in trying to make arrangements for you in Los Angeles.

Indistinguishable

How about instructions on how to survive the freeway?

Encampment

(laughter)

Glen L. Roosevelt, Department of California and Pacific

We will try and include that in the packages that you get when you come out to Los Angeles. And we'll post that information on the website that will be available within a month or so.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander, Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Through you to Brother Glen. There are a number of Brothers I know are considering going by train, particularly those on the East Coast that have the time to go. There's two stations in, Amtrak Stations in Los Angeles. Which do we want to use and does the hotel have a shuttle from either of them?

Glen L. Roosevelt, Department of California and Pacific

You want to use the Downtown Union Station and there is a shuttle flyer, err, it's a freeway flyer I think it's called, that runs between the Amtrak Station and LAX. We'll get you information on that. And I know that there are Brothers that very much like the idea of, that you're group's coming out by train and they may make some special arraignments, arrangements regarding a shuttle.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The next is one of those things in which a Commander-in-Chief gets the opportunity to do and that is to present awards. Um... as I made my travels this year as I was in each Department and there were a few people that bent my ear. Every one of your Departments that I visited, I can tell you, I was lobbied more for the Department Newsletter Award than anything else.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

It was amazing. But I kept track and when I would go home, I would just take notes who I thought would, would qualify for each one of these awards. And I'm not gonna present the Brother Award now, but I will shortly afterward. My list when I started really working on this seriously about a month and a half ago, I had listed on my own seventy-one Brothers in this Organization who I felt could have been a Brother of the Year. I think that's a tribute to all of you. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Well first that I'm gonna do is present the Camp Charter, one of our new Camps. What I'd like to do would be to call these people up here, if you'd please come up on the stage and I'll make the presentation. This goes to Department of Pennsylvania, the Camp Number 504, the Isaac Eaton Camp. I'd like to have the Camp Commander, the organizer, is he here?, the Acting Department Commander. If you'd please approach the stage?

Indistinguishable

Three huzzahs.

Encampment (in unison)

Huzzah, huzzah, huzzah!

Encampment

(chatter, laughter, and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The first award I'm gonna do is the Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award. This is presented to the most successful new Camp. This award is presented in the memory of our last Past Commander-in-Chief, Joseph S. Rippey. Each year we Charter several new Camps. Many times they are left to struggle on their own and seldom are they recognized for their successes. In our effort to encourage new Camps, we give an award to this Camp that has accomplished the most during the first year of existence.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I've decided this year not to award one but to award two because they're both outstanding. In recognition to both of these Camps through getting started for their excellent leadership and I think they do

what we do best. Learn who we are, the well we do, participate in what we do, and honor the Boys in Blue. First one goes to the General Gobin Camp Number 503, Department of Pennsylvania, and the General George Stoneman Camp Number 18, Department of California and Pacific. If they'd please approach over here?

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Marshall Hope Award, this is a Camp with the most outstanding newsletters. You're supposed to give one. I couldn't bring it down to that.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So I'm gonna award three. I get about forty newsletters from Camps. And I can tell you, I hope that the incoming Commander-in-Chief will enjoy 'em as much as I have. The three awards go to: from the Department of Pennsylvania, Major General John F. Hartranft Camp Number 15, the General John A. Logan Camp 4, Department of South Carolina and Georgia, and the Colonel Hecker Camp Number 443, the Department of Illinois. Would representatives, the Camp Commanders please come over here?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I beg your pardon. General George A. Logan Camp 4, Department of North Carolina.

Encampment

(chatter, laughter, and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Department with the most outstanding newsletter. It is the most e-mails that I've received for recommendation and I am going to pick a second-time winner of this. It goes to the Department of Michigan, the Michigan Messenger.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Meritorious Service Award with a Gold Star. As of last night and the votes, Council of Administration, I have one to present. This is a very good friend of mine. I can't think of anybody in this Organization that deserves it more. And since this is the second highest award in our Order, I'm gonna read the letter. This person has become the first of the three terms as Commander with the Department in Nebraska. May have received his Charter in 2000. He formed three new Camps and one Camp-at-Large. He is recognized by the national body as an official organizer of the Department. He has served eight terms as Department Secretary and Treasurer and continues to mentor other officers through the Department. He encouraged his wife, Arlene, to join the Daughters and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW and together, they have instilled in

their family a strong sense of pride in their ancestors who have served in every American conflict since the Revolutionary War. Two of their sons, Michael and Phillip, have been elected Department Commanders and their grandson has recited the Gettysburg Address during our annual event at the State Capital. He has made many presentations in our community related to Civil War history. Merle has recruited more than twenty new members to the Order. Earning National Aide status three times for providing the names and the service awards for providing the names and service records of nineteen thousand Civil War Veterans buried in Nebraska to the Sons of Union Veterans Grave Registration database. That's nineteen thousand. Merle received recognition from the National Grave Registration Committee. He personally has assessed thousands of veteran's graves in more than four hundred cemeteries in forty counties throughout the state. He was a true pioneer in recommending using GPS to record sites. He has held many secure federal headstones for formerly unmarked graves of Civil War veterans. He has presented many Eagle Scouts Awards in ROTC, TC Candidates Award during the past decade. He is also represented Shiloh Camp for many years on the cities Memorial Day Observation Committee and has read Logan's Address on several Memorial Days. Merle is a Charter Member of the Nebraska Rangers, Sons of Veterans Reserve. He also served as a term as the President of the Central Region Conference Allied Orders of the GAR. And Merle, if you'll please come up here. My very good friend. Thank you very much, sir.

Encampment

(applause, chatter, and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The next award is the Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award. This is presented to Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership numbers during the fiscal year of this Order. It goes to the Department of Ohio. Don Martin.

Encampment

(applause, chatter, and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, the next one is for the number of members Under Forty. Donald, you need to come back up. Goes to the Department of Ohio.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The B. F. Stephenson Award. This award is presented to the individual Brother who recruits the greatest number of new members during the fiscal year of the Order. It's awarded to John E. Deppen, Department of Pennsylvania. He recruited eleven Brothers in Camp 503, nine regular and two associations, Associates. Would either David or the Department Commander come up?

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The U. S. Grant Cup Award is presented to the Department with the greatest percentage of growth in membership. One of my favorite places to get ale, the Department of Tennessee. Department Commander, Douglas Fidler. And could we also have Past Department Commander Gant, please join us both here?

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award. This award was created in 1994 by Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore and has been issued every year since to a Commander-in-Chief's choice to the most outstanding Camp during his term. All these awards are difficult to choose from who is best. This one is no exception. They have great leadership in Commander Lyman, an outstanding newsletter, one of the best e-mail notification ships in our Order. They know who they are, what they should be, should be doing and then they do it. They have a difficult time this year with Ellison Depth Camp, and they have shown fraternity, charity, and loyalty. They are the caretakers of the Grant Tomb in New York. And they put on an outstanding birthday every year for our General. This year, the recipient is, the Oliver Tilden Camp Number 26, Department of New York.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award. This award was also created in 1994 by Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore and has been issued every year since to a Commander-in-Chief's choice of the most outstanding Brother during his term. I told you about the list I had. This was not easy. It's been my pleasure to work with dozens of Brothers this past year, who are doing splendor things to honor those who helped save the Union. But, selecting one Brother to this highest praise has been a challenge. So I didn't select one, I selected two.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The first is to a Brother who I believe exemplifies what our Order stands for. He quietly goes about doing the business of the Order. Not thinking recognition and is always bragging others for good work. He has been devoted, he has devoted countless hours of every week in preserving, preservation projects and the other activities of the Order. To the point that he has been a very obvious candidate. He is now a recipient of this award. Last year he was only to participate in ninety activities in his Department. He is also a Commander of the Iowa (indistinguishable). He is the Governor of the state's personal guard. He is everywhere in that state doing activities and raising money. It gives me great pleasure, and I'm gonna introduce these separately. It gives me great pleasure to present my first award to David M. Lamb, Department of Iowa.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The second award is to someone whom I have watched work the magic of our Order for many years. At Camp level, Department level, at National, on the Council of Administration, and my Chief of Staff. He humbly accepts tasks that need to be done and has the knowledge to get that done. Time after time, I have watched him be a problem solver. Ladies and gentlemen, I don't think I have to introduce who this is, but I will. Alan Russ, Kansas.

Encampment

(applause, chatter, and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I like presenting awards so well, I created two new ones.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

This award was created in 2011 by Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall. It's gonna be awarded annually to the Department or Camp with a website. The criteria is promoting the SUVCW's mission, information on activities, information on membership, stories about its members and ancestors, and a listing of the Camp and Department Officers. This is what we're gonna call the Horoace Greeley Award, which I think is appropriate. And the first recipient is the Department of Michigan.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

This award was created in 2011 by Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, to be awarded annually for the next five years to Camps, Departments, or Allied Orders who sponsor a Signature Sesqui-Centennial Event.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Up to three awards per year. The criteria to be impact on the community, for participation of outside persons or groups, and the publicity received and the story told by this event. We're gonna this the Alfred Wilson Award. And I'm not really giving Michigan all this glory for having people, but I think it's appropriate. I have three award winners this year. The first one, the Department of Texas, the Twiggs Surrender in San Antonio. And the second one is the Department of New York, which is the Colonel Elmer Ellsworth Graveside Event. And the third one is the Department of Iowa, who had two outstanding events. Could I have the Department Commanders up here? And I can tell you I fortunately was able to attend two of those three events.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Gentlemen, before the Commander-in-Chief passes out, it is 3:15. We're gonna take a fifteen minute break, till 3:30.

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

(break)

[one rap *]

Indistinguishable

Commander, the Brothers would like to present to you with this Signature Portrait.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. That's good. I will treasure that forever.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

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

The National Order, I guess what, last Remembrance Day, or the Remembrance Day before, had decided to make a commitment to do, to commemorate the 150th Anniversary, the Sesqui-Centennial ...

Encampment

(laughter)

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

... of the Civil (indistinguishable) ...

Encampment

(chatter)

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

... of the Battle of Gettysburg. And they appointed me to handle things pretty much. We have a park permit. There will be a service on the 29th, I think it is, of June, which is on a Saturday. The anniversary of the Battle is actually Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, so we're having it the Saturday before. It will be at the Peace Light, where the 75th Anniversary of the Blue and Grey Reunion was. So figure on big events coming there. We will be inviting the President. Of course, we'll have our local Governor and our Senators there and those kind of muckety-mucks, so they can explain to you why, well I won't get into that, but. I'm working right now. I'm working on several things. I would like to try and contact either National Guard Battery or Reserve Battery to fire twenty-one gun artillery salute there on the field that day. And I think we can get a little bit of influence from our Adjutant General there in Pennsylvania to help us with that and then that evening, the Pennsylvania Department will be applying for a permit to have a, a period concert there at the Peace Light, which is what happened at the 75th Anniversary. I'll have a band there. Right now I think we're holding the Marine Corp Bands being held currently, Rich? Is that correct? Apparently they have no objection to it at this point.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

The status right now, we have contacted the Marine Corp Band. They have no commitment that weekend as yet. We are under consideration, but we do not have a commitment from them, either.

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

Right.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It just so happens that the Pennsylvania Department Encampment is that weekend. So we're gonna change our schedule around a little bit and instead of having our Campfire Program on Friday, it'll be on Saturday and the banquet will be Friday. So, and of course the Department Encampment is open to any Brother who cares to come and participate, and we will be holding that in Gettysburg as well that weekend. So it will be a prelude to the actual 150th Anniversary of the Battle and we are doing all of this in concert with the National Park Service. We've also inquired unofficially, about having an SVR Muster, would they be open to a request for a permit for the SVR to actually do, camp on the Battlefield. Again, the National Park Service has not yet said no. They haven't said yes because we haven't filed official permit, but we are working with the superintendent, we're working with the historian. We happen to have a sort of back door way in because one of our Past Department Commanders, since he's retired and didn't know what to do when he was retired, is now a Ranger at Gettysburg during the historical walks and presentations. So we have a staff member of the Park itself who is a member of the Department and a member of the Sons. Is going to be relied on to open doors we probably normally couldn't get open. If we pull this off, it's will expect to be rather big. We're, going to advertise it and the concert will be free and open to the public. So, certainly open to all the members of the Allied Orders.

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

We're also hoping for one more piece to that puzzle. The 75th Anniversary, they shot fireworks off of Little Roundtop. So if we can arrange for that, that would be the coup de grâce of the weekend but...

Encampment

(laughter)

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

I don't know if the National Park will let us do that or not. It would be nice if they did, but it depends. In July, usually it's kinda dry and the National Park might not want all kind of sparks coming down over the wheat field and all those kind of places, Anyway, that's where it stands. Plan on being there in 2013. It's gonna be a great event.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Charlie. Walter, are you prepared to give the final report?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

We had a hundred and ninety-one people present. At the last report that I read, we had corrections necessary to the council of California

I believe in Michigan and Nebraska, as far as where they actually stood as far as members. We still stand at a hundred and ninety-one present.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are going to do the nominations ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

... the nomination and elections of officers. We will first do for the Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We'll open the nominations for Commander-in-Chief and Gene, you have to give the roll call of the Departments.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Nominations for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

***, Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific is pleased and honored to defer to either the Department of Missouri or Department of Missouri ...

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Missouri?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri (chatter) is pleased and honored to nominate Brother Don Palmer, who has been an active member of the Sons since 1997. He has served in numerous offices at the Camp, Department, and National levels, including Camp Commander. Three times, and the only person that has served three times, as the Missouri Department Commander. Chairman of the National Committee on GAR Records. Two terms as National Chief of Staff. One term as National Secretary. And currently the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Palmer has been encouraged by both past and present Camp officers and Department officers to pursue the office of the Commander-in-Chief. And he is also a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, holding a commission of 2nd Lt., Company A, Second Missouri Infantry. Serving as a Private in Company A, First Missouri Engineers. He actively perpetuates the memory of the GAR. I'm gonna say, just as an aside, a lot of the programs that the Department of Missouri started back under Don Palmer and some of the things we consider us to be very successful for, and I noticed that Michigan said something about wanting to emulate our James Deeds Award. All that stuff is because of Brother Palmer. He has perpetuated the

memory of the GAR. He's fought to preserve the Union through educational outreach in conjunction with the National Park Service, local historical societies, and schools. He has also collaborated with the Allied Orders and the Central Region Association, serving as Secretary / Treasurer. And is Chairman of the Central Region Association Bylaws Committee. He serves annually on the InterVets* Memorial Day Committee for Jefferson Barracks, along with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and we always have a successful turnout at the Jefferson Barracks Ceremonies. He is also nationally recognized aerospace engineer. He was elected a Fellow of the National Society of Non-Destructive Testing. Received a commendation from the U. S. Air Force for his work in introducing new technology to extend the lives of aging tankers and bombers. Served on the NASA appointed committee to develop maintenance and inspection strategies for the shuttle program. In the wake of the Columbia accident, periodically lectures on materials engineering at local universities. His Civil War ancestor, however was one person who, when General Burnside insisted on bringing up the pontoons first prior to crossing the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg, insisted that hair cream was more important.

Encampment

(laughter)

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

The Department of Missouri is pleased to honor Brother Don Palmer with its nomination.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don, would you serve in that capacity?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I would.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you have any other offices that you are currently holding?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I hold an office on the Camp Council.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake?

***, Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of Chesapeake passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

***, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

***, Department of Connecticut**

Department of Connecticut passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Florida?

***, Department of Florida**

The Department of Florida, we pass.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

***, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Illinois?

***, Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Indiana?

***, Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Iowa?

***, Department of Iowa**

The Department of Iowa, home state of Brother Palmer, passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Kansas.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Kansas.

***, Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Kentucky? Department of Kentucky? Department of Massachusetts?

***, Department of Massachusetts**

The Department of Massachusetts passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Michigan?

***, Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Missouri?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Oh, that's right. We already got them. Department of Nebraska?

***, Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire? The Department of New Hampshire?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of New Jersey?

*** , Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of New York?

*** , Department of New York**

The Department of New York passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of North Carolina?

*** , Department of North Carolina**

The Department of North Carolina passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Ohio?

Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Oklahoma?

*** , Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Pennsylvania?

*** , Department of Pennsylvania**

The Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Rhode Island?

*** , Department of Rhode Island**

The Department of Rhode Island passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Tennessee?

*** , Department of Tennessee**

The Department of Tennessee passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Texas?

*** , Department of Texas**

The Department of Texas passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Vermont? The Department of Vermont? The Department of Wisconsin?

*** , Department of Wisconsin**

The Department of Wisconsin passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The National Membership-at-Large Camp, err Department?

Adam Gains, National Membership-at-Large Department

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

And the National Camps-at-Large?

*** , National Camp-at-Large**

The National Camps-at-Large pass.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

So goes the roll.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief? Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that in this nomination and any subsequent nomination where there is only one candidate, that the Secretary be directed to cast a single ballot for that candidate.

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

Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania, I second that.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion. Those in favor, raise your hand, cards. Those opposed? We need a count? No. Don, congratulations. I hope you'll enjoy it as much as I have. It's a great rush, my friend.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Now we go for the nominations for Senior Vice Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific?

*** , Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific..., Paci..., Pacific ...

Encampment

(laughter)

*** , Department of California and Pacific**

... we thankfully defer to the Department of Massachusetts.

*** , Department of Massachusetts**

Whereas Perley Mellor has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for fifty-one years and is a Life Member. Whereas Perley Mellor has served as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Whereas Perley Mellor has served two years on the National Council of Administration. Whereas Perley Mellor serves as National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines. Whereas Perley Mellor is a, a member of the Civil War Memorials Grant Committee. Whereas Perley Mellor was Commander of the Department of Massachusetts for three consecutive terms. Whereas Perley Mellor was Commander of Willie Grout Camp 25 for two terms. Whereas Perley Mellor was New England Regional Associate, Association Commander for one term. Whereas Perley Mellor was a member of the 2008 National Encampment Host Committee. Whereas Perley Mellor has served in numerous other offices at the Camp and Department levels. Whereas Perley Mellor is the great grandson of Sgt. Clark W. James, Company K, 21st Connecticut, and Comrade of George H. Ward Post 10, Private William H. Mellor, Company H, 34th Massachusetts, and Private Andrew Luc..., Lucia, Company D, 13th Vermont. Whereas his father Clark W. Mellor was Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

War in 1988. Whereas Perley Mellor retired from the United States Air Force in 1984, after serving twenty years. Whereas Perley Mellor is a Life Member of Disabled American Veterans, Swampscott Post 13. Department of Massachusetts nominates Brother Perley Mellor for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Perley, if nominated, would you serve?

Perley E. Mellor, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I will.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you have any other positions?

Perley E. Mellor, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Camp Council and Department Council.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake?

***, Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of Chesapeake passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

***, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Connecticut?

***, Department of Connecticut**

The Department of Connecticut passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Florida?

***, Department of Florida**

Department of Florida passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

***, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Illinois?

***, Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Indiana?

***, Department of Indiana**

The Department of Indiana passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Iowa?

***, Department of Iowa**

The Department of Iowa passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Kansas.

*** , Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Kentucky? The Department of Kentucky? The Department of Maine? The Department of Maine? The Department of Massachusetts?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Michigan?

*** , Department of Michigan**

The Department of Michigan passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Missouri?

*** , Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Nebraska?

*** , Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of New Hampshire? The Department of New Hampshire? The Department of New York?

*** , Department of New York**

The Department of New York passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of North Carolina?

Encampment

(chatter)

*** , Department of North Carolina**

The Department of North Carolina passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of New Jersey?

*** , Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Ohio?

Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio, where Sherman learned to walk before he marched, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Oklahoma?

*** , Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Pennsylvania?

*** , Department of Pennsylvania**

The Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Rhode Island?

*** , Department of Rhode Island**

The Department of Rhode Island passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Tennessee?

*** , Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee passes, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Texas?

*** , Department of Texas**

Department of Texas passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Vermont? The Department of Vermont? The Department of Wisconsin?

*** , Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of the National Membership-at-Large?

Adam Gains, National Membership-at-Large Department

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Camps-at-Large?

*** , National Camp-at-Large**

National Camps-at-Large passes.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

May I present to you the new Senior Vice Commander, Perley Mellor.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

For the office of Junior Vice Commander.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander ...

Encampment

In Chief. (laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Nominations to the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(chatter, applause, and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of California?

*** , Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific is pleased to defer to the

Department of Ohio.

David V. Medert, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers assembled, it is with great pleasure

...

Encampment

(laughter)

David V. Medert, Department of Ohio

... that the Department of Ohio nominates one of her favorite Sons, and that is Brother Ken Freshley. Brother Ken Freshley has passed out an autobiography of himself, a resume as you may, of what he has done and what he is currently doing. Some of the highlights in there is he is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award Gold Star. He is the current webmaster, not only for our National Organization, but also for the Ladies Auxiliary. He has been all through the chain in the Camp, the Department. He serves on many committees within the National. And believe it or not, he's also the webmaster for the Harley Davidson of Chillicothe.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

David V. Medert, Past Commander-in-Chief

Ken has always been one of those Brothers who is always there for you whenever you need him. And I know as Commander-in-Chief and we asked to have something posted on the web, it was there within a day if not two days. He takes action, he takes action quickly. And I know that he will serve this Order with distinguishment and with honor. And therefore we nominate Brother Ken Freshley.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Ken Freshley, if nominated, would you accept this position?

Ken L. Freshley, Department of Ohio

Yes I would.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other positions?

Ken L. Freshley, Department of Ohio

Yes.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And please hold this to five minutes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Department of Ohio

Only elected position is National Council of Administration.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake?

***, Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of Chesapeake passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

***, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

***, Department of Connecticut**

Department of Connecticut passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Florida?

***, Department of Florida**

Department of Florida passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

***, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Illinois?

***, Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois, home to the best roads, but if not the best roads, only in winter when potholes are frozen over ...

Encampment

(laughter)

***, Department of Illinois**

... passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Indiana?

***, Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Iowa?

***, Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Kansas.

***, Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Kentucky? The Department of Kentucky? The Department of Maine? The Department of Maine? The Department of Massachusetts?

***, Department of Massachusetts**

The Department of Massachusetts passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Michigan?

***, Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Missouri?

***, Department of Missouri**

The Department of Missouri passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Nebraska?

*** , Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of New Hampshire? The Department of New Hampshire?
The Department of New Jersey?

*** , Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of New York?

*** , Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of North Carolina?

*** , Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Oklahoma?

*** , Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Pennsylvania?

*** , Department of Pennsylvania**

The Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Rhode Island?

*** , Department of Rhode Island**

The Department of Rhode Island, still passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Tennessee?

*** , Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Texas?

*** , Department of Texas**

Department of Texas, including Louisiana and New Mexico, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Vermont? The Department of Vermont? The
Department of the National Membership-at-Large?

Adam Gains, National Membership-at-Large Department

Department of National Membership-at-Large passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The National Camps-at-Large?

*** , National Camp-at-Large**

The National Camps-at-Large pass.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Wisconsin?

***, Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin, home of the Super Bowl Champion Green Bay Packers, passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

May I present the new Junior Vice Commander, Ken Freshley.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Ken, how many years do you have left on your C of A? One year? Okay, we now have ...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

He has to resign.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Pardon?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

He has to resign before we can elect. He's gonna have to verbally resign to you.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you for resigning.

Encampment

(laughter)

Ken L. Freshley, Department of Ohio

No, thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We now will have two positions open on Council of Administration. We have one, three-year term and we have one, one-year term. We will open the nominations for the three-year term.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. I think as an alternative, we can go through the nomination process once. If someone's interested and running for either put their name in now and then we can elect one at a time. But then all persons interested would be eligible for, for both offices.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Nominations for the seat ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Nominations for a seat on the Council of Administration.
California, Department of California and Pacific?

***, Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific is once again, pleased to defer to the Department of Ohio.

Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, well here we are back to back with Ohio. Only we have, formerly the tall of it. Now we're faced with the short of it. And looking around with the Shaws that are here, Brother Shaw from Michigan, I, Henry Shaw from the Department of Ohio, yeah, I guess we're kinda short. But it's not measured to stand at this microphone and place in nomination the name of my good friend, Don Martin, for the three year term on the Council of Administration. And you know, Brothers, it's probably a terrible thing, ill-advised as it were, to get a piece of paper with writing on it, either to a trial lawyer or trial judge. The things can go on and on and on. But I assure you, I'm hungry and things will not go on and on and on. I'd like to just mention a few things about Don. You've seen him here throughout the Encampment, our National Patriotic Instructor, and what a great role for him to have fulfilled because he is a patriotic instructor and has revitalized that position as it were. Which goes hand in hand with, it's what he does for a living. He's an educator. He's a Social Studies teacher in one of our schools in Ohio. And he teaches really history as history is, not as those ill-advised souls who in all of our communities would like for it to be. So, it goes without saying that he is agraaffably returned the esteem and role of the National Patriotic Instructor's position. he's currently the Department Commander for the Department of Ohio and he held the term of Camp Commander for five terms. Talk about a bear for punishment.

Encampment

(chatter)

Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio

Therefore I go back and say it is with great pleasure to place in nomination for the three-year term on the Council of Administration, I think all of our good friend, Don Martin. Thank you very much.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don, if elected, would you serve?

Donald Martin, Department of Ohio

Yes I would.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other positions?

Donald Martin, Department of Ohio

Department Commander.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake?

***, Department of the Chesapeake**

Thank you Commander and Brothers. It's an honor to be a member of this great Organization. And it's an honor that I've had for more than two decades and I hope that will continue for two more decades, and I'll get my Life Membership really, really (indistinguishable).

Encampment

(laughter)

***, Department of the Chesapeake**

And no honor that I know of is more meaningful than that to nominate young men to serve as officers of this great Organization. And I have that honor to nominate a fellow Chesapeake Department member today, Steve Hammond, for a seat on the Council of Administration. You probably want to know a little more about Steve Hammond. Let me tell you. Brother Steve has served the Order, both National and Department level, for many years, and especially in the Department of Chesapeake, which you may remember as the Department of the Maryland. Steve served on the Committee planning this wonderful Encampment. He was responsible for getting his good friend, Ed Barst*, to speak to us and to give us the tours. He serves as a member of the National Committee on Legislation, and the National Sesqui-Centennial ...

Encampment

(laughter)

***, Department of Chesapeake**

... Event Committee. He regularly assists me in the Washington D. C. Guide job as well. At the Department level, Steve served as the Department Commander in '04 and '05. He served as Graves Registration Officer since 2003. Charter member and Past Camp Commander of the great George C. Meade Camp 5. He was the 2005 recipient of the Department's Award of Merit named for the great Richard Schlenker, for outstanding service to this Department and to the Order. He's also a Brother in the Pennsylvania Department. Just this year, he helped to organize our newest SVR Unit, the Chesapeake Home Guard, and is a member, uniformed member of it. He was literally born on the land defended by our Brothers at Gettysburg. Always works to make other aware of the efforts of Brothers to preserve the Union. He's the Civil War Docent and a 2009 Docent of the Year at our great historic Congressional Cemetery in Washington D. C. He's provided research for several books, written articles by the hundreds, and newspapers. And next month, he will have an article published in the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. Now, that's good. I nominate Steve Hammond for seat of the Council of Administration. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother, if elected, would you serve?

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

Yes I would.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other positions?

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

I hold the elected position of Secretary / Treasurer of my Camp.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

Commander-in-Chief, I defer and say I will be more than happy to run for the one-year term on the Council.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Well, we're taking nominations for all right now, and then we'll see what happens.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Steve.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

***, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Connecticut?

***, Department of Connecticut**

The Department of Connecticut passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Florida?

***, Department of Florida**

Department of Florida passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

***, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Illinois?

***, Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Indiana?

***, Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Iowa?

***, Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Kansas.

***, Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Kentucky?

***, Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Maine? The Department of Maine? The Department of Massachusetts?

John W. Bates, III, Department of Massachusetts

Brothers, I'm John Bates, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts. And it's my great honor and privilege to nominate another Past Department Commander of Massachusetts, my good friend, who has served this Order on many levels. From the Camp, to Department, and to the National. Brother Kevin Tucker has served as Past Camp Commander several times. Was Past Department Commander twice. He has served as the Chairperson of the 2008 National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts. He currently serves as the Department Secretary. He's a veteran of the United States Air Force. And I know that he would be a wonderful asset. I nominate him for the Council of Administration at the National level. And the Department of Massachusetts is honored to nominate him. And I will re-inform the Brothers that I haven't already, that we are the home of the Stanley Cup Champion, Boston Bruins.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tucker, if elected, would you serve?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Yes, sir.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other positions at this time?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

The Department Secretary.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Michigan?

***, Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Missouri?

***, Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Nebraska?

***, Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska, including South Dakota, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of New Hampshire? The Department of New Hampshire? The Department of New Jersey?

***, Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of New York?

***, Department of New York**

The Department of New York passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of North Carolina?

***, Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Oklahoma?

***, Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Pennsylvania?

***, Department of Pennsylvania**

Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Rhode Island?

***, Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Tennessee?

***, Department of Tennessee**

The Department of Tennessee, and the rest of the deep south, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Texas?

***, Department of Texas**

Department of Texas passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of Vermont? The Department of Vermont? The Department of Wisconsin?

***, Department of Wisconsin**

The Department of Wisconsin passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The Department of the National Membership-at-Large?

Adam Gains, National Membership-at-Large Department

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Camps-at-Large?

***, National Camp-at-Large**

National Camps-at-Large, include Oregon, Washington, and Arizona, pass.

Encampment

(chatter)

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We're gonna take a ten minute break.

[one rap *]

(break)

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm gonna call on Brother Orr.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. Commander-in-Chief, let's start with the first item. we already done the budget and while the Encampment doesn't have to approve it because the Council of Administration actually is the responsibility for doing that. we do have a draft. There will be one change to it so we need to pass that out. So if the Guide and Guard and if a couple of other Brothers want to help. we should have plenty of copies for everyone here.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

As soon as we get these passed out, we had said we were going to have a meeting with the Department and Camp Secretaries. with the Executive Director, myself, and Brother Gene. So that everybody's on the same page with when the reports are due. We simply don't have the time. We do have three documents so when the, as soon as these are passed out, what we would like to do, is every Department Secretary and every Camp Secretary to please stand and we'll provide you with one copy of each. If you are not a Camp Secretary, not a Department Secretary, please do not take these. There's only a hundred copies of them that were made. Those Camp and Department Secretaries, what you're getting is a matrix of when every report is due. Fairly easy to follow. And then there's some additional instructions from the Executive Director on filling out some of the forms. Things that are the more common errors that he finds. If you have any questions, or if you need any help, please contact either Brother Demmy, Brother Mortoff, or myself. We'd be glad to answer your questions. We simply just ran out of time yesterday and today to do this.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Brother Commander-in-Chief?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. (indistinguishable)

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I'm James Pahl, Parliamentarian. I have several housekeeping motions, please? While we're getting things passed out, can we consider these?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Okay. I move that the Encampment Committee, that all Commandment, Encampment Committees be discharged with the thanks of the National Encampment. And that the Credentials Committee be allowed to submit their final report within forty-eight hours.

Indistinguishable

I second it.

Indistinguishable

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Any objection?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I move that letters of appreciation be drafted by the National Secretary and sent to the Host Committee and to this hotel, thanking them for an outstanding job.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Indistinguishable

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I move that the proceedings of this Encampment, when approved by the outgoing and incoming Commander-in-Chief, when published, become the official record of this Encampment.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Indistinguishable

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

There a second? Any objection?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I move that the actions taken by the National Treasurer in paying essential bills of the Order from July 1, 2007, err July 1 until this Encampment be approved.

Indistinguishable

Second.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

And that concludes the housekeeping motions.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. All, those who have, everybody have the budget? There's only one change that was made since this was printed and that's under the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, under income, you need to insert the line for the Challenge Coins, which will be a thirty-eight hundred dollar income. That'll make the total, the sub-total on the income to ninety-seven hundred dollars. And the total income, fourteen thousand forty-five dollars. Under expenses, you need to insert the cost of the Challenge Coins of twenty-eight hundred dollars. That will make the total expenses thirteen thousand forty-five dollars. And a net gain of one thousand dollars.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Here's what we're gonna do. We're gonna call the roll of each Department. We want that Department to rise. We will then count the number of members that here and have that correspond with the official record.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

At the sound of the gavel, the doors must be sealed.

[one rap *]

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

California and Pacific, please rise?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Ten, that's what we have. Chesapeake?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I came up with twenty-seven. Are the two Alternates still here? Demsy and Larrick? Then that would be correct.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Guard, would you please count the number?

Lee Stone, National Guard

Commander-in-Chief, I count twenty-five from the Department of the Chesapeake.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Department Commander, do you agree with that number?

***, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

I do.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay. Colorado and Wyoming? One.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Connecticut? Two. Florida? Two. Georgia and South Carolina?

***, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Should have three. One got sick, sir.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Three. Illinois? Got nine over there. Any other ones? Nine.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Indiana?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Six. Iowa? Three. Kansas? Three. Kentucky? One. Maine? Zero. Massachusetts? Count ten over here, eleven. That's right.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

What was the count?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Eleven. I'm sorry. Michigan? You in the back, too, all the way?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I count eighteen then. Is that correct, Commander?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Let, let's have the Guard count.

Encampment

(chatter)

Lee Stone, National Guard

Brother Commander-in-Chief, I count eighteen from the Department of Michigan.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Eighteen from Michigan. Missouri?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Missouri, seven. Nebraska? Two. New Hampshire? Zero. New Jersey? Five. New York? Seven. New York is seven. North Carolina? Four. Ohio? Guard, would you just go ahead and count them rather than

...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Department of Ohio, sixteen.

Lee Stone, National Guard

Department of Ohio, sixteen.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Oklahoma? Okay, one.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Pennsylvania? Guard, would you just go ahead and count them, too?

Encampment

(chatter)

Lee Stone, National Guard

Brother Commander-in-Chief, I count twenty-one from the great Department of Pennsylvania.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Pennsylvania, twenty-one. Rhode Island? I see six. Tennessee?

Encampment

Four, sir.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Four. Vermont?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Texas?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

One. Vermont? Zero. Wisconsin? Four. Do I count four correctly? National Members-at-Large?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

One. National Camps-at-Large?

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

One.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Total number of Delegates present, one hundred and seventy-four.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We are first gonna vote for the three-year term.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

The nominees are ...

Indistinguishable

Steve Hammond, Don Martin, Kevin Tucker.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We'll first vote for the three year term. We'll have five minute caucuses for each Department.

Encampment

(chatter)

(caucus)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of California and Pacific?

***, Department of California and Pacific**

California and Pacific casts ten votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake?

***, Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of Chesapeake casts twenty-five for Brother Don Martin.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

They cast twenty-five ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

... for Don Martin. For Don Martin. Colorado and Wyoming?

***, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado and Wyoming casts its whole vote for Brother Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

One vote for Brother Martin. Department of Connecticut?

***, Department of Connecticut**

Department of Connecticut, in honor (indistinguishable) votes for Officer Joe in the Civil War, a native of Connecticut, who died one

hundred and fifty years and (indistinguishable) days ago today. And he casts his two votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Florida?

***, Department of Florida**

Department of Florida casts two votes for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

***, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts three votes for Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Illinois?

***, Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois casts nine votes for Kevin Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Indiana?

***, Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana casts six votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Six for Brother Martin. Department of Iowa?

***, Department of Iowa**

The Department of Iowa casts three votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Iowa, three votes for Brother Martin. Department of Kansas.

***, Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas casts three votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Kansas votes three for Brother Martin. Department of Kentucky?

***, Department of Kentucky**

Kentucky casts one vote for Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Kentucky votes one vote for Brother Tucker. Maine is not here. Department of Massachusetts?

***, Department of Massachusetts**

The Department of Massachusetts casts eleven votes for Brother Don Martin.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

It's eleven for your Brother Don Martin. Department of Michigan?

***, Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan casts eighteen votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Michigan, eighteen votes for Brother Martin. Department of Missouri?

***, Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts seven votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Missouri counts seven for Brother Don Martin. Department of Nebraska?

***, Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska casts two votes for Brother Don.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Nebraska casts two votes for Brother Martin. Department of New Hampshire is not here. Department of New Jersey?

***, Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey casts five votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

New Jersey casts five votes for Brother Don Martin. Department of New York?

***, Department of New York**

The Department of New York casts seven votes for Brother Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of New York casts seven votes for Brother Martin. Department of North Carolina?

***, Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina casts three votes for Brother Martin and one for Brother Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of North Carolina casts three votes for Brother Martin and one vote for Brother Hammond. Department of Ohio?

***, Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio casts sixteen votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Ohio casts sixteen votes for Department, I mean, for Brother Martin. Department of Oklahoma?

***, Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma casts one vote for Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Oklahoma casts one vote for Don Martin. Department of Pennsylvania?

***, Department of Pennsylvania**

The Department of Pennsylvania casts nineteen votes for Don Martin and two votes for Kevin Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania casts nineteen votes for Brother Don Martin and two votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Rhode Island?

***, Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island casts their six (indistinguishable) votes for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Rhode Island casts six votes for Don Martin. Department of Tennessee?

***, Department of Tennessee**

The Department of Tennessee casts four votes for that Yankee Guy, Kevin Tucker.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Tennessee casts four votes for Kevin Tucker.

Department of Texas?

***, Department of Texas**

Department of Texas, including Louisiana and New Mexico, casts its entire, undivided one vote for Brother Don Martin.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Texas votes one for Don Martin. Department of Vermont is not present. Department of Wisconsin?

***, Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin casts four votes for Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Wisconsin casts four votes for Brother Don Martin. National Membership-at-Large?

Adam Gains, National Membership-at-Large Department

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Brother Don Martin.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large casts their one vote for National Member-at-Large. I mean for Don Martin. National ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Camps, National Camps-at-Large?

***, National Camps-at-Large**

National Camps-at-Large abstains.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Abstains?

***, National Camps-at-Large**

Abstains, yes.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We're waiting for an official count.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Vote is ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Don Martin wins. One fifty-four. Congratulations, Don.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Now we will vote for the one-year term. Does anybody need to caucus?

indistinguishable

Yes.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We'll caucus for five minutes.

(caucus)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake?

***, Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of Chesapeake is proud to cast all twenty-five on its own, Brother Steve Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Colorado, Colorado and Wyoming?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I'm sorry. Department of California and Pacific casts ten votes for Brother Hammond. Department of Chesapeake casts twenty-five votes for Brother Hammond. The Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

***, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado and Wyoming, including our Brothers in Utah, Montana, and now Idaho, casts one vote for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming votes one for Brother Tucker. Department of Connecticut?

***, Department of Connecticut**

The Department of Connecticut votes, casts two votes for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Connecticut casts two votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Florida?

***, Department of Florida**

Department of Florida casts two votes for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Florida casts two votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

***, Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina, three votes for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina have three votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Illinois?

***, Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois casts nine votes for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Illinois votes nine votes for Brother Tucker.
Department of Indiana?

***, Department of Indiana**

The Department of Indiana casts six votes for Brother Hammond.
Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Indiana casts six votes for Brother Hammond.
Department of Iowa?

***, Department of Iowa**

The Department of Iowa casts three votes for Brother Hammond.
Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Iowa casts three votes for Brother Hammond.
Department of Kansas?

***, Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas votes its three votes for Brother Hammond.
Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Kansas casts three votes for Brother Hammond.
Department of Kentucky?

***, Department of Kentucky**

Kentucky casts one vote for Brother Tucker.
Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Kentucky casts one vote for Brother Tucker.
Department of Maine?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Maine is not here. Department of Massachusetts?
***, Department of Massachusetts**

The Department of Massachusetts casts eleven votes for Kevin Tucker.
Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Massachusetts casts eleven votes for Brother Tucker.
Department of Michigan?

***, Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan casts eighteen votes for Brother Hammond.
Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Michigan casts eighteen votes for Brother Ma... Brother Hammond. Department of Missouri?

***, Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts seven votes for Brother Hammond.
Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Missouri casts seven votes for Brother Hammond.
Department of Nebraska?

***, Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska, including South Dakota, votes two votes for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Nebraska votes two votes for Brother Tucker.
Department of New Hampshire?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

New Hampshire is not here. Department of New Jersey?

***, Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey casts five votes for Brother Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of New Jersey casts five votes for Brother Hammond.
Department of New York?

***, Department of New York**

Department of New York casts seven votes for Brother Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of New York casts seven votes for Brother Hammond.
Department of North Carolina?

***, Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina casts four votes for Brother Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of North Carolina casts four votes for Brother Hammond.
Department of Ohio?

***, Department of Ohio**

The Department of Ohio casts three votes for Brother Hammond and thirteen votes for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Ohio casts three votes, votes for Brother Hammond and thirteen votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Oklahoma?

***, Department of Oklahoma**

Oklahoma casts one vote for Brother Steve Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma casts one vote, vote for Brother Steve Hammond. Department of Pennsylvania?

***, Department of Pennsylvania**

The Department of Pennsylvania casts twenty votes for Brother Hammond and one vote for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania casts twenty votes for Brother Hammond and one vote for Brother Tucker. Department of Rhode Island?

***, Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island casts five votes for Brother Tucker and one vote for Brother Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Bro... Department of Rhode Island has one vote for Brother Hammond and five votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Tennessee?

***, Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee, four votes for Brother Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Tennessee casts four votes for Brother Tucker.
Department of Texas?

***, Department of Texas**

Department of Texas casts one vote for Brother Kevin Tucker.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Texas casts one vote for Brother Tucker. Department

of Vermont?

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Vermont is not present. Department of Wisconsin?

***, Department of Wisconsin**

Casts four votes for Brother Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Wisconsin casts four votes for Brother Hammond. The National Membership-at-Large?

Adam Gains, National Membership-at-Large Department

One vote for Brother Hammond.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Brother Hammond. The National Camps-at-Large?

***, National Camps-at-Large**

National Camps-at-Large, wishes to abstain.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Camps-at-Large abstains.

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Vote was one eighteen to fifty-five. I'd like to introduce the new one-year term, Mr. Steve Hammond.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

This is a traditional time, on my piece of paper here it says, "The outgoing Commander-in-Chief gives a speech". The outgoing Commander-in-Chief is tired. And I can't say, think of any other way to say it, than just two words. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Elect, have you selected an Installing Officers?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

I selected an Installing Officer ...

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We will take a ten minute break. You can unseal the doors. And we have, the banquet area needs an hour and a half before the banquet can start, so we have moved the banquet from 6:30 to 7:00 tonight.

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

(break)

[one rap *]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Palmer, do you have a list of Officers?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

I do.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Would you please give it to the Secretary?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Grim and Brother Palmer, would you join me here, please?

Encampment

(chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Who is your installing officer?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

Brother Kennedy.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Who?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

Leo Kennedy.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Leo Kennedy will be Installing Officer.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Commander-in-Chief, we will relieve you of command of this Organization, the National Organization. On behalf of the Officers, I convey to you the thanks for manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that surrender of the commander of the National Organization you entrust and 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. Do you have someone to pin your badge on you? Would you bring her up?

D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief

My lovely wife, my best friend, Patti Schall.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Please be seated on my left, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff

appointments?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

I am.

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Has the Secretary got a list?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

He does.

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Mr. Secretary, if you would read the roll of Officers Elect and the Staff appointees. And if your name is called, please rise.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Aide-de-Camp, John Avery, Marty Octocon*, and Jay Sales, Sayer. National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pine, Perley Mellor. National Camp-at-Large Department Coordinator, Eric Peterson. National Liaison to MOLLUS, Keith Harrison. National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ. National Chief of Staff, Don Shaw. National Patriotic Instructor, John Bates. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Bruce Butgereit. National Signals Officer, Ken Freshley. Washington D. C. Representative, Andy Johnson. National Counselor, Jim Pahl. National Secretary for Proceedings, Ed Krieser. Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Ken Freshley. National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Bob Petrovic. National GAA, GAR Highway Officer, Gary Parrott. National Webmaster, Ken Freshley. Backup National Webmaster, Keith Harrison. National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce Frail. National GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin. National Historian, Bob Woltz.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Don Palmer. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Senior Vice ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley. The three-year member of the Council of Administration, Don Martin. And the one-year member of the Council of Administration, Steve Hammond.

[three raps ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Brother Guide. Brother Guide. Brother Guide.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Please present the Brothers before the alter for installation.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. Within ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... with the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for financial and the material prosperity and interests of the National Organization, and the members of this Encampment confidently expect your discharge of these several duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous, zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you. That you remember that upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective offices will depend very largely on the success or failure of the administration of the, of the Commander-in-Chief. Are you now ready to solemnly pledge your faithful performance of your several duties?

Officers (in unison)

I AM.

[three raps ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

You'll each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, or your left hand on the shoulder of the Brother in front of you and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine. "I, Leo Kennedy

...

Officers (in unison)

"I (officer's names)...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... having been regularly chosen ...

Officers (in unison)

... HAVING BEEN REGULARLY CHOSEN ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... as an Officer of the National Organization ...

Officers (in unison)

... AS AN OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ...

Officers (in unison)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... hereby renew ...

Officers (in unison)

... HEREBY RENEW ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... the sacred obligation ...

Officers (in unison)

... THE SACRED OBLIGATION ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... given at the time of my initiation ...

Officers (in unison)

... GIVEN AT THE TIME OF MY INITIATION ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... in the presence of all mighty God ...

Officers (in unison)

... IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL MIGHTY GOD ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... and the members of this Encampment here assembled ...

Officers (in unison)

... AND THE MEMBERS OF THIS ENCAMPMENT HERE ASSEMBLED ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... do furthermore ...

Officers (in unison)

... DO FURTHERMORE ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY ...

Officers (in unison)

... solemnly and sincerely ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... promise and declare ...

Officers (in unison)

... PROMISE AND DECLARE ...

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

... that I will ...

Officers (in unison)

... THAT I WILL ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... to the best of my ability ...

Officers (in unison)

... TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... in word and deed ...

Officers (in unison)

... IN WORD AND DEED ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... and without fear or favor ...

Officers (in unison)

... AND WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... faithfully ...

Officers (in unison)

... FAITHFULLY ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... honestly ...

Officers (in unison)

... HONESTLY ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... and impartially ...

Officers (in unison)

... AND IMPARTIALLY ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... perform all the duties of the office ...

Officers (in unison)

... PERFORM ALL THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... upon which I am about to enter ...

Officers (in unison)

... UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

... so help me God."

Officers (in unison)

... SO HELP ME GOD."

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Drop your hands. Encampment (indistinguishable). Guide. Guide.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

You will conduct the Officers to the respective stations. The Acting Officers will vacate. And the Commander, we'll call up last.

Charles W. Mabie, National Guide

Commander-in-Chief.

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

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 for their regard and appreciation for your works and ability as a Son of the Union Veteran of the Civil War, but is an assurance that your conduct to the affairs of this Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trust and grave cares await you into the faithful performance I must now solemnly direct you. As no work of this nature can be a success without the

assistance of the divine provider, the Chaplain will seek his assistance and guidance.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

All mighty God, our heavenly father, we humbly ask your blessing on these Brothers here assembled for installation. Grant them your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties to the Office into which they were 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 every action, in your name. Through the mediation of your blessed son, Jesus Christ our Lord. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Commander in Chief, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am now about to place you in full control. But first, I give you the care of the Charter of this National Organization. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the full heritage it represents. Next I place in your care, the Ritual of the 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, be true to the principals, and faithful to the teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap [one rap *] calls the Encampment to order and ceases the same when standing. Two raps [two raps **] calls the Officers to their feet. And three raps [two raps *] calls up the entire Encampment.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

[one rap *]

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

And now, by the authority invested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of the National Organization legally elected and installed, and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties, for the term ending in 2012. Or until the successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Commander-in-Chief, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unclenching in your loyalty, and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness. May your administration be successful.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

Well gentlemen, I'm going to be, try to be brief here seeing as we had to push this back for the banquet. First of all, I want to thank everybody for electing me to this high office. I mean, it's truly an honor, more or less from two perspectives. Number one, it shows that the trust that you had in me to elect me to this high office. And it's an also, an honor to be the first Commander-in-Chief in the one hundred thirty years of this Organization to hail from the Department of Missouri. So it's a special honor. And so I'd like to think that all the Department Commanders that came before me are smiling now from Charles Crysler who was the first back in 1884 to my good friend, Steve Leight who really got me involved in this Organization and put me on the path to this day. So I want to thank you. As far as this administration goes I guess I'm more of a Gen X'er. And maybe that's another first, is that I may be the first Gen X Commander-in-Chief that this Organization's had. I'm pretty much driven by the future. This administration's going to be focused on goals for this Organization, looking long-term. You know, we need to be thinking how we're going to be viewed over the next decade. We've got a Sesqui-Centennial in front of us. We want to take advantage of that. Both from the standpoint of growth of the membership and building our reputation as an Organization so that those from the outside, be it government, academia, the general public, view us as, as the number one source for information on those that fought for the Union as well as the Grand Army of the Republic. We still have a lot of people around this country that really don't know what we do. There's a lot of misinterpretations out there, and so we need to be focused on growing this Organization and making sure everyone understands what we do. We're going to be hitting on a lot of subjects as we develop our operating plan over the next couple of months, focusing on how we're going to grow this Organization. How? We're going to advertise. How we're going to build our financial strength, which as you know we've been struggling over the last couple of years. We want to make sure that we're going to be solvent in the years to come so that others, our sons and grandsons, can enjoy this Organization as much as we have. So stay tuned. You're going to hear the word "vision" quite a bit over the next year. We're going to detail that vision. I had my vision as I just mentioned, making sure that everyone understands what we do and making sure that we're viewed as the number one education source. Not only about the Union Veterans of the Civil War but, you know, as our, the mission as dictated by our Constitution says we also need to focus on patriotism and honoring those veterans. After all, it was our parent organization that started Memorial Day. We need to make sure that everybody understands that. And that's a key for us. So stay tuned. Like I say, I don't want to belabor this, but we will be discussing how we're going to be working in the future quite a bit over the next several months. And I plan on communicating with my elected and appointed officers as they help develop this plan. So hopefully by the next National Encampment we'll have already seen some results. So,

with that, I'd like to close.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

There being no further business that's come before this Encampment, we will proceed to close. Color Guard, please retire the colors.

[three raps ***]

***, Color Guard**

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

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

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Our father in heaven, we pray you will deal with the events of this meeting, an Encampment, 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 has ended, take us to a better world. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

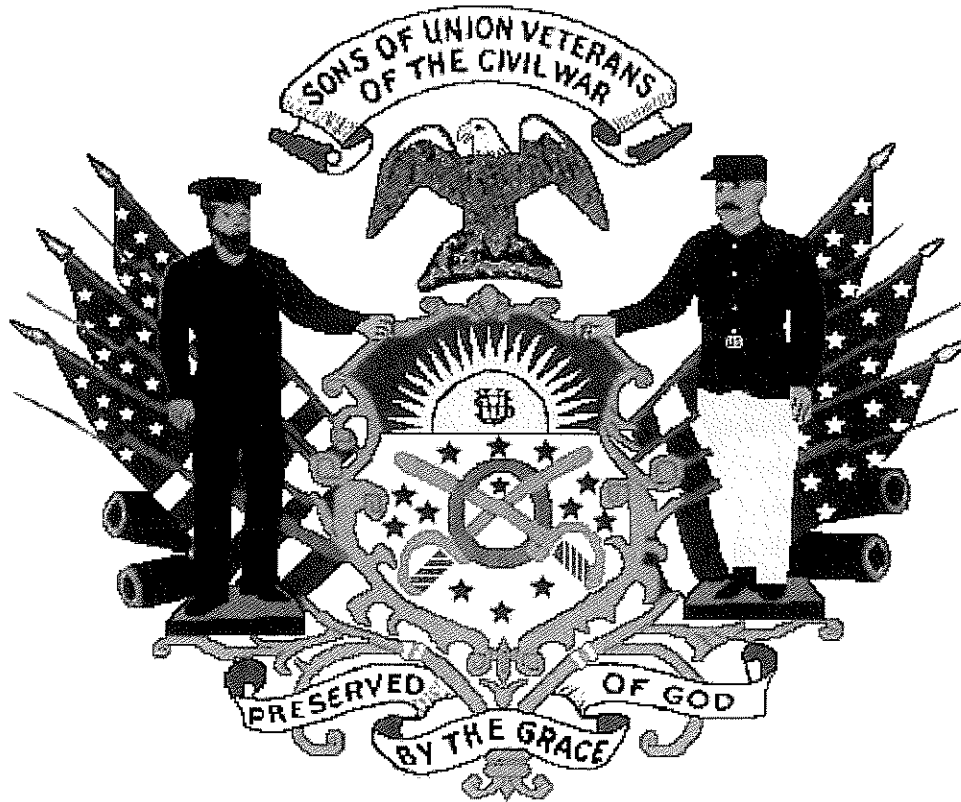
Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief Elect

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. I now declare the 130th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly closed.

[one rap *]



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Brad Schall

(Report will be provided separately.)

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Donald D. Palmer Jr., PDC

This report summarizes my activities and accomplishments as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. My principal duties were divided between (1) coordinating activities assigned to the Program & Policy Committee, (2) leading a subcommittee assigned by the Commander-in-Chief to review Signature Event proposals received by the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, (3) working with another subcommittee appointed to draft a vision for our Order and develop the framework for a long range operating plan, and (4) answering questions posed by Departments, Camps and individual Brothers on a variety of subjects. A separate report will be providing summarizing the specific accomplishments of the Program & Policy Committee.

Signature Event Proposal Review

A motion was made and passed in January to establish a CoA subcommittee to review and make recommendations relative to Signature Event proposals received by the National organization. The motion required the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to chair the subcommittee, along with up to four additional committee members appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. PCinCs Don Darby, Andy Johnson, Jim Pahl and Ed Krieser graciously agreed to serve on this subcommittee. To date, 26 proposals have been reviewed by the subcommittee, with 22 approvals and 4 rejections for an 85% approval rate. A summary of the proposals reviewed and corresponding disposition by the CoA are shown below:

Event	Sponsor	Subcommittee Recommendation	CoA Disposition
Pvt. Auten Remembrance	David D. Porter Camp #116, Department of Indiana	Approve	Approve
Charlestown Civil War Remembrance	Department of Massachusetts	Approve	Approve
Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service	Department of Illinois	Reject	Reject
Civil War Remembrance	Department of Iowa	Approve	Approve
Ste. Genevieve Civil War Camp	St. James Camp #326, Department of Missouri	Approve	Approve
Battle of Wentzville Remembrance	Gen. Alexander Asboth Camp #5, Department of Missouri	Approve	Approve
Sprague Mansion Civil War Living History	Elisha Dyer Camp #7, Department of Rhode Island	Approve	Approve
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	National Organization	Approve	Approve
Ft. Sumter Remembrance	Department of Georgia & South Carolina	Approve	Approve
Defense of Washington Remembrance	Gen. George Meade Camp #5, Department of Maryland	Approve	Approve
Lansing/Sundfield Civil War History Seminar	Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan	Approve	Approve
Dual Grave Dedication of Native American Soldiers	Robert Finch Camp #14, Department of Michigan	Reject	Reject
Battle of Camp Jackson Commemoration	U.S. Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri	Approve	Approve
Col. Crowther Weekend at Camp Crossman	Col. Crowther Camp #89, Department of Pennsylvania	Approve	Approve
Gibson Ranch Civil War Re-enactment	Gen. Wright Camp #22, Department of Cal & Pac	Approve	Approve
Cpl. David Lillard Memorial	Gen. Alexander Asboth Camp	Reject	Reject

	#5, Department of Missouri		
150 th Anniversary of U.S. Grant General Commission	U.S. Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri	Approve	Approve
"On to Richmond" Battle Re-enactment	Department of Connecticut	Approve	Approve
Camp Thomson Historical Marker Dedication	Gov. Crapo Camp #145, Department of Michigan	Approve	Approve
Battle of Olustee Re-enactment	Department of Florida	Approve	Approve
Historic Sign Dedication for Cantonment Anderson	Gen. John Logan Camp #1, Department of Michigan	Approve	Approve
2011 Allied Orders National Encampment	Department of the Chesapeake	Reject	Reject
Battle of Santa Rosa Island/Attack on Ft. Pickens	Department of Florida	Approve	Approve
Orlando LaValley Monument Dedication	LaValley-Hausted Camp #255, Department of Michigan	Approve	Reject
Fort D Days	McCormick Camp #215, Department of Missouri	Approve	Approve
Battle of Port Royal 150 th Anniversary	Devens Camp #10, Department of GA & SC	Approve	Approve

At the April CoA meeting, a discussion was held on memorial services and whether or not they should be included as Signature Events. As we are early in the Sesquicentennial, it was envisioned that there will be many more memorial services proposed as events. As a result of these discussions, a guideline was adopted to limit approval of memorial services to those that are connected to a Civil War commemorative event. It is recommended that the Council of Administration establish a full listing of the types of events the SUVCW would consider for Signature Event status that can be included on the Signature Event approval forms.

Also discussed was the increasing number of "short notice" proposal submittals. Some of these were submitted less than a week before the proposed event was to occur. Given the three level of approvals required, it was recommended that hard submittal dates be established to eliminate the last minute activity. A motion was made and passed, and the resulting dates were incorporated in the Signature Event proposal forms.

Vision

At the November CoA meeting, the Commander-in-Chief appointed a subcommittee chaired by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to establish a vision for this organization. Also appointed to serve on this subcommittee were PCinC Leo Kennedy and Council Member Tad Campbell. A tutorial was developed by this office on establishing a vision with the purpose of "level setting" to make sure the subcommittee members agree on what constitutes a vision. Based on the current mission of our Order as specified in our Congressional Charter, a vision was drafted and will be submitted to the subcommittee prior to the pre-Encampment CoA meeting.

As part of establishing the operating plan assuming a vision is adopted, a survey of the membership will be conducted. A draft survey was developed and will be distributed to the CoA prior to the pre-Encampment CoA meeting. The current plan is to distribute the survey to those attending the National Encampment and place the survey on the National website for a short period following the National Encampment for those Brothers who will not be attending to access and contribute.

Communication

I spent a fair amount of time communicating with Departments, Camps and individual Brothers on a variety of topics, mainly on processes for forming new Camps, status of 501(c)3 pursuit, Signature Event dispositions and the utility of various forms. For the most part, these interactions were positive and valuable as they helped me get to know more Brothers of our Order.

Representing the Commander-in-Chief

During the administrative year, I represented the Commander-in-Chief at a number of functions. These events included:

- Central Region Conference – Farmington, MO (02 October 2010)
- Department of Missouri Encampment – Columbia, MO (04 June 2011)
- Department of Wisconsin Encampment – Waukesha, WI (11 June 2011)
- Muscatine Civil War Monument Dedication – Muscatine, IA (02 July 2011)

Due to extended business travel during the week of 09 May, I was unable to attend the Illinois Department Encampment as originally planned. My apologies again go to the Brothers in Illinois and I wish to again thank National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski for representing the National organization.

In conclusion, it has been an honor to serve as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and I thank the Brothers for giving me this opportunity. I hope I have earned their confidence and support as I pursue the office of Commander-in-Chief. As such, I am looking forward to continue working with the dedicated Brothers of our Order in addressing the next set of challenges facing the SUVCW.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Perley E. Mellor, PDC

This year has gone by like a blink of the eye. It has been extremely rewarding to work with all of the Camp Secretaries and Department Jr. Vice Commanders over the past year. When you receive advice from past Junior Vice Commanders, you say to yourself, what did I get into? But you don't get the whole scope of the position until you start completing the tasks that goes along with it. Just the job of recruitment and the retention of our Brothers in the order, in my opinion can be a full time job. Every e-mail that I receive from prospective new Brothers or their families is a new challenge. It is an absolute joy when I receive a phone call or an e-mail from one of the Junior Vice Commanders with a question or a follow up to the e-mails that I sent them.

We do need to continue some of the things we are currently doing during the transition period of changing officers:

All JVC material and pending information needs to be turned over to the new Junior Vice Commander at or near the National Encampment.

The current JVC needs to provide the incoming JVC a list of pending applications.

The website listing for Membership Applications needs to be changed immediately to the new JVCinC.

I would like to acknowledge PCinC Leo Kennedy and Brother Edward Norris DJV for their valuable help and assistance in processing many of the applications.

A few Statistics: Number of applications - 211

Inquiries: By E-Mail – 20 plus each week
 By Telephone – 6 + each week

The number of application processed to date seems to be on tract with the figures from past year.

Applications for Departments, Camps-at-Large & MAL's

Arizona – 9	California & Pacific – 7	Colorado & WY – 4
Chesapeake – 21	Connecticut – 3	Florida – 9
Georgia & SC– 4	Illinois – 11	Indiana - 4
Iowa– 5	Kansas – 5	Kentucky – 3
Maine – 3	MAL – 6	Massachusetts – 10
Michigan – 8	Missouri – 3	Nebraska – 2
New Hampshire – 2	New Jersey – 8	New York - 9
North Carolina - 6	Ohio – 12	Oklahoma – 3
Oregon - 2	Pennsylvania – 14	Rhode Island – 1
Tennessee - 7	Texas – 17	Vermont – 2
Washington – 5	Wisconsin - 5	

Age of	6 to 14 – 7	15 to 20 – 13	21 to 30 – 11
Applicant:	31 to 40 – 19	41 to 50 – 43	51 to 60 - 46
	61 to 70 – 54	71 + - 17	Unknown - 1

As you can see, we seem to be attracting applicants in all age brackets with the bulk in the 61 years of age plus range. The Camps and Departments are doing a great job in attracting more of the younger age groups. Once we get the new Brothers into the SUVCW we still have to keep them interested in staying members. At this point, I do not have the figures of the applicants that go directly to the Departments and Camps. I'm sure that the figure will be much higher than 211.

With some of the numbers that I have seen, it appears that a few of the Camps-at-Large can be turned into Departments in the very near future.

With the addition of Louisiana & New Mexico to the Departments of Texas, South Dakota to Nebraska and Idaho to Colorado & Wyoming we could see several more departments in the near future.

One of the problems that I have come across is that a small amount of the Jr. Vice Commanders are not following through with contacting new Brothers, to the point that some of the new Brothers have asked for their money and documents back. This cannot continue if we want to grow this great organization

Recommendation:

A big problem that we have is the tracking of Brothers that have moved. A copy of the Form 30 Camp Status Report with this type of change should be sent to the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. This would ensure that he can reach the Brothers that need to be contacted.

Have the Department Junior Vice Commanders and the Camps-at-Large Secretaries provide a written report to the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Annual Reports - SUVCW - 2011

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Chief by June 30 of each year. These reports would be included in the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chiefs final report to the National Organization.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the membership committee, Departments and Camp JVC's

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National Secretary
Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC

National Secretary's Report

This will be my first annual report as National Secretary. I wish to thank the member of our organization for the confidence they have put in my abilities to serve you in this lofty position. Serving previously as National Chief-of-Staff prepared me somewhat for the challenges I faced. However, without the assistance of my Predecessor, Donald Palmer, I would have been much less effective. I have been fortunate also to get out there and meet, and share with, the wonderful people who work to keep this organization alive. Here is a run-down of my travels this year:

2010

Aug 12-15 - National Encampment, Overland Park, KS - Elected Nat. Secretary.
Sep 25-26 - Dept of Maryland First Mid-Year meeting - Four Locks, Maryland
Nov 20 - Remembrance Day Parade and Activities - Gettysburg, PA
Nov 21 - Nat. Council of Administration Meeting - Gettysburg, PA
Dec 16 - Installed Officers - Appomattox Camp #2, Wilmington, DE

2011:

Jan 29 - Installed Officers - Meade Camp #3, Odenton, MD
Feb 8 - Installed Officers - Annual Lincoln Dinner, Baltimore, MD - Garfield Camp
Feb 12 - Annual Lincoln Dinner - Lynchburg, VA, Taylor-Wilson Camp.
Feb 19 - Camp Visitation, Harris Camp, Hollywood, MD
Feb 26 - Nat. Encampment Planning Meeting - Fredericksburg, VA
Apr 2 - 6th Maryland Monument dedication & wreath Laying, Pamplin Park, VA
Apr 9 - Installed Officers, Department of North Carolina, Fayetteville, NC
Apr 16 - 17 - Lincoln Death/Tomb Day - Springfield, IL
Apr 16 - Wreath Laying - Stevenson Grave & Monument (GAR Founders)
April 16 - Nat. Council of Administration Meeting - Springfield, IL
April 23 - Department of Maryland Encampment, Westminster, MD
Jun 25 - Department of Pennsylvania Encampment, Scranton, PA
Jul 21 - Sesquicentennial Ceremony, 1st Bull Run, Manassas, VA
Aug 6 - Col. Crowthers Days, Tyron, PA

I participated in and prepared the minutes of the Council of Administration meeting minutes which were published in the Banner:

Overland Park, Kansas - August 15, 2010
Gettysburg, PA - November 21, 2010
Springfield, IL - April 16, 2011

There were 22 motions presented and processed using the Electronic Boardroom since the 2010 National Encampment through July 22, 2011. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized below:

Motion 01 Pass A motion by PCinC Richard Orr to amend the 2009-2010 budget to reflect actual expenses.

Motion 02 Pass A motion by Brother William Vieira, seconded by Brother Freshley, that the Social Media Committee set up and monitor an official National SUVCW Facebook profile and MySpace.

Motion 03 Pass A motion by PCinC Wheeler, seconded by Brother Mortorff, to approve the minutes of the COA meeting held in Overland Park, KS.

Motion 04 Pass A motion by brother Orr, seconded by brother Freshley to approve the redesigned SUVCW Sesquicentennial Medal as presented the attachment to his email dated November 28, 2010

Motion 05 Pass A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Freshley to approve the minutes of the Gettysburg Council of Administration Held on November 21, 2010

Motion 06 Pass A Motion by Brother Orr, seconded by brother Campbell, to approve the sesquicentennial passport and event stamp (as described in brother Orr's email of Dec 22, 2010) be approved.

Motion 07 Pass A motion by Brother Orr, Seconded by Brother Russ, to approve an Honorary Membership for Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii

Motion 08 Pass A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Campbell to create a subcommittee of itself to be chaired by the SVCinC and include four other members (voting or non-voting) of the COA appointed by the CinC. Said subcommittee to review all Signature Events approved by the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee with particular reference to the authorization to use the name, emblems, symbols and other protected insignia of the SUVCW and submit a report to the entire COA at least once a month and not more frequently than bi-weekly. The COA will approve or reject the subcommittee's recommendations en mass. However, if there is concern from one or more members of the COA about a particular event, the question may be divided and that event voted upon separately. Further, that the instructions with the application be modified to reflect the requirement that the applicant supply a rubber stamp of the approved design for use in stamping the passport and that the sponsoring entity has the option of selling the passports as well as the medals. The passports and medals must be obtained from the SUVCW National Quartermaster. In as much as the COA modified the application to allow non-SUVCW entities to apply for Signature Event status, the application form be modified to by removing the requirement that a Camp, Department, SVR unit or National Organization be a sponsor of the event.

Motion 09 Pass A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Freshley, to approve the Ellsworth Sesquicentennial Signature event submitted by the Department of New York,

Motion 10 Pass A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mellor to Approve the Civil War Sesquicentennial coin requested by the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Motion 11 Fail A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mellor, to have a 10 cent per coin licensing fee. Said fee to apply to all Civil War Sesquicentennial items produced under license.

Motion 12 Pass A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Campbell that Garfield Camp #1, Department of Maryland be granted one month past the regular time in order to properly install their regularly elected officers for 2011.

Motion 13 Fail For reasons stated in Brother Russ's email of 1/26/2011, a motion by Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Orr to reconsider Motion 10.

Motion 14 Pass A motion by brother Freshley, seconded by brother Kennedy to approve the SVR Challenge Coin.

Motion 15 Pass A motion by brother Freshley, seconded by brother Kennedy to approve the SVR Sesquicentennial of the Gettysburg Address Coin.

Motion 16 Pass A motion requiring SES Event Applications be submitted to the SES Committee at least 30 days prior to the event.

Motion 17 Pass A Motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Orr to approve the Minutes of o the April 2011 Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, IL.

Motion 18 Pass A motion made by Brother Orr and seconded by Brother Campbell that we accept the proposal for the general liability policy and that once approved the supplemental insurance be made available to camps, departments and SVR. Further the supplemental form be placed in the web site and it must be received by the National Treasurer at least 90 days before the event and the National Order muse be reimbursed for any additional premium resulting from the supplement.

Motion 19 Pass A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Campbell is that we accept the proposal for the Directors and Officers insurance.

Motion 20 Pass A motion by Brother Freshley, seconded by Brother Orr, gives the National Webmaster authority to set up a twitter account to use for the Sesquicentennial Project allowing us to determine if this social media avenue will work as a vehicle of communication for this project. He will also have admin access to this account to ensure its adherence to our policies and governing documents. If this Twitter account does not work out we will terminate the account.

Motion 21 Fail A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Wheeler, that we contribute \$2000.00 to the National Civil War Museum's Banners of the Fallen exhibit and the funds be taken from the Sr Vice Commander-in-Chief fund which is designated to promote the Order.

Motion 22 Pass A motion to revoke the vote of the Springfield CofA Meeting that required that there a "legally binding agreement" with the Gettysburg Merchants to cover all Parade costs and become applicants of the permits by July 1, 2011 we do not have the parade in the Borough.

A summary of the status on new Camps is presented below, along with pending actions:

1. New Camps having completed the Camp formation/application process and received their charter:

- Gen George Stoneman Jr. Camp #18 located in Riverside, California (3/4/2011) (CA & Pac)
- Gen J. P. S. Gobin Camp #503 located in Sunbury, PA (3/6/2011) (PA)
- Fort Simcoe Camp #2 located in Yakima, WA (4/16/2011) (NMAL)

2. New Camps having completed the Camp formation/application process, but have yet to receive their charter:

- Isaac Eaton Camp #504 located in Mercer, PA (Org: Timothy Bennett)

3. New Camps having permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

- Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 located in DeSoto, MO (Org: Rodney Price) (1/2/2011)

4. New Camps seeking permission to form (submitted Form 51 for signature):

- Siegel Camp #614 located in Rolla, MO (Org: Randal Burd) (7/7/2011)
- Gen Everell Dutton Camp #49 located in Sycamore, IL (Org: James Lyon)(7/19/2011)

5. One replacement charter:

- S. G. Griffin Camp #10 located in Keene, NH

At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, I represented the National organization at the Department of North Carolina Encampment held on April 9, 2011 in Fayetteville, NC. It was like a reunion for me having been present when the Department was formed three years ago. I had the pleasure of installing their regularly elected officers.

I have enjoyed my duties as National Secretary and look forward to the next two years of my commitment.

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National Treasurer
Richard Orr, PCinC

It has been a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer this past year. The bills are paid and we have money in the bank.

Accountant:

Shortly after the National Encampment, our accountant exercised her option to withdraw from the contract. Her mother had become ill and required a great deal of her time. This presented a major problem as we were in the middle of preparing the records for the audit.

The services of another accountant were secured. Her familiarity with our procedures and nearly 10 years of previous experience as our accountant made this a relatively painless transition. To quote our illustrious National Quartermaster, "when she was our accountant we didn't have all these problems with the IRS."

It proved necessary to recreated the books for 2009-10 (the previous accountant used a version of QuickBooks which was so old Intuit no longer supports the format and has no software to convert her files to the current platform. Once the prior year books were recreated, the form 990 was completed and filed on time.

Abraham – Gaffney PC were once again engaged to perform the 2009 audit. After many delays, the audit was completed this past June. A copy is available for anyone who wishes to see it. I only have one copy with me. This is confidential information and will not leave this room.

Our saga of the IRS continues.

We were assessed a \$1460 penalty for filing the 2008 income tax return late. The automatic three (3) month extension was granted but the additional three (3) month extension requested by was denied. The taxes were only filed in April, 2009 when they were due February 15, 2009. This resulted in the penalty. While we could have appealed the penalty because the IRS never notified us that the extension was denied, the cost of legal counsel to pursue the penalty far exceed the penalty itself. Further, if we lost the appeal we would accrue interest at the rate of 12% per year compounded monthly. The COA thought it prudent to pay the penalty and clear the slate with the IRS.

At this time, all tax returns, and other reports to the IRS are current to the extent possible considering the lack of response to the required report of the camp EIN numbers and contact information by the Departments.

The EIN updates have been filed as frequently as daily in an effort to update the information which the IRS has. Even with this the contact information for at least a third of the camps is incorrect.

Last year, this office warned the Brothers that if they did not file the required 990N with the IRS, they would risk a losing the tax exempt status. On June 1, 2011, the IRS after many months of giving numerous opportunities to comply, revoked the tax exempt status of over 275,000 non-profit entities. A number of our camps, SVR units and one department were listed by the IRS as having lost tax exempt status. Each of those camps were notified their change in status.

Some of the SVR units and a few camps choose to cease existing rather than go through the process as outline by the IRS to regain tax exempt status. Others are in the process and have filed the necessary paper work with the IRS.

To protect the National Order, the CinC suspend those camps that lost their tax exempt status. To do otherwise endangered the tax exempt status of the whole Order.

The change in Federal Law requires the 990N to be filed every year. For those whose fiscal year ends 31 December, they must file the 990N between 1 January and 15 May every year. For those whose fiscal year ends 30 June, they must file the 990N between 1 July and 15 November each year.

Last year, I reported that all camps and departments would need to begin issuing 1099 forms to any person, corporation, partnership etc. from whom they purchased \$600 or more of products or services. Congress repealed this requirement for non-profits. You will not need to issue 1099 forms beyond what was previously required.

Another change in the IRS regulations affects the EIN reporting requirements. As of January 1, 2010, we were required to report EIN updates for all subordinate organization twice each year. This requirement was changed back to once annually with a reporting date of April 1 each year.

It is imperative that the reporting requirement enacted by the National Encampment in 2010 be followed. If this report is not submitted on time, the Order can have its tax exempt status revoked. If there is any change during the year, this needs to be reported to the National Treasurer immediately. This includes, change in contact information or a new camp, close of a camp or any similar action.

When the contact information changes a form 8822 needs to be completed and sent to this office. The form will be forwarded to the IRS after the National database is updated.

There seems to have been some confusion over the changes in life membership reimbursements. Apparently, most of the Departments did not distribute the forms provided to them at last year's National Encampment. Because of some confusion over who is entitled to a reimbursement and who is not, the revised Form 10 lists the life members who belong to a camp based on the information submitted to the Executive Director by the life member. The Camp only needs to make corrections to the mailing address or strike through a Brother who is no longer a member of the camp. The officer signing the form is still required to attest to the fact that the Brother for whom the camp is seeking reimbursement is alive, a member of the camp and have designated that camp to receive his reimbursement if he is a dual member. Those camps who claimed the reimbursement this year were provided with the form for 2012. If you think you are entitled to a reimbursement and have not received the form, you can e-mail a request for the form to treasurer@suvcw.org or mail a request to the National Treasurer.

The life membership program continues to be a millstone around the neck of the Order. I know many of you think you are doing the Organization a favor by obtaining a life membership. It is not.

The life membership payment becomes part of the principal of the Permanent Fund. By restrictions on the Permanent Fund contained in the Constitution only the earnings on the fund can be used to support the Order.

The Permanent Fund is not generating sufficient available income to meet the liabilities of this fund as required in the C&R.

Liability Life member reimbursement	\$ 1,284
Per capita for life members 391	\$ 8,993
Total Liability	\$10,277
Expendable Income	\$ 3,864
Liabilities which cannot be paid	\$ 6,413

This means the general fund is shorted the amount which cannot be paid. Thus the life membership program is costing the Order a loss of \$6,413 for the last fiscal year.

At current interest rates, the life member fee would need to be tripled to \$1500 to generate the annual liability for a current new life member.

Because, by action of the National Encampment in the form of amendments to the Regulations, life member payments are part of the principal of the Permanent Fund, we do not have the option of drawing down against the payment to meet the per capita dues obligation of the life members. We only have the earnings and therefore must generate sufficient earnings each year to offset the per capita dues for each life member.

The Grand Army of the Republic Fund likewise does not generate sufficient donations and interest income to meet the fund liabilities. We have had to transfer funds from the General Fund to this fund for years and still incur reductions in the fund principle. This past year, by action of the National Encampment, funds from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund were transferred to the account to meet our obligations. The expenditures from this fund need to be reduced to assure the long term viability of the fund or find a mechanism to increase the principal in the fund.

All of the short-fall in the earnings of the Permanent Fund and the Grand Army of the Republic Fund along with the other funds is a direct result of continuing to invest funds in the most conservative manner – interest bearing accounts at various banks. The Council of Administration is charged with investing the funds of the Order. As a group, they have failed to take action to garner more favorable returns on investments. Last year, a committee was established to develop an investment plan. As of the writing of this report (23 July 2011), no such plan has been produced. We cannot continue to conduct the programs which we have in the past and maintain the same levels of expenditures without increasing our income from investments. When we developed these programs we had interest returns as great as 15%. We now have an average return of 1.5%.

There have been proposal regarding long term funding of the Order which have languished within the COA with no serious discussion or consideration being given. The

finances of this Order are the primary responsibility of the COA over and above all the other issues which come before the COA, yet, this topic sees the least discussion and action.

This past year, the Council of Administration adopted a policy relative to contracts which are signed on behalf of the Order delineating who should receive copies of all contracts. This body needs to formally adopt that policy.

During the past year there have arisen a number of occasions when Brothers purchasing supplies from the National Quartermaster submitted checks which did not clear, stopped payment on charges to credit cards or simply failed to pay the full amount for the items purchased. While most of these have been corrected, we have had some who refused to rectify the situation. Under current disciplinary procedures any complaints against such a Brother must be filed with his camp commander. There is no time limit placed on the camp commander to appoint a Hearing Counsel nor any time constraint on when the Hearing Counsel will meet in the C&R. This needs to be rectified as some have taken advantage of this situation and simply not acted.

The financial reports are not complete as of the date this report is due to the National Secretary and will be submitted separately.

Recommendations:

- 1) The Life Membership Program be suspended for the forthcoming year and such action be reviewed at the 2012 National Encampment to determine if the suspension will remain in effect or be lifted.
- 2) Proper notice having been given to the Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor and Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, the following amendments to the C&R are offered (new language is **BOLD** and deleted language is italics):

Chapter I Article VI

Section 4.

(A) The Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office, keep all books of record, shall make duplicate annual reports to the Department Secretary on or before the 30th day of April upon the forms prescribed by the Order, and furnished by the Department Secretary, showing all gains or losses in membership and the total membership, one copy of which shall be forwarded together with the per capita tax, covering the entire membership, due from the Camp, to the Department Headquarters, the other copy to be placed on file in the Camp. He shall draw all requisitions upon the Treasurer for the expenditure of money, upon the order of the Camp, and submit the same to the Commander for his approval, keeping a book for that purpose.

(B) The Secretary shall forward to the Department Secretary the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) on or before February 15th of each calendar year. In the case of a

camp-at-large, the Secretary shall forward the Installing Officer's Report (From 22) to the Assistant National Secretary appoint to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department-at-Large on or before February 15th of each calendar year.

Chapter II Article V

(A) The Department Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Department Encampment. He shall keep and be the custodian of the files and membership records of the Department, and shall keep such other records in connection with his office as may be required by the Department Commander or the Department Encampment. He shall by May 31st make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary's reports to the Department Commander, and forward a copy of same to the Executive Director, together with the amount due for per capita tax. He shall forward a report of the election of officers and delegates and alternates to the Executive Director within thirty days after such election, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

(B) Based on the information contained in the Installing Officers' Reports submitted by the Camp Secretaries, the Department Secretary shall compile a report consisting of the Entity Identification Number (EIN) and IRS contact person (name, address, telephone number and e-mail address if any) for each camp. The report shall be provided to the National Treasurer on or before March 15th of each calendar year. This report may be filed electronically by e-mail, spreadsheet, text document, or by mail.

Chapter III Article

Section 3. The National Secretary shall pay over to the National Treasurer all monies received by him; he shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the National Encampment. He shall draw requisitions on the Treasurer for all bills, the same to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and shall perform such other duties and keep such other books, and records, as the National Organization may require of him. He shall make a monthly report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order, and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Council of Administration. He shall receive compensation each year in the sum fixed at the Annual National Encampment. He shall prepare the annual report and shall submit the same as required by Title 36 United States Code Chapter 2003, Section 200312.

Section 4. The National Treasurer shall receive, hold and account for all monies paid to him, and pay out the same, upon the order of the National Secretary, approved by the Commander-in-Chief. He shall receive compensation each year in the sum fixed at the National Encampment. He shall prepare the annual reports required by Sec. 15(a) and Sec. 16 of Public Law 605, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, and shall see that they be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and dispatched at the proper time.

Chapter I Article V

Section 2. Prior to the meeting of a Camp for the Installation of Officers, the Installing Officer shall inspect and examine the books, records, forms, etc. and property of Camp, noting as to correctness, Rituals, Constitution and Regulations, and all necessary details for proper conduct of business, receipt books, dues and credits of Brothers, etc. He shall

correct irregularities, impress that the Regulations be observed. He shall make a detailed report thereof to the Department Commander who shall take action for compliance with the Regulations. **He shall complete the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) before departing and provide the same to the Camp Secretary to be filed with the Department Secretary.**

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 camp status report (form 27) by the 15th day of the month following receipt of the application.** 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.

Chapter II Article 1

Section 8. Departments shall be composed of one or more states, commonwealths, republics, territories or the District of Columbia. All Camps within the geopolitical area assigned to a Department by the Commander-in-Chief must become part of the Department. A Department may **not** consist of a part of a state, commonwealth, republic, or territory of the United States.

Note: The above was inadvertently deleted in one of the transcriptions of the C&R.)

Section 3. Life Member Programs.

(b) 2001 Life Member Program.

The 2001 Life Member Program shall be open to all Members who pay the requisite fees on or after September 1, 2001. There shall be two fees based upon the age of the participant. Those who have not reached the age of sixty-five (65) shall pay a fee of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00)

and those who have reached the age of sixty-five (65) shall pay a fee of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$250.00). Fees may be paid over a period of three (3) years. A participant is not considered to be a Life Member until the required fees are paid in full. If the full payment has not been received within three (3) years, the payments made shall be construed to be a donation to the Permanent Fund of the Order. The Member must have been a Life Member for one (1) year before distribution will occur.

(Note: There is no distribution under the 2001 program. See section (b)(iii))

Section 5. There shall be established a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund to be used for the promotion of the Order.

(Note: This was deleted by action of the 2010 encampment but the C&R was not changed)

Section 9.

(a) National Officers

(1) The Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Quartermaster shall receive quarterly allotments for expenses. This allotment is to cover approved expenses necessary to effectively discharge the duties of their respective offices. **reimbursement for actual expenses supported by documentation up to the amount** The annual allotment shall be established through the adoption of the annual budget.

(2) The allotment to the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, and National Quartermaster shall be paid quarterly, in arrears. Effective 1 July 2007, each National officer paid such an allotment shall provide interim documentation of all expenses to the National Treasurer within 30 days of the receipt of the quarterly allotment and a final accounting of all expenses incurred on behalf of the Order shall be submitted to the National Treasurer by September 30 of each year for the previous administrative year (that time between the annual National Encampments). It is understood the National officer may not fully expend the allotment each quarter, but may carry over allotment from quarter to quarter. Should the National officer receiving such allotment fail to fully expend such allotment for that administrative year, then any excess shall be returned to the Order by September 30 of each year for the previous administrative year.

(3) The National Treasurer shall submit his expense report to an Assistant National Treasurer and is subject to the same time frames. The National Treasurer shall not issue a check to himself to cover his expenses. Any check for expenses paid to the National Treasurer must be issued and signed by one of the other Brothers authorized to sign checks.

(7) All members of the Council of Administration other than the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Quartermaster shall be reimbursed a per diem for the Council of Administration meetings attended with the exception of the pre- and post-encampment meetings and the meeting held Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg.

Pennsylvania. The maximum amount of the per diem shall be established through the budget. The members of the Council of Administration eligible for the per diem shall provide original or copies of all receipts and bills in support of the request for the per diem payment to the National

Treasurer before the per diem payment is issued. **RESERVED.**

Section 10.

(a) The purpose of the Memorial/Monument Grant Fund is to assist Camps and Departments in their efforts to refurbish and restore Civil War related memorials and monuments. The following procedure provides some general guidelines as to how to apply for a grant and establishes standards on how grant submittals will be evaluated.

(b) Procedure

(4) Assessment form (CMW #61) must be on file with the National Civil War Memorials Officer. **submitted with the application.**

(5) The maximum grant for any one project shall be \$500.00 (Five Hundred

Dollars). **\$1000.00 (One Thousand Dollars)**. If principle and interest remain in the fund after all grant applications are considered, the COA may grant additional funds to one or more grant recipients to the exhaustion of the fund.

(Note: This reflects action of the National Encampment at the 2009 National Encampment but not incorporated in the C&R).

Section 11 (g) Copies of all contracts shall be provided to the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor and Executive Director.

(Note: This places the action of the COA in the Regulations.)

Chapter V Article VI

Section 6.

(A) When charges are made by a Brother against a Brother of another Camp in another Department, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the Department Commander in which the accused is a Brother.

(B) When charges are made for failure to pay indebtedness to or financially defrauding the National Order by an elected National Officer on behalf of the National Order, they shall be filed with the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief at his sole discretion may assume original jurisdiction and establish a hearing counsel, take summary discipline action as provided in Section 17 of this Article or refer the case to the Department Commander of the accused.

Section 8. When a complaint is received consisting of charges and specifications, the Commander so receiving the Complaint shall appoint a hearing council **within 45 days**, which shall consist of at least five (5) Brothers and no more than nine (9) Brothers who can fairly and justly hear the matter and issue a fair and just decision. If the Commander so appointing cannot locate sufficient Brothers within his command, he may call upon adjoining commands to furnish Brothers for the hearing council. The Commander so receiving the Complaint shall insure that the accused is provided a copy of the charges and specifications **to the accused within 21 days at the earliest possible opportunity** and these charges and specifications shall not be disclosed to anyone until the accused has been provided with a copy thereof.

Section 10. Upon appointment of the hearing council, the hearing council shall elect a chairman. The hearing council shall then convene **within 90 days unless all parties agree to a later date** and shall give at least ten 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 their evidence and argument by written statement, rather than personally attend a hearing.

Section 20. Whenever a Department Commander or the Commander-in-Chief shall receive an appeal, they shall appoint a three member appeals panel **within 90 days**. Such appeals panel shall consist of Brothers of this Order 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 Brothers of the Order who are not acquainted with the individuals or the factual matters, then the appeals panel shall be selected from those Brothers of this Order who can fairly and justly hear this appeal and issue a fair and just decision.

3) Proper notice having been given to the Commander Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and the members of the Military Affairs Committee, the following amendments to the SVR SOP are offered:

Article II

National Headquarters

11. As part of his administrative duties, the Adjutant General, SVR, on or before 15 March of each year shall file a report with the National Treasurer, SUVCW, detailing the EIN for each, unit, battalion, district, and headquarters with the contact information for the respective adjutant.

Article III

District Headquarters

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) **are received by the Adjutant General, SVR, on or before 15 February of each year**, 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.

7. 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, **on or before 15 January each year** an Annual Unit Application (SVR Form 3) **and on or before 01 April of each year** an Annual Unit Strength Report (SVR Form 19), an updated Annual Roster, Annual District dues and National dues

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 the next higher authority

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) **shall be received by the District Commander on or before 15 January of each year**, 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

4) to implement the policy on contracts the following change to the National Site Committee job Description is proposed:

National Encampment Committee Job Description

10. 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 **Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor and Executive Director.**

5) In the absence of action by the Council of Administration, the National Treasurer be empowered to invest funds of the Order in investment grade corporate bonds in order to increase the rate of return on the Order's investments.

6) The incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to examine Brother Glenn Knight's PDC proposed fund raising plan and recommend a plan to be implemented within 12 months.

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Council of Administration Member (2013)

William Vieira

Well, it certainly has been quite an interesting year. After I returned from last year's National I came down with pneumonia, and it affected me for a few months. I arranged the events for the November Meeting of the New England Regional Association and attended the event. The meeting was attended by Brothers from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

I attended the events at Gettysburg celebrating Remembrance Day this past November. I attended both Council Meetings and various ceremonies, including events at the Rhode Island plot of the cemetery, some of the Rhode Island monuments, and was able to catch the end of a wreath laying ceremony with the Department of Connecticut.

I attended the Departments Encampments of Rhode Island and Connecticut.

I also had the privilege of attending the National ceremony honoring President Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois. I also attended the Council Meeting there.

As tasked, I have been examining what our financial outlook may be in the next ten years. Projecting an annual inflationary increase, there is a very high likelihood that we will need to increase our Per Capita again in the next five years by an additional five dollars. That will barely adjust for price increases, if we wish to maintain our current funding of our programs. We will more than likely need to continue increasing our Per Capita this way every five years.

I have also been responsible for resolving outstanding Encampment reports. The missing reports have been negatively impacting our organization from being able to change our status to a 501c3. Brother Ken Freshley has been completing proceedings for both Past Commander-in-Chiefs Darby and Kennedy. The encampment reports for Commander-in-Chiefs Atkinson, Loomis, Johnson and Powell would be created in the form of a draft agenda. It was reported at the Council of Administration Meeting in Gettysburg that

Brother Freshley would continue to process the dictation and that the other encampment reports would be addressed. It was learned at the Council of Administration Meeting in Springfield that the reports had not been addressed at that time. It is the intention of the committee to have final resolution on some or all missing encampment reports by our National Encampment.

I have also participated as an active member on the Programs and Policies Committee and the Civil War Memorials Grant Committee.

It has been an honor serving our Organization as a member of the Council of Administration, and I look forward to the rewarding challenges of the future.

Council of Administration Member (2012)

Tad Campbell

I am currently serving my second year on the National Council of Administration. During the past year I have attended all four physical meetings of the Council (Overland Park, KS; Gettysburg, PA; Springfield, IL; and Reston, VA) and have participated in all electronic boardroom votes. I served on the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations and the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. I also participated in the 54th Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony in Gettysburg, PA and the 55th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL. My SUVCW-related travel during the past year has amounted to 19,319 miles.

Council of Administration Member (2012) (Proceedings Sec)

Ken Freshley

The 2009 National Proceedings were completed, printed and posted to SUVCW National Website.

The 2010 National Proceedings will be completed, printed and posted to SUVCW National Website before the National Encampment in August 2011.

The missing Proceedings will be documented with an information page and that will be submitted and posted to SUVCW National Website before the National Encampment in August 2011.

Council of Administration Members (2011) and Chief of Staff

Alan Russ, PDC

It has been my privilege to serve this past year as an elected member of the Council of Administration. I was elected last August to fill the unexpired term of PDC Perley Mellor, a vacancy created when he was elected as National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Also, as I have previously stated, I do not intend to seek reelection to the Council of Administration, nor do I intend to seek any other elected National position.

During the past year, I participated in the following activities as Council of Administration Member:

I attended the Fall Council of Administration meeting held in conjunction with the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Remembrance Day, November 20, 2010.

I attended the Spring Council of Administration meeting held in conjunction with the Springfield, Illinois, Lincoln Tomb observance on April 16, 2011.

I had the honor of representing CinC Schall on May 7, 2011, at the Department of Oklahoma annual encampment in Pawnee, Oklahoma, and installing their new officers. I also found myself in the position of acting as intermediary between the Department of Oklahoma and the National Headquarters with regard to the department's EIN. This has since been resolved successfully.

I had the honor of representing CinC Schall on June 11, 2011, at the Department of Colorado & Wyoming annual encampment in Salt Lake City, Utah, and installing their new officers. I once again found myself having to deal with EIN problems and the potential loss of non-profit status for the Department of Colorado & Wyoming and acting as intermediary between the department and the National Headquarters. It was finally determined that the department had, indeed, properly filed IRS Forms 990-N; however, the EIN in question was an old number that was no longer used. This has since been resolved successfully.

And, now, I will be attending the Council of Administration meeting at Reston, Virginia, on August 11, 2011. This will be my last Council of Administration meeting, as my term will expire with the National Encampment on August 13, 2011.

Recommendations:

- 1. It is recommended the Council of Administration discontinue tying the Fall and Spring CofA meetings as "add-ons" to other events. If the meetings are to continue to be held in conjunction with Remembrance Day and Lincoln Tomb Observance, then the CoA meeting should be scheduled in at an earlier time, even if it means forgoing such things as attending banquets and dances at the other activities.**
- 2. Much more of the CofA business can, and should be, conducted via the electronic board room. A more orderly and disciplined method needs to be developed for the making of motions and the ensuing discussions. From personal experience, I can tell you motions can just disappear. I would encourage the incoming CinC to develop a methodology for the electronic boardroom in order to allow for orderly submissions of motions, the invitation for discussion, the taking of the**

vote, and the announcing of results.

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

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Quartermaster

Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC

This report is a pleasure to give. It has been a banner year. We have put on lots of new items. Camps and Departments can now purchase, at wholesale costs, station banners, flags, etc., making the quartermaster store complete for the organization, and also around 40 hours a week commitment. It has paid off with over \$58,000 in sales and over 1400 orders this year.

The ROTC program is growing each year with over 700 medals going out this year making this program one of the most successful in Son's History. I have ordered 1000 for next year for we seem to run out and the problem is that people wait to the last minute to order them. On one day, I have a full shelf and then they are gone in a week. I would like to ask camps and department to order early so If I am running low, I would have time to order more.

PayPal and the online store seem to get better also. We now are over 40% of monthly business. I want to thank Brother Freshley for all his hard work making changes etc. It has been a busy year in that department also. I have continued to get packages to the post office with PayPal orders being received in three to five days and most snail mail orders in a week.

I would like to thank camps and departments, and all members for their purchases throughout the year for making this a record year. I would like to thank the organization in allowing me to run the store and purchase new items as needed. A special thanks goes to Brother Orr for all his help on sesquicentennial items.

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Executive Director

David W. Demmy, Sr.

Brothers, Current Membership Statistics for active Brothers:

Associate	542
Jr. Associate	5
Junior	111
Life Member	339
Member	5,209
Real Son	11
Total:	6,217

Dual Associate	9
Dual Life Member	40

Dual Member	160
Honorary	4
War Zone Service	21
Total:	234

Recommendations

Form 30

- Change middle initial to middle name*(See Below)
- Add emphasis to indicate to user that reinstate fee of \$10 must include FULL per capita for entire year – dues for Brothers seeking reinstatement are not prorated!

Form 27: Add line for Reinstatement Fees at \$10 each

Form 35: Add line for Reinstatement Fees at \$10 each ** (See Below)

*** There are many families with similar names such as:**

**Robert John Smith. John Robert Smith
Robert J. Smith (Robert Jay Smith)
Bobby John Smith (Robert John Smith Jr)**

And when the date of birth is missing from National profile and/or form 30 it is difficult to determine which Robert such be updated.

**** Several form 27s and form35s reveal remittances of e.g.: \$3608
156 x \$23 = 3588 + \$20 for Reinstatement, but the forms give no clues
that Reinstatement fee is included in total payment.**

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National Patriotic Instructor

Donald Martin

The National Website now has a Patriotic Instructor web page.
“<http://www.suvcw.org/NatPatrioticPage.htm>” This page contains PI Handbooks for Camp, Department and National which were compiled by Brother Butgereit. Also available are fill-in copies of Camp, Department and National Annual Report Forms, monthly collections of Patriotic Instruction, the history of Patriotic Holidays and a link to the Patriotic Instructor Job Descriptions.

The page also contains many Power Points that may be used for personal, Camp, Department, or any other type of presentation. The topics are:

Brief History Of The Grand Army Of The Republic
Purpose of the SUVCW

Annual Reports - SUVCW - 2011

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What is the SUVCW
American Civil War and It's Causes
1860 Prelude to the Civil War
1861 Civil War Begins (coming soon)

Department Patriotic Instructor Reports were filed by all Departments except Kentucky, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Rhode Island. The following data is from these reports. Camps participated in 920 events with Patriotic Instruction being provided at each meeting by 127 of our Camps. This is an improvement of 20 Camps from last year. Participation in Memorial Day Services is still disappointing with just over half of our camps participating. On the bright side this year we had 134 events compared to 122 last year. Veterans Day participation is up from 87 to 104 Camps participating.

School presentations in the form of equipment demonstrations, living histories, artifact displays, re-enactments, Civil War research, contests, Battle Flag displays, flag programs, scholarships, and project competition were conducted by 85 Camps, up from 64.

Events to educate the public such as reenactments, demonstrations, drill, talks, seminars, living histories, memorials, displays, dinners, Marking Gar graves, BSA programs, Honor Guard, programs with US Parks, ceremonies, Last Union Vet dedications, information tables, Patriotic Instruction, and flag presentations were participated in by 125 Camps, up from 92 last year.

Camps presented 138 ROTC awards, down from 171.
Eagle Scout awards totaled 848, up from 656.

The primary form of communication used by DPI was the internet 3 times as often as telephone and used 6 times more than regular mail.

Our Memorial University Program continues and is finishing its second year. The first part is an education course for Junior and Junior Associates of the Sons of Union Veterans. Its intent is to encourage patriotism, good citizenship and provide a basic knowledge of the American Civil. We have our first graduate of this program Brother George Michael Huttick , Fort Donelson Camp #62, TN.

The second part of Memorial University is an Officer Training Course for members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Over 199 Brothers have registered for this and it now has over 105 Graduates.

I have written articles for the Autumn 2010, Winter 2011, Spring 2011 and Autumn 2011 copies of the Banner. The Spring 11 article was a feature article on Patriotic Instructors. Providing Patriotic Instruction and contact with Department PIs has been accomplished monthly. I participated in 12 SUVCW events in the past year.

I believe the Patriotic Instructor position is doing well in many Departments and Camps. I applaud these Departments and Camps for their outstanding job. Reported events in every area are up from last year except for ROTC Awards. However, less than 50% of Camps are providing patriotic instruction at their meetings. This should be 100%. Camp Commanders need to ensure that instruction occurs even if they do not have a PI.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. I include these 2 sentences as a reminder that we need Camp Participation in Memorial Day events as just over 50% of our Camps participated in Memorial Day events. This number should certainly be 100%.

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Banner Editor

Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

At the time of this report, the Summer 2011 Banner is arriving in our Brothers' homes. Collecting material for the Fall 2011 issue of the Banner has begun. This issue should be in the mail by mid-October. The following is the Banner's objective schedule:

Issue	Submissions Due	Mailed Before	Arrive By
Fall	August 31	October 15	November 15
Winter	December 15	January 31	March 1
Spring	March 15	April 30	June 1
Summer	May 31	July 15	August 15

The Banner's content continues to grow. Camp & Department news, there are many special and otherwise untold stories in our Order. In the Fall edition, we saw how our brothers made history come alive for young people across the country. In the expanded Winter issue, our Civil War Memorials Program and Real Sons were highlighted. In the recent Spring issue, we examined the Sons' Patriotic Instructor role and featured some of our Order's PIs. In the Summer issue, we recognized outstanding youth.

+ We began coverage of Sesquicentennial Signature events and continued coverage of our annual ceremonies, Special Recognition, and New Camps.

+ Historical perspectives on the 1965 National Encampment, the GAR's Armed Battalion" and Collecting Sons memorabilia added interest.

+ "With Our Sisters," promoted cooperation between the Sons and the over 1100 sisters in 60 Auxiliaries, as well as those in Daughters Tents, LGAR Circles and the Woman's Relief Corps, who regularly partnered with our Camps and Departments.

This year's advertising initiative was very successful. New advertisers included:

Burnished Bronze Publishing	Dixie Leatherworks
Fall Creek Sutlery	James Country Sutlery
MT Publishing	Prost Imaging
Tauck Travels	Zondervan Publishing

The additional advertising allowed us to expand our 1st Sesquicentennial edition to 28 pages, as well as enjoy a cost reduction of nearly \$3,200.00 when compared to the previous year.

A second expanded issue is planned this Winter.

I will complete my 3-year term as Banner Editor next year and will not seek re-appointment.

Additional duties:

I coordinated SVCinC Palmer's visit to the Wisconsin Department Encampment on June 11th and coordinated the Commander-in-Chief's visit to the Wisconsin Dept. Mid-Winter meeting on February 5th.

I coordinated the procession at the 2011 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and participated in the GAR Founder's Ceremony (both on April 16th).

I serve as chair of the 2013 National Encampment Host Committee, which met on 19 April and 19 July. Program development and fundraising are underway. A website is being built at 2013.suvcw-wi.org

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National Counselor

Donald Darby, PCinC

These are the Opinions of the National Counselor Donald E. Darby, PCinC, for the use of Commander-in-Chief Schall and the National Order. The Commander-in-Chief has made rulings to the Opinions as he has seen fit. Members should check the Generals of CinC Schall to ascertain his rulings. In the cases where a members' name is mentioned, in either the Question or the Opinion, those names have been replaced by a letter.

Opinion #1:

Question: **Can a Female/Non-member be made a National Aide?**

Opinion: Based on the SUVCW Constitution Article VII Membership which defines the four classes of membership and Associates stating that all members and associates must be "male." SUVCW Regulations Chapter 1, Article II Membership which refers to the members as a Brother; SUVCW Regulations Article IV Officers Section 3.."may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate..." It is my opinion that this section infers that an aide is an "appointed officer" and thus must be a member/associate as defined in the aforementioned SUVCW Constitution Article.

It should also be noted that a non-member/associate would not be able to be disciplined under SUVCW Regulations Article VI Discipline.

It is therefore my opinion that a female/non-member/associates could not be appointed as an aide.

Opinion #2:

Question: **Can the present Commander-in-Chief award the National Aide to Brother who recruited 16 members during the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief's term of office?**

Opinion: In according with the awards policy "11. National Aide. The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to any Brother who recruits five or more members during his term of office..." I believe that the key words in this sentence are "**his term of office.**" It is my opinion that the present Commander-in-Chief **cannot** issue the National Aide award for an activity that did not take place during his term of administration. That being said there is nothing that prevents the past Commander-in-Chief from issuing a **nunc pro tunc** to his General Order (in this case General Order 17) announcing National Aide awards and placing the name of the Brother that was left off on it. The Brother is then permitted to award for a period of twelve months from the issuance of that awards as stated in the Awards policy.

Opinion 3:

Question: **A Brother from the Department of California asked from a decision of the Commander-in-Chief regarding a Camp/Department Commander being able to serve as Commander and Treasurer (Secretary-Treasurer) simultaneously. As the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is mute on this subject, the Commander-in-Chief can and should issue a decision on this matter.**

Opinion: The Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, annotated with the Decisions and Opinions of the Commanders-in-Chief and the Judge Advocate General/National Counselor's and the Policy and Decisions of National Encampments is in fact mute on this question. It is the opinion of this National Counselor that a Camp/Department Commander can NOT hold the office of the Commander and Treasurer (Secretary-Treasurer) simultaneously. The C&R permitted the position of Secretary and Treasurer to be held by one Brother (Secretary-Treasurer) it does not extend that ability to any other elected office/officer. Given that the Camp/Department Commander must approve all expenditures by the Treasurer (Chapter 1, Article VI, Section 1, and Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 4) it would create a conflict of interest for him to hold both (Commander, Treasurer) or all three offices (Commander, Secretary-Treasurer).

Opinion 4:

Question: **Can I wear my Sesquicentennial alongside my authorized SUVCW Medals?**

Opinion: This will be an interesting and much debated opinion, as it is a complicated opinion. The National Constitution and Regulations annotated of 2010 Chapter V National Regulations Article III Badges Section 1 states "Medals and Badges of this Order along with other military veterans and hereditary and patriotic societies in the order of the founding of each" may be worn with the SUVCW medals. However Sections 3 and 5 do NOT list the Sesquicentennial Badge as an authorized badge of this Order. Here in lies the problem. While the CofA authorized the Sesquicentennial Committee to produce the Badge it did NOT authorize or dictate how it should be worn, to the length of time that it could be worn or that it could be worn with SUVCW Badges and more importantly that it was an Official Badge of the Order. This item while authorized by the 2010 National Encampment did not address the issues surrounding the badge wither (if it did it did not make it into the C&R). An example of such authorization was the anniversary SVR Medal that was authorized a few years ago to be worn ONLY for that year of celebration and not after.

As it stands now, in accordance with the aforementioned article and sections of the National Constitution and Regulations annotated 2010 version it is my opinion, as National Counselor SUVCW, that the SUVCW SESQUICENTENNIAL Badge can NOT be worn with the SUVCW authorized Medals and Badges. As the C&R Annotated is NOT mute on this point (wearing of badges and authorized badges) the Commander-in-Chief cannot make a ruling to overturn or change the C&R. **BUT I would highly recommend that the Commander-in-Chief entertain a motion from the CofA to take action by adding the Sesquicentennial Badges to the authorized Badges list in the lowest Group and permission to wear such badges for the 2011-2015 years. While this motion may just be that the assignment be undertaken by the C&R Committee and voted on at the next Encampment at least it will be taken care of.**

Opinion 5:

Question: Can A Past Department Commander who resigned from the Order and has submitted paperwork and paid reinstatement fees be permitted to attend and vote at the Department Encampment? While this is the original Question there is more that needs to be considered in this particular matter which is addressed below.

Opinion: There are several issues concerning this question and this situation in particular that must be presented before an opinion can be issued. **First:** Brother R was charged with Conduct Unbecoming a Brother of the Order. These charges were brought by Brother M of the Department of Massachusetts and upon receiving them the Massachusetts Department Commander T ordered that a Department Trial Commission be assembled. The Department Trial Commission rendered its decision and sentence, Guilty of Conduct Unbecoming of a Brother of the Order and a sentence of one year suspension from the Order, Department Commander T accepted the decision of the Trial Commission and enacted the sentence on Brother R. At that time Brother R appealed the finding to then Commander-in-Chief Kennedy. Then CinC Kennedy then established an Appeals Board, to review the recorded testimony and all written material presented. The Appeals Board, Consisting of myself, PCinC W and PCinC H, concurred with the guilty finding of the Trial Commission of Massachusetts. However, the Appeals Board stated that it did not concur with the sentence and recommended to Commander-in-Chief Kennedy that a letter of reprimand be issued to Brother R.

When notified of this finding of the Appeals Board, Brother R stated that he, his son and grandson were resigning from the Order effectively immediately. This is the history of the action resulted in Brother R resigning from Order.

Second, now getting to the opinion requested. Brother R is not an automatic member of the Massachusetts Department Encampment (as described on Page 25 of the Constitution and Regulations, annotated, Article II, Section 1 (a), because he resigned from the Order. And in accordance with Opinion III of National Counselor Howard at the 57th Encampment "This continues until such Camp Commander either resigns or is discharged as provided by the Regulations." NC Howard is of course referring to the honor of Camp Commander bestowed on a Brother for past service. (The opinion also appears on Page 24 of the C&R annotated in footnote 18.)

Therefore Brother R MUST be voted a delegate or alternate by his Camp in Order to attend the upcoming Massachusetts Department Encampment. If the Camp has not or did not vote him as a delegate or alternate, he may attend but cannot vote or have a voice in the Encampment. The Camp could possibly call a "special" meeting, if provided for in the Camp's By-laws, and then vote Brother R as a delegate or alternate. However given

the shortness of time I doubt this is doable as most by-laws require a 45 day notification for a "Special" meeting.

Third, and probably more importantly is the question of "was Brother R under suspension when he resigned from the Order? At the 128th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Encampment passed the resolution approved by the C&R Committee that "A brother who resigns from the Order while under suspension must receive a majority vote of the Department to which he belonged at the time of resignation, to rejoin the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Then it was amended, in accordance with Brother Jim Pahl's request, to include language "with an endorsement from the Camp he belonged to at the time of the resignation."

If the third item, that Brother R, resigned while under suspension, did in fact occur then his request to re-join the SUVCW must be endorsed, in writing, by his Camp, then voted upon and PASSED by a majority vote of the Encampment before any of the actions noted in the second section above can take place. **Consultation with PCinC Kennedy by CinC Schall to ascertain whether a suspension was in fact in place at the time of the resignation is needed.**

If it is determined that Brother R was NOT under suspension at the time of his resignation, then he MUST be voted on to be a delegate or alternate to the Encampment by his Camp either by a previous vote or by the call of a Special Meeting and vote in accordance with his Camp by-laws, if permitted. If this has not happened then Brother R may attend the Encampment as a member of the SUVCW but will have no voice in the Encampment. Brother R attendance or non-attendance at the Encampment does not preclude his Camp from submitting a resolution asking for his restoration of rank.

I would also point out that this is, at FIRST, a Department issue and the Department Council and Counselor should have been notified, and have taken action BEFORE this was presented to any Officer at the National Level. This may have occurred but, it was not mentioned in Brother R's email to PCinC Orr. If Brother R felt or feels that he did not obtain an impartial ruling at the Department level he STILL should have started there, and ONLY THEN brought this to the attention of National Officers if he felt the ruling by the Department was not in accordance with the National Constitution and Regulations. All Department, Camp Commanders and Counselors should make it clear to all our members that situations like this should be handled AT THE LOWEST level or the Order and not immediately brought to National. Because it circumvents the good order and discipline of the SUVCW and it also lessens the number of appeals that one has by skipping the chain of command. As it stands now Brother R has eliminated all appeals at the Department Level and some at the National Level if the Commander-in-Chief rules on this issue against Brother R.

Opinion 6

Question: **Does the Commander-in-Chief have authority to add a State to a Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War?**

Opinion: There are two portions of the Constitution and Regulations that are involved in this Opinion. The first in the Constitution, Article VI, Section 5 located on page 5 of the Constitution and Regulations Annotated. It reads "Camps organized where no Department shall be attached to the National Organization as Camps at Large."

The Second is in the Regulations Chapter II Departments Article I Section 8 page 25 of the Constitution and Regulations Annotated which reads "Departments shall be composed of one or more States, Commonwealth, Republics, Territories or the District of Columbia. All Camps within the geographical area assigned to a Department by the Commander-in-Chief must become a part of the Department. A Department may consist of a part of a State, Commonwealth, Republic or Territory of the United States.

It is my opinion that the Regulation section more clearly defines the question with the portion that states "All Camps within the geographical area ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF must become a part of the Department. It is therefore within the authority of the Commander-in-Chief to determine the geographic area that is assigned to a department. This is further ascertained by the unanimous vote of the Department involved to accept the responsibility.

Opinion 7

Question: From the Department of Oklahoma there comes two issues: 1. Can a sitting Camp Commander who has not yet completed his first term of office run for the office of Department Commander? 2. Can a Brother simultaneously hold the office of Department Commander and Camp Commander or must he vacate the office of Camp Commander if elected to the office of Department Commander.

Opinion: In response to issue 1. National Regulations Chapter II, Departments, Article IV, Section 2 (page 27 of the C&R annotated) states that a Brother cannot serve as a Department Commander *unless he has served as a Camp Commander*. I believe that the key to this sentence is the SERVED in the past tense. Thus meaning that the Brother has obtained the rank of PAST Camp Commander. General Regulations Chapter V, Article III Badges and Decorations, Section L (page 56 of C&R annotated) states "A Brother who have served a full term as Camp Commander or who has been elected to fill an unexpired term and who has served until the end of that term are authorized to wear the Past Camp Commander Badge and use the suffix P.C.C. in conjunction with their name.

Furthermore, under National Organization Chapter III Article IV Section 2 Footnote 29 (Page 35 C&R annotated) CinC Hammer made the following ruling" "When a brother is elected to the office of Department Commander, but it is discovered that he never served as a Camp Commander, the election is void and the office must be declared vacant. If a brother is elected to the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief but it is discovered that his election to the office of Department Commander was void as he never held the office of Camp Commander, the election is void and the office is declared vacant. Dec 1, CinC Hammer, 110th, 12 confirmed by National Encampment 110th, 51.

Given the aforementioned sections of the Constitution and Regulations (annotated) I believe that the Commander-in-Chief must rule that the term "served" indicates that the Brother must be eligible for the honor of Past Camp Commander (P.C.C.) having served either a full term or fill an unexpired term and who have served until the end of that term before he can run for or obtain the office of Department Commander.

Question 2. I cannot find any mention to a Brother holding elected offices on two different levels of the Order. There was some discussion on this matter at one of the last Encampments. I believe that it was decided that a Brother could hold two elective offices as long as they were not on the same level of the Order, except in the case of Secretary-Treasurer. BUT, I also believe that this decision has not made it into the Constitution and Regulations (annotated) as the PROCEEDINGS of that Encampment have not as yet been published. Therefore the C&R is mute on the subject at this time and it is within the authority of the Commander-in-Chief to make a ruling. From a historical perspective, at the 65th national Encampment, National Counselor Church issued an Opinion 1 which states that "When a Camp Commander is promoted to Department Commander, Camp Commander must be vacated. One cannot hold the Office of Camp Commander and Department Commander at the same time." I believe that the Commander-in-Chief can cite that Opinion as justification if he so desires. I agree with National Counselor Church

if for nothing more than I don't believe that a Brother holding both of those offices can or will do them justice. Those of us who have sat in both seats soon realize that there was a great amount of time dedicated to "doing it right."

Opinion 8.

Background: The National Executive Director responded to the 2011 annual report form 35 from the Department of the Chesapeake by stating that there was no record of Brother O, being a Life Member of the Order. A request was made to Brother Gene Mortorff, National Secretary, for assistance in this matter. Apparently Brother O became a member of the SUVCW at the age of 14 and while he was in the service of his country during World War II his camp, Chipman Camp 89 Beverly MA, now defunct, made him a "life member." The National Order Life Membership was established by U.S. Grant III on 25 August 1955. There is no paperwork at the National Order to establish Brother O, as a Life Member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Furthermore, during the administration of then-Commander-in-Chief George Powell, General Order 14 was issued stating "Camps may not establish a life membership program. Per our Congressional Charter, this may only be done by the National Organization. Any such effort to create any type of life member program at the Camp or Department level is void.:

Question: Does George's (CinC Powell) ruling to life membership granted by camps prior to the congressional Charter and prior to the ruling? Would this not be forcing a violation of a contract between the brother and the camp/department? In this case a now defunct camp issued a life membership under the articles of incorporation in the State of Illinois (I have never found a copy of these) and the C&R in place in 1945. Since the camp is now defunct and the Brother no longer resides within the same Department, who if anyone has responsibility for the terms of the contract? Is Massachusetts responsible for the per capita or Maryland (Chesapeake)?

Opinion: CinC Powell's ruling cannot be retroactive so it can only have action on items that have occurred since his ruling in General Order 14. All that being said, it seems that this is either the best or worst kept secret of the Order. I have not heard of this problem ever being broached at the National Encampments, before or after CinC Powell's ruling. There are two items that need to be looked at on this issue. 1. Since this item has not been before the National Order until now (at least to my knowledge) it makes it fall under CinC Powell's ruling as it can be considered a "new problem/issue" arising in 2011. Because of this CinC Powell's ruling would apply. Which means "NO camp or Department can establish a life membership program" (which in fact the now defunct camp did back in the 1940's) 2. If the Department of Massachusetts/Department of the Chesapeake reported Brother O, as a life member AND National reimbursed either Department for Brother O's, "old life membership" then it is an "old problem/issued and cannot be addressed by CinC Powell's ruling. I believe that if even one life membership payment was made to either Department that the National Order, by default, has accepted Brother O, as a "Life Member." If that one payment has been made to either Department, the National Order should issue a Life Membership Card to Brother O to "square away the books" (old Navy term) and hold him as such FOREVER.

So I would recommend that both Departments look over their receipts of old Life Membership payments to their Department/Camp and see if payment has ever been made regarding Brother O's "Life Membership." I would also suggest that the National

Treasurer, in his "spare time" research the National Records to ascertain whether a check was or has been issued to either Department for Brother O's "Life Membership."

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District of Columbia Representative

PCinC Andy Johnson

1. It is a privilege to serve as the Washington DC Representative of the SUVCW. I continue to be active in making arrangements for ceremonies in and around Washington, DC. I was delighted to march at Gettysburg for Remembrance Day and attend the Council meeting on Sunday. We planned and executed the CINC's participation in the annual MOLLUS Lincoln Dinner on 11 Feb 11 and the wreath-laying activity at the Lincoln Memorial. Wreaths for the SUVCW and for the SVR were ordered and presented. I had the honor to place the wreath for the SVR on that occasion. The national observance of Memorial Day was on Monday, 30 May 11 at Arlington National Cemetery corresponding with the traditional date. I arranged administrative and logistical services to the CINC to include box seats at the amphitheater for the Presidential wreath laying and speech, a staff photographer in the person of PDC Steve Hammond, and procurement of SUVCW wreaths to be placed at the National Tomb of the Unknowns and at the Civil War Tomb of the Unknowns following the traditional Lincoln-Cushing Camp ceremony. The Potomac Guard provided the color bearers for both ceremonies and do outstanding work. Following, the CINC party attended the annual camp Memorial Day dinner.
2. I continue to urge contact with the Alliance Defense Fund which works with the American Legion and other veterans associations to protect from attack by anti-religion groups, those veteran's monuments that contain religious symbols. Today, it is a cross placed by veterans on a mountain side in the barren southwest. Tomorrow, it may be grave stones in the shape of a cross. Protection of Civil war memorials is perhaps our premier duty.
3. I represented the Order at the burial of SUVCW member Frank Buckles, last American serviceman of World War I. It was a great honor to stand at Arlington National Cemetery as our SUVCW brother was buried adjacent to the grave of General of the Armies Pershing.
4. I have reviewed the society medals posted at the museum of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery to be sure that the SUVCW badge is still in proper condition and on display.
5. Your Representative continues to honor the Boys in Blue at the GAR monument and burial plot at Lakeview Cemetery, Windom, MN. A wreath was placed there on Memorial Day. The grave of Albert Woolson's first wife is adjacent to that GAR memorial and burial area.
6. I am actively working with representatives of Arlington County and the City of Alexandria on Civil War Commemorations over the next 5 years.

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National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines Perley Mellor

May 30th, 2011, the REAL Memorial Day was celebrated by services held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH. It was an absolutely beautiful day, with the sun shining brightly and the winds blowing through the mountains and valleys of NH.

As I walked down the path, I gave thanks that the Commander-in-Chief had asked me to represent him and giving me this opportunity to be liaison for this spectacular event.

The ceremony was short, less than an hour, but moving, as each Patriotic Organization came forward to present their verbal tributes to the day and this beautiful place. The organ played amongst other things "Let there be Peace on Earth" and it responded of the Mountains and Valleys of this great place.

We were thanked by several of the trustees for our donations to them.

Attending this year from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Liaison Perley Mellor, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; PDC Peter Whelpton of NH; PDC John Bates, MA; and Brother Creighton Hall of NH. Also attending this year from the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was National Liaison Diane Mellor, Department President, MA, and Sister Sandra Bates, MA.

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

The Annual Report for the National Membership at large reported the strength, as of March 31, 2011, as fifty-seven, plus one Junior Member. As of July 1, 2011, the NMAL reportable strength is forty-one, plus one Junior Member. This reflects a net loss of sixteen brothers. Two brothers were residents of South Dakota and were transferred to the Department of Nebraska. Eleven brothers were residents of Louisiana or New Mexico and were transferred to the Department of Texas. Three brothers were residents of Idaho and were transferred to the geographically largest department in the SUVCW, the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

NMAL brothers are located in Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, and Australia, in addition to the United States. The Annual Report for the NMAL was mailed to the National Executive Director on March 31, 2011.

Dues notices were mailed to the NMAL membership on December 6, 2010. The noticed consisted of a letter and return envelope. It is uncertain what, if any, the dues increase to \$40.00 per year had on renewals. A follow-up email was sent in March to those who had not yet paid their dues for 2011. There were no responses from the follow-up email. I continue to furnish all new brothers with a welcome letter, an appropriate certificate, and a membership card. All applications and related documents are forwarded to the Executive Director within the prescribed time frame.

I continue scanning all newly received applications into .pdf files. I also scan NMAL losses into .pdf files as the loss occurs. This is especially important, in that the files for brothers who transfer are mailed to the gaining secretary. At some point, after my wood shop is set up in the garage, the Spitfire is tuned up and tweaked, the garage interior has been finished, and the new storage building/garage has been built, I plan to begin scanning the fifteen boxes of past NMAL brothers that were in the possession of former NMALC Dean Speaks at the time of his death. These cover NMAL brothers who were dropped during the late 1990's. I also plan to scan the files for brothers who have separated since 2005, when I became NMALC. It is my intention to destroy the paper copies after they have been scanned and a copy of the disc has been sent to National HQ. Each scanned record is being assigned a file name that will facilitate quickly identifying the record. This file ID consists of the first four letters of their last name, the first letter of their first name, their date of birth as "YYYYMMDD," and a sequence number in case the individual has multiple files.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by CinC Schall and the Council of Administration. It continues to be my honor to perform my duties in a manner worthy of this trust. It is my desire to continue to serve the Order in this capacity.

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

National Chaplain

Jerome Kowalski

Since the Encampment in Kansas the Chaplain has continued to pray for the living and deceased members of our Order and their families. Visits to nursing homes, hospitals, holding the hands of brothers as the doctors tell them that they must go into hospice, conducting funerals, sending condolence cards and messages. These are things that would drive my spirits down - if I did not believe in the Resurrection and an afterlife. There have been weddings, the renewal of wedding vows, baptisms and celebrations of joy. I have consciously paid attention to the voice and direction of the Almighty in my life. I have read, attended and conducted Church Services and done all in my power to spread the Good News. One of the greatest blessing that the Lord has bestowed on me has been the opportunity to serve as Chaplain in this Order. I am grateful for that opportunity to serve.

National Historian

Robert J. Wolz, PDC

Thank you for the honor of serving another year. As National historian and the National History Committee we take seriously our role as educators and preservers of the legacy created since 1881.

Throughout the year we have provided articles on the history of the Sons and on our memorabilia . In the coming years, we may cover more history on our parent order, The grand army of the Republic and the Civil War veterans. In the past year, over forty

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dealers have been notified their internet sales listings were incorrect. Most have been very appreciative to learn the truth and have revised their products. The most common error has been the listing of Masonic Knight Templar badges as the so called GAR Death badge. One dealer went to so as to describe it as “ Lincoln’s funeral badge”. Brother George Kane, another member of our committee, has likewise been trying to educate the public on the thousands of badges and articles produced by the Allied Orders. I think it is happening.

Sometimes weekly or biweekly, we receive inquiries about family members who either were Grand Army men, members of the Sons or Civil War veterans in the hopes that we might be able to identify kinship, addresses, etc. Sadly, this just isn’t possible. There is no GAR database nor even a Sons database. From 1881 through 1893 over 200,000 men joined the Sons though about 56,000 dues paying members seems to be our record at any one time.

Hopefully, as part of our legacy to the future , we will do a better job of recording membership for the future.

Again, thank you for the privilege of serving.

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National GAR Highway Officer
Gary E. Parrott

Since the last report submitted, the National GAR Highway Officer has performed the following activities:

- Conducted personal inspections of several portions of the GAR Highway (US-6) from Ohio to California;
- Continued research and gathering of information on the history of the GAR Highway;
- Continued interaction and exchange of information with Department level GAR Highway Officers; and,
- Attended several events, during which the GAR Highway exhibit was displayed and presentations on the History of the GAR Highway were conducted.

Future projects include continued research, presentations and converting the information regarding the GAR Highway into an electronic format and incorporating that data into the SUVCW web-site so that it will be available to all.

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National Webmaster and Signals Officer
Ken L. Freshley

Since the last National Encampment 2011 report, we continue to add pages to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War’s (SUVCW) Web Site. The Web Site contains over 6175 pages and continues to grow. With this report, here are the usage statistics for the

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SUVCW Web Site for the period January 2011 through July 2011. The average number of hits per day has grown just over 24,000 for 2011. For the 7 months of 2011, the total number of hits was just over 15,000,000 hits.

Please note and be very proud as for the year in 2010, we exceeded the 17,085,531 hit mark, again breaking another record in our history! We are well on our way to passing this mark for 2011.

Since last year, there have been many major changes and updates made to SUVCW Web Site;

- Continued the “Memorial University and online testing” currently have 106 graduates.
- Performed the needed upgrade to the National Webserver to improve the resources and speed, this will allow for future enhancements and projects.
- Renewed all the SUVCW & Memorial domain names thru 2014.
- Update the Photo Gallery to include the 2010 Remembrance Day and the 2010 National encampment.
- Continue to setup the Department/Camp Webmasters that are hosted on the National website, so that they can make their own changes.
- Continue to update the National Patriotic Instructor webpage.
- Updated the list of Brothers serving overseas.
- Maintain and update the Real Son & Daughters Page
- Working with Department webmasters/signals officers to ensure that the contact information is up to date and to ensure that the websites are in accordance with policies.
- Established a Sesquicentennial Webpage with an Event Calendar and links to the individual Departments and Camps events or web pages.

In addition to the above there has been a continued updating of the following pages throughout the year: 2010/2011 National and Department Officer's and Committee listings, 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, Living Union Civil War Widows and Children and updating of the SUVCW Photo Gallery and Banner online.

Upcoming Projects that we will be completing:

- Moving the Graves Registration Database to new Server (on hold)
- Continue to try to acquire the SUVCW.com domain name

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.

I have enjoyed the challenging year that has passed, and I look forward to continuing as your National Webmaster and National Signals Officer, if so desired by the new National Officers and Membership.

As always, Web and e-mail questions or technical problems may be brought to my attention at webmaster@suvchw.org.

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Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

As of July 1, 2011 I have received requests for a total of 314 Eagle Scout certificates. As National coordinator I handed out 28 or 9% of the requests for certificates while the Departments handed out the remainder of the requests which was 286 or 91% of the certificates. Last year at this time we handed out a total of 575 certificates. Executive Director David Demmy still receives requests for certificates that he forwards to me.

The web site has been updated. Also job descriptions for the National, Department and Camp certificate coordinators were written up and approved. This information was passed on to the Department Coordinators

Here is a breakdown on the number of requests for certificates that the National Coordinator received for the Departments and sent to them.

National Coordinator	28	Arizona	2
California & Pacific	25	Colorado & Wyoming	1
Connecticut	0	Florida	16
Georgia & S. Carolina	6	Illinois	33
Indiana	0	Iowa	0
Kansas	2	Kentucky	2
Maine	1	Chesapeake	15
Massachusetts	5	Michigan	3
Missouri	18	Nebraska	6
New Hampshire	6	New Jersey	36
New York	21	N. Carolina	13
Ohio	19	Oklahoma	0
Pennsylvania	32	Rhode Island	0
Tennessee	2	Texas	20
Vermont		Wisconsin	3

The following Departments sent in a year-end report.

Florida 120	Massachusetts 71
Michigan 54	Missouri 78
Texas 121	

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National Civil War Memorials Officer

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC

SEE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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National Graves Registration Officer

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Bruce Frail, PDC

We have had a total of 34,124,595 hits on www.suvcwdb.org throughout the year since the last National Encampment report. We currently have 2, 048 submitters who help us with our database. We currently have 550,197 records in our database. We still do not have a Department Graves Registration Officer from each Department. Even though the bid process was completed and the recommendation submitted at the May 2011 C of A meeting we still do not have a contract to give to the bidder to review and sign, hence we had a database crush that lasted almost three weeks.

I would like to thank the following for their support, all of the Brothers of the National Committee on Graves Registration, Department GROs, Camp GROs and all of our submitters of the database. It is due to the time and dedication that these people give to the SUVCW we have been able to improve, standardize, and operate the database as we do today. I would also like to thank Martin Handy and Kenneth Rahn who are the two computer professionals that have worked for many hours on behalf of the SUVCW for free; they helped to get the database back online during the May 2011 crash.

We introduced our database at the 7th Annual National Archives Genealogy Fair in Washington DC in April 2011 and have been invited back for next year. We presented the database in an open forum to over 3,000 visitors at this years' event and assisted over 700 of them. We gained several new records and have been invited to speak at other events.

During the past year I have visited 21 National Cemeteries and held meetings with 14 of those cemeteries' superintendents. The nature of these meetings was to introduce them to our work and our database, every one of them was very happy with our project and has offered to assist us when needed.

I have assisted in identifying 7 unknown soldiers (5 in North Carolina and 2 in Alabama) and I am assisting with another 5 as of this report. We have located a list of 470 names at the National Archives of soldiers who were buried as unknown soldiers in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

I would like to mention the loss of two men of were very active with the database, the Late Brother Kirby Morgan and Brother Harold Slavik who is very ill and is not able to assist us anymore. My hope is that we can take a moments' time in our lives and pray for these men and their families.

I stand ready to turn over control of the database and the work in progress to whomever the incoming Commander in Chief so desires, thank you for all of your work.

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Programs and Policies Committee

Donald Palmer (Chairman)

This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the Program & Policy Committee. At the 2010 National Encampment and the subsequent post-Encampment

CoA meeting, the Program & Policy Committee was assigned the task of revising six forms, the internet membership application, the Awards & Recognition Policy, the BANNER Policy and the National Patriotic Instructor job description. At the November 2010 CoA meeting in Gettysburg, the committee was tasked with developing a fraud policy for the Order. At the April CoA meeting in Springfield, the committee was assigned the development of a sexual harassment policy for the Order. The following table summarizes the status of all items assigned. As can be seen, several are still considered “in work” at the time of report preparation. The status will be updated at the National Encampment as appropriate.

Item	Action(s)	Status
Form 35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include blanks for (1) number of new members over previous year and (2) number of new members under age 40 during previous year. Change per capita from \$18 to \$23 	Complete - Approved revision placed on website
Form 27a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change per capita from \$18 to \$23 	Complete - Approved revision placed on website
Form 55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add third page to provide information on dual members (e.g., primary Camp membership) 	Complete – Approved revision placed on website
Form 49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change instructions in header to forward to National Executive Director 	Complete – Approved revision placed on website
Form 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflect change in reinstatement fee, which is now \$10 	Complete – Approved revision placed on website
Form CWM-62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change amount awarded to “up to \$1000” Include statement to the effect that submission does not guarantee award. 	Complete – Approved revision placed on website
National Patriotic Instructor Job Description (Website)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow suit with Constitution & Regulation Committee action on National Patriotic Instructor job description change to add director of Memorial University 	Complete – Approved revision placed on website
Awards &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes as recommended by the 	Complete – Approved

Recognition Policy	09-10 P&P Committee and revised at the pre-Encampment CoA meeting	revision placed on website
Internet Membership Application	Florida resolution removing wording that does not require proof of lineage – violates federal charter	Complete – Approved revision placed on website
BANNER Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add wording regarding publication of officers lists Amend document to essentially reduce management of BANNER Editor 	Draft currently in review by Program & Policy Committee
Fraud Policy	Develop policy as required by CoA	Draft currently in review by Program & Policy Committee
Harassment Policy	Develop policy as required by CoA	Draft Currently in review by Program & Policy Committee

Recommendations

- Development of quantitative criteria to assist the Commander-in-Chief in awarding the Abraham Lincoln award for most outstanding Camp in the organization. This task was brought about after communications with PCinC Jim Pahl and approval by the Commander-in-Chief to tackle it. Unfortunately, the committee was not able to tackle this during the administrative year.
- Revision of Form 51 to eliminate National approvals to allow new Camps to form. This would not affect the approval process for charter applications. This had been discussed during the previous administrative year

In conclusion, it has been an honor to serve as Chairman of the Program & Policy Committee and I want to thank the Brothers who served on this committee and made my job easy. Brothers Alan Russ, Danny Wheeler, Dan Meehan, Brian Smarker and Bill Vieira took their committee assignments seriously, and as a result, helped keep this committee productive. I especially want to thank Brother Russ, who in addition to serving as National Chief of Staff and on the Council of Administration, took on most of the form revisions.

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Constitution and Regulations Committee

Robert E. Grim (Chairman)

The changes made to the Regulations at the 129th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R, and an updated Annotated C & R has been posted to the SUVCW web site along with a new Table of Contents. The committee has reviewed several proposed changes to the Regulations and recommends the following amendments to the Regulations.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS ARE NOTED IN **BOLD TYPE** for new language and strike troughs of language being eliminated.

PROPOSAL #1

(Resolution from the Dept. of New Jersey)
(Resolution from the Dept. of Nebraska)
(With modifications by the C&R Committee)
Chapter I, Article II, Section 6 (See C&R page 14)

Note: This change will replace section 6 with a new section 6 and result in members having membership (dual members) in more than one camp paying the National per capita (dues) only in one camp. Only camp and department per capita (dues) would be collected in the dual camp.

Current Language:

~~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.~~

Section 6. (a) All membership classes as defined in Article VII of the SUVCW Constitution qualify for Dual membership in more than one Camp. A person joining more than one Camp must inform the secretary of each Camp that he is a member of which Camp is his primary or home Camp. The primary or home camp will report him on the Camp Annual Report (Form 27(A) and pay the appropriate National Per Capita Tax. His membership in other camps will be reported on the Camp Annual Report (Form 27A) as a Dual member and he will not be subject to the National Per Capita Tax in the Camps reporting him as a Dual member. Only the Department in which his primary or home Camp is located will report him on the Department Annual Report (Form 35) and pay the appropriate National Per Capita Tax.

(b) Applicants for dual membership need not pay the national application fee except for membership in his primary or home camp.

PROPOSAL #2

(Resolution from the Dept. of Nebraska)
(With modifications by the C&R Committee)
Chapter I, Article II, (See C&R page 14)

Note: This change will add three new sections relating to dual membership to this Article and renumber existing Sections 7 and 8 which will become Sections 10 and 11. These new sections place certain restrictions on dual members regarding their membership in the dual camp.

Section 7. (a) Dual Members shall not serve as an elected officer in more than one Camp at the same time. They may serve in an elected office and an appointed office at the same time in different Camps. They may vote in each camp.

(b) Dual members shall not serve as an elected officer in more than one Department at the same time. They may serve in an elected office and an appointed office at the same time in different Departments.

(c) Dual members shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp.

Section 8. Dual Members shall only be counted in their primary or home camp in the total membership count of the Department but listed on each camp roster.

Section 9. A Dual Member shall only be eligible as a delegate to Department and National Encampments from their primary or home Camp.

Section 7. **10.** Camps may receive Brothers who were originally admitted to membership as Department Members-at-Large as specified in Chapter 2, Article X, Section 1 or Chapter 5, Article I, section 5.

Section-8. **11.** A Brother in good standing shall be granted an Honorable Discharge upon written request to the Camp Commander. A Brother issued an Honorable Discharge may apply for admission to any other Camp or membership-at-large at a later date.

PROPOSAL #3

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter I, Article V, Section 2, (See C&R page 16)

Note: This change requires the camp Installing Officer to complete the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) before leaving the meeting.

Current Language:

Section 2. Prior to the meeting of a Camp for the Installation of Officers, the Installing Officer shall inspect and examine the books, records, forms, etc. and property of Camp, noting as to correctness, Rituals, Constitution and Regulations, and all necessary details for proper conduct of business, receipt books, dues and credits of Brothers, etc. He shall correct irregularities, impress that the Regulations be observed. He shall make a detailed report thereof to the Department Commander who shall take action for compliance with the Regulations. **He shall complete the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) before departing and provide the same to the Camp Secretary to be filed with the Department Secretary.**

PROPOSAL #4

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter I, Article VI, Section 4 (See C&R page 17)

Note: This change will add a new paragraph to this section requiring Installing Officer's report be submitted by February 15th

Current Language:

Section 4. **(a)** The Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office, keep all books of record, shall make duplicate annual reports to the Department Secretary on or

before the 30th day of April upon the forms prescribed by the Order, and furnished by the Department Secretary, showing all gains or losses in membership and the total membership, one copy of which shall be forwarded together with the per capita tax, covering the entire membership, due from the Camp, to the Department Headquarters, the other copy to be placed on file in the Camp. He shall draw all requisitions upon the Treasurer for the expenditure of money, upon the order of the Camp, and submit the same to the Commander for his approval, keeping a book for that purpose.

(b) The Secretary shall forward to the Department Secretary the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) on or before February 15th of each calendar year. In the case of a camp-at-large, the Secretary shall forward the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) to the Assistant National Secretary appointed to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department-at-Large on or before February 15th of each calendar year.

PROPOSAL #5

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter I, Article VII, Section 1 (See C&R page 19)

Note: This change will require that the new member application fee be submitted by the 15th of the month following receipt of the application.

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 camp status report (Form 27) by the 15th day of the month following receipt of the application.** ~~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.

PROPOSAL #6

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter II, Article I, Section 8 (See C&R page 23)

Note: This change adds the word "not" which was inadvertently deleted in one of the re-writes of the C&R.

Section 8. Departments shall be composed of one or more states, commonwealths, republics, territories or the District of Columbia. All Camps within the geopolitical area assigned to a Department by the Commander-in-Chief must become part of the Department. A Department may **not** consist of a part of a state, commonwealth, republic, or territory of the United States.

PROPOSAL #7

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter II, Article V, Section 3 (See C&R page 28)

Note: This change will add a new paragraph to this section requiring the department secretary to compile and submit to the National Treasurer a list of EIN's and an IRS contact person by March 15th.

Current Language

Section 3. (a) The Department Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Department Encampment. He shall keep and be the custodian of the files and membership records of the Department, and shall keep such other records in connection with his office as may be required by the Department Commander or the Department Encampment. He shall by May 31st make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary's reports to the Department Commander, and forward a copy of same to the Executive Director, together with the amount due for per capita tax. He shall forward a report of the election of officers and delegates and alternates to the Executive Director within thirty days after such election, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

(b) Based on the information contained in the Installing Officers' Reports submitted by the Camp Secretaries, the Department Secretary shall compile a report consisting of the Entity Identification Number (EIN) and IRS contact person (name, address, telephone number and e-mail address if any) for each camp. The report shall be provided to the National Treasurer on or before March 15th of each calendar year. This report may be filed electronically by e-mail, spreadsheet, text document, or by mail.

PROPOSAL #8

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter III, Article V, Section 3 (See C&R page 36)

Note: This change removes the language relating to compensation for the national secretary.

Current Language:

Section 3. The National Secretary shall pay over to the National Treasurer all monies received by him; he shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the National Encampment. He shall draw requisitions on the Treasurer for all bills, the same to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and shall perform such other duties and keep such other books, and records, as the National Organization may require of him. He shall make a monthly report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order, and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Council of Administration. ~~He shall receive compensation each year in the sum fixed at the Annual National Encampment.~~

PROPOSAL #9

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter III, Article V, Section 4 (See C&R page 36)

Note: This change removes the language relating to compensation for the national treasurer and requirements that he file certain reports.

Current Language:

Section 4. The National Treasurer shall receive, hold and account for all monies paid to him, and pay out the same, upon the order of the National Secretary, approved by the

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~~Commander-in-Chief. He shall receive compensation each year in the sum fixed at the National Encampment. He shall prepare the annual reports required by Sec. 15(a) and Sec. 16 of Public Law 605, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, and shall see that they be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and dispatched at the proper time.~~

PROPOSAL #10

(Proposal from C&R Committee based on Resolution from Dept. of Nebraska)
Chapter III, Article V, Section 6 (See C&R page 38)

Note: This change will add a new paragraph to this section describing in greater detail the duties of the National Patriotic Instructor relative to the operation of Memorial University.

(c). The Americanization and Education Committee under the direction of the National Patriotic Instructor shall determine course offerings, develop and continuously update the curriculum establish diploma requirements and be responsible for the overall management of the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial University.

PROPOSAL #11

(Proposal from the C&R Committee)
Chapter III, Article V, Section 8 (See C&R page 38)

Note: This change will specifically authorize an Assistant National Counselor

Current Language:

Section 8. **(a)** The National Counselor shall act as the legal advisor of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization. He shall also act as editor of the Digest of the Order. As each National Encampment proceedings are published, he shall glean from the proceedings, the various rulings and opinions as to our Constitution and Regulations, and then cause to be published an updated Digest. The definition of the phrase "to be published" shall include any means of communication of the item as the Order may determine from time to time, including electronic means.

(b) The Commander-in-Chief may appoint an Assistant National Counselor who may assist the National Counselor in performing his duties and may act in the place of the National Counselor if the National Counselor is excused from his duty.

PROPOSAL #12

(Proposal from the National GAR Records Officer)
Chapter III, Article V, Section 9 (See C&R page 38)

Note: This change will bring the language in the Regulations into conformity with the language in the Job Description for the National Historian and eliminates saving ALL CIVIL WAR materials by the National Historian.

Section 9. The National Historian shall collect and preserve all historical or biographical materials pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Brothers of the Order; and shall serve as chair of the National History Committee.

PROPOSAL #13

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)
Chapter III, Article VI, Section 3(b) (See C&R page 41)

Note: This change eliminates language that does not apply to this life program since there is no distribution under the 2001 program (See Chapter III, Article VI, Section 3(b)(iii)).

Current Language:

Section 3(b). 2001 Life Member Program.

The 2001 Life Member Program shall be open to all Members who pay the requisite fees on or after September 1, 2001. There shall be two fees based upon the age of the participant. Those who have not reached the age of sixty-five (65) shall pay a fee of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) and those who have reached the age of sixty-five (65) shall pay a fee of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$250.00). Fees may be paid over a period of three (3) years. A participant is not considered to be a Life Member until the required fees are paid in full. If the full payment has not been received within three (3) years, the payments made shall be construed to be a donation to the Permanent Fund of the Order. ~~The Member must have been a Life Member for one (1) year before distribution will occur.~~

PROPOSAL #14

(Resolution from the Dept. of New Jersey)
Chapter III, Article VI, Section 3(d) (See C&R page 42)

Note: This change will eliminate the requirement that a camp request life membership reimbursement and require the National Treasurer to send the life membership reimbursement to the camp based on information on Form 27a.

Current Language:

Section 3. Life Member Programs.

~~(d) All written requests for reimbursement from any of the several Life Member Programs must be submitted to the National Treasurer between January 1 and March 31 of each year. Any requests received after March 31 shall not be reimbursed.~~
Reimbursement shall be made by the National Treasurer in accordance with the Life Member lists submitted in each Camp's Annual Report (Form 27a).

PROPOSAL #15

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)
Chapter III, Article VI, Section 5 (See C&R page 42)

Note: This change was authorized by the national encampment in 2010 but failed to be included when the C&R was updated. The change removes a restriction on the use of the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund.

Current Language:

Section 5. There shall be established a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund. ~~to be used for the promotion of the Order.~~

PROPOSAL #16

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(Proposal from the National Treasurer)
Chapter III, Article, VI, Section 9 (See C&R page 43)

Note: This change restricts national officer reimbursement to actual expenses incurred that can be documented and eliminates expense reimbursement for voting members of the National Council of Administration.

Current Language:
Section 9.

(a) National Officers

(1) The Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Quartermaster shall receive ~~quarterly allotments for expenses. This allotment is to cover approved expenses necessary to effectively discharge the duties of their respective offices.~~ **reimbursement for actual expenses supported by documentation up to the amount** The annual allotment shall be established through the adoption of the annual budget.

(2) The allotment to the ~~Commander in Chief, National Secretary, and National Quartermaster shall be paid quarterly, in arrears. Effective 1 July 2007, each National officer paid such an allotment shall provide interim documentation of all expenses to the National Treasurer within 30 days of the receipt of the quarterly allotment and a~~ A final accounting of all expenses incurred on behalf of the Order **shall be submitted to the National Treasurer** by September 30 of each year for the previous administrative year (that time between the annual National Encampments). It is understood the National officer may not fully expend the allotment each quarter, but may carry over allotment from quarter to quarter. Should the National officer receiving such allotment fail to fully expend such allotment for that administrative year, then any excess shall be returned to the Order by September 30 of each year for the previous administrative year.

(7) All members of the ~~Council of Administration other than the Commander in Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Quartermaster shall be reimbursed a per diem for the Council of Administration meetings attended with the exception of the pre and post encampment meetings and the meeting held Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The maximum amount of the per diem shall be established through the budget. The members of the Council of Administration eligible for the per diem shall provide original or copies of all receipts and bills in support of the request for the per diem payment to the National Treasurer before the per diem payment is issued.~~ **RESERVED**

PROPOSAL #17
Chapter III, Article, VI, Section 10 (See C&R page 44)
(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Note: This change reflects action taken at the National Encampment in 2009 but not included in the C&R when it was updated. This change increases the maximum amount of a memorial or monument grant from \$500 to \$1,000.

Section 10.

(a) The purpose of the Memorial/Monument Grant Fund is to assist Camps and Departments in their efforts to refurbish and restore Civil War related memorials and

monuments. The following procedure provides some general guidelines as to how to apply for a grant and establishes standards on how grant submittals will be evaluated.

(b) Procedure

(4) Assessment form (CMW #61) must be ~~on file with the National Civil War Memorials Officer.~~ **submitted with the application.**

(5) The maximum grant for any one project shall be ~~\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars).~~ **\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars).** If principle and interest remain in the fund after all grant applications are considered, the COA may grant additional funds to one or more grant recipients to the exhaustion of the fund.

PROPOSAL #18

Chapter III, Article, VI, Section 10 (See C&R page 45)

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Note: This change adds a new paragraph to this section and reflects action taken by the Council of Administration during the past year regarding who receives copies of contracts.

Section 11.

(g) Copies of all contracts shall be provided to the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor and Executive Director

PROPOSAL #19

Chapter III, Article, VII, Section 3 (See C&R page 46)

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Note: This change will add a representative from each of the Allied Orders to the National Encampment Site Committee.

Current Language:

Section 3. The standing national committees shall consist of five Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except the Membership Committee which shall consist of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as chairman and the Junior Vice Commanders of all Departments and Camps-at-Large, and except the Encampment Site Committee which shall consist of three Brothers **and one representative of each of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic meeting in concert with the SUVCW.** All shall be in good standing in their respective Departments ~~and Camps, or Allied Order which they represent.~~

PROPOSAL #20

Chapter III, Article, VII, Section 6 (See C&R page 46)

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Note: This change eliminates the authority of the National Site Committee to select the National Encampment site and gives that authority to the Council of Administration and the National Encampment. It also authorizes the National Site Committee to sign contracts appropriate to the encampment and requires copies of the contracts be provided to certain national officers.

Current Language:

Section 6. (a) It shall be the duty of the Encampment Site Committee, **in concert with representatives from the other Allied Orders, to make a recommendation for the location for the National Encampment 3 years in advance to the National Council of Administration and National Encampment,** ~~to select the Encampment site for the National Encampment~~ and to arrange for sufficient room accommodations, costs, concessions, complimentary rooms and necessities for a comfortable Encampment, and in the absence of a Local Encampment Committee to make and carry out appropriate plans for the Encampment. It may adopt rules for the proper accomplishment of the foregoing, and may appoint an Encampment Planner.

(b) **The Committee Chairman shall 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 Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Counselor and Executive Director.**

PROPOSAL #21

(Proposal from the Commander-in-Chief)
Chapter V, Article I, Section 2 (See C&R page 49)

Note: This change will allow the distribution of General Orders by the Commander-in-Chief on the SUVCW web site.

Current Language:

Section 2. General Orders.

(a) The Commander-in-Chief shall promulgate his General Orders and communicate with the membership in **either** a publication to be known as the Banner **or by publication on the National SUVCW web site. Only General Order No. 1 listing the location of the new headquarters, officers and goals must be published in the Banner.**

(b) These Orders shall be ~~printed~~ **published** and distributed at least four times yearly ~~and sufficient quantities by provided to supply one copy to every Brother of our Order.~~ **General Orders that are published only on the SUVCW web site shall be printed and distributed through the mail by department or camp secretaries to members who do not have access to the National web site. The Commander-in-Chief shall provide a printed copy of all General and Special Orders to the SUVCW Executive Director for filing at the SUVCW National Headquarters.**

(c) At such time as the Banner may not be published, **or the SUVCW web site is not operational** the Commander-in-Chief may issue and promulgate his General Orders and Communicate with the membership in writing in any other effective manner.

PROPOSAL # 22

(Proposal from the Commander-in-Chief)
Chapter V, Article III, Section 5, Group D (See C&R page 59)

Note: This change will allow members to wear special event badges as authorized.

Current Language:

Group D

Sons of Veterans Reserve Badges
Current National Encampment badges
Current Department Encampment badges

Other temporary badges authorized as official badges of the Order by the National Encampment, Council of Administration or Commander-in-Chief for the time period specified in the authorization.

When worn, a Group D badge must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge of the Order. With the exception of SVR badges, Group D badges should be worn on the right breast only when appropriate to the event. Encampment badges are neither awards nor personal decorations, but in keeping with the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic, they may be worn to recognize participation in an event or activity. Should a Department issue a badge as part of its Department Encampment, that Department may specify that such badge may also be worn by the Department's delegates and any Brother of that Department who has automatic credentials to attend a National Encampment, at a National Encampment of the Order.

PROPOSAL #23

(Proposal from the Commander-in-Chief)
Chapter V, Article III, Section 13(b) (See C&R page 60)

Note: This change will allow Members and Associates to wear their Memorial University lapel pin on the ribbon of their membership badge.

Current Language:
Section 13.

(a) Juniors and Junior Associates who graduate from the SUVCW Memorial University are entitled to receive a certificate or diploma, and to wear upon the ribbon of their badge a pin provided by the SUVCW National Americanization and Education Committee.

(b) Members and Associates who graduate from the SUVCW Memorial University are entitled to receive a certificate or diploma and a lapel pin provided by the SUVCW National Americanization and Education Committee. **The lapel pin may also be worn on the ribbon of the membership badge.**

PROPOSAL #24

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)
(With modifications by the C&R Committee)
Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6 (See C&R page 64)

Note: This change adds a new paragraph to this section naming the Commander-in-Chief as the person where charges are to be filed if they are filed by an elected national officer on behalf of the Order against a person who fails to pay a debt to the National Order or is accused of defrauding the National Order. It also gives the C-in-C the option to assume jurisdiction and take summary disciplinary action or refer the matter to the department commander of the accused.

Current Language:

Section 6. (a) When charges are made by a Brother against a Brother of another Camp in another Department, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the Department Commander in which the accused is a Brother.

(b) When charges are made for failure to pay indebtedness to, or financially defrauding the National Order, by an elected National Officer on behalf of the
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National Order, they shall be filed with the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief at his sole discretion may assume original jurisdiction and establish a hearing council, take summary discipline action as provided in Section 17 of this Article or refer the case to the Department Commander of the accused.

(c) If the charges being filed under paragraph (b) of this section are against the Commander-in-Chief then section 11 of this Article applies.

PROPOSAL #25

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter V, Article VI, Section 8 (See C&R page 64)

Note: This change requires a Commander to appoint a hearing council within 45 days after receiving a complaint with charges and specifications and provide those charges and specifications to the accused within 21 days.

Current Language:

Section 8. When a complaint is received consisting of charges and specifications, the Commander so receiving the Complaint shall appoint a hearing council **within 45 days**, which shall consist of at least five (5) Brothers and no more than nine (9) Brothers who can fairly and justly hear the matter and issue a fair and just decision. If the Commander so appointing cannot locate sufficient Brothers within his command, he may call upon adjoining commands to furnish Brothers for the hearing council. The Commander so receiving the Complaint shall ~~insure that the accused is provided a copy of the charges and specifications~~ **to the accused within 21 days** at the earliest possible opportunity and these charges and specifications shall not be disclosed to anyone until the accused has been provided with a copy thereof.

PROPOSAL #26

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter V, Article VI, Section 10 (See C&R page 64)

Note: This change requires a hearing council to convene within 90 days after it is appointed.

Current Language:

Section 10. Upon appointment of the hearing council, the hearing council shall elect a chairman. The hearing council shall then convene **within 90 days unless all parties agree to a later date**, and shall give at least ten 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 their evidence and argument by written statement, rather than personally attend a hearing.

PROPOSAL #27

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Chapter V, Article VI, Section 20 (See C&R page 67)

Note: This change requires a department commander or commander-in-chief to appoint an appeals panel within 90 days after he receives an appeal.

Current Language:

Section 20. Whenever a Department Commander or the Commander-in-Chief shall receive an appeal, they shall appoint a three member appeals panel **within 90 days**. Such appeals panel shall consist of Brothers of this Order 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 Brothers of the Order who are not acquainted with the individuals or the factual matters, then the appeals panel shall be selected from those Brothers of this Order who can fairly and justly hear this appeal and issue a fair and just decision.

PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

(1) In all instances replace "per capita tax" with **Per capita dues**"

(2) REGULATIONS OF THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

Article II

National Headquarters

Add a new section 11 (See page 6 SVR Regulations)

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Note: This change will require the SVR Adjutant General to file EIN information with the National Treasurer by March 15th each year.

Section 11. As part of his administrative duties, the Adjutant General, SVR, on or before 15 March of each year shall file a report with the National Treasurer, SUVCW, detailing the EIN for each, unit, battalion, district, and headquarters with the contact information for the respective adjutant.

Article III

District Headquarters (See page 6 SVR Regulations)

(Proposal from the National Treasurer)

Note: This change will require the District Commander to ensure the Annual Unit Application is filed with the SVR Adjutant General earlier (15 February) than the current date (30 April).

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) **are received by the Adjutant General, SVR, on or before 15 February of each year**, 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.

Note: This change will require the District Adjutant to obtain Unit reports earlier.

7. 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,~~ **on or before 15 January each year** an Annual

Unit Application (SVR Form 3) and **on or before 01 April of each year an** Annual Unit Strength Report (SVR Form 19), an updated Annual Roster, Annual District dues and National dues.

Note: This change will require unit commanders to file the Annual Unit Application (SVR Form 3) earlier each year (15 January).

Article VI

Company Headquarters

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) **shall be received by the District Commander on or before 15 January of each year**, 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.

Note: This change means the unit citation badge will be worn on the left breast rather than the right breast.

Article X

Awards, Decorations, Devices and Insignia

6 (C) (See SVR Regulations page 14)

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 white oval shaped enamel badge bearing the SVR logo which is worn over the ~~right~~ **left** breast of the wearer **above other badges and medals being worn**. Subsequent awards to the same unit will be awarded a bronze star for placement on the ribbon of the Sons of Veterans Reserve membership badge.

Committee on Americanism & Education

Don Martin

I would like to thank Committee Members Mark Day (MD), Bill Dean (NE), Mark Hale (GA/SC), Owen Stiles (CA) and Bob Farrell (NC) for their assistance and work with me in the committee.

We have developed 2 Power Point presentations which are on the Patriotic Instructor web page, one for year 1860 and one for 1861. I hope the next NPI will continue to develop these for each year of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. Brothers may find these presentations useful for their own knowledge or to help them in put together programs.

1860 Prelude to the Civil War
1861 Civil War Begins (coming soon)

GAR Sesquicentennial Committee

Richard Orr, PCinC, Chairman

The proposed legislation for the minting of commemorative coins by the United States Mint was modified to reflect recent changes in legislation for other such commemorative coins. The proposal was also amended to include language now required by the House of Representatives relative to the Constitutional authority for the act and the impact on the National debt. While our initial efforts to obtain the assistance of Brother Robert P. Casey, United States Senator from Pennsylvania were met with less than a stellar reception, we continue to seek this Brother's assistance in this matter. Brother Howard Wolfe Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania has offered to attempt to garner the Senator's support. Commander Wolfe and Brother Casey are both members of Griffin Camp 8. A copy of the revised proposed legislation is attached to this report in the Addendum. We continue to seek the aid of any Brother who may be able to secure the support of a Representative or Senator for this legislation should contact the committee.

As part of the effort to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the GAR, a plan was presented to the Council of Administration and approved that provided for a series of challenge coins to commemorate the GAR and at the same time provide a means for camps, departments, and SVR units to raise funds. The first coin has been available since Remembrance Day, 2010. Each year a different design will be developed and released at Remembrance Day. At the behest of the Commander-in-Chief, the next several coins will feature one of the Allied Orders on the reverse of the coin. This assumes we can obtain permission from our sister orders to use their badge or coat-of-arms on the coin.

These coins are made available in bulk to camps, departments and SVR units at a reduced donation with the caveat that they must request a minimum donation of \$10 for each coin.

We have been informed that the US Postal Service has changed the eligibility for a commemorative stamp and those changes bar the recognition of anniversary dates of organizations. We will continue to pursue an exception to the rule for the GAR.

We continue to support the need for 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. While this project falls under the GAR Records Committee, in 2008 the Encampment adopted a program and series of recommendations which to the best of our knowledge has yet to be implemented. (please see the 2008 and 2009 proceedings for this program). Additional recommendations made by this committee were adopted by the 2009 National Encampment and have not been implemented.

To date we know of no response from the Department of Illinois regarding hosting the 2016 National Encampment to commemorate the founding of the GAR.

Other potential activities are dependent on some of the above proposals. particularly the sponsoring of a commemorative 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

- 1. We continue to pursue the commemorative coins.**
- 2. We continue to pursue the commemorative stamp**
- 3. A separate committee be appointed by the CinC to plan, develop and implement a commemorative event on or about 6 April 2016 in Decatur, Illinois or thereabout and that our Sister Orders of the Allied Orders of the GAR be invited to participate at all levels of planning and implementation or the scope of this committee be expanded to include such an event and the committee be authorized to seek participation by the other Allied Orders in the planning and execution of such an event.**

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Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument Committee

David M. Lamb, Chairman

Member Robert E. Heath, NMAL/SUVCW, Canada

Following the National encampment at Overland Park, Kansas, I received a letter from Mayor R.T. (Ted) Salci of the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. That letter (dated October 29, 2010) informed me that the City of Niagara Falls would be greatly honored to be chosen to be the location of the monument to the memory of our Canadian veterans who served in the Federal forces of the United States during the American Civil War. Niagara Falls would, indeed, seem to be a most likely spot for this monument as it served for many year as one of the Northern termini of the “Underground Railroad” to which escaped slaves attempted to reach in order to enjoy the benefits of freedom that they were being denied.

I had started working toward this result in March of 2010 and in between letters, I made several telephone calls to the Mayor’s office in order to get their commitment of a resting place for the monument. Mayor Salci is no longer the Mayor of Niagara Falls, having been succeeded by James Diodati. I have been advised by one of Mayor Diodati (Ms. Carey Campbell) that the new Mayor has all the updated blueprints, drawings, plaques and photos that I had previously sent and remains committed to the project. I am to soon receive some suggested sites for the resting site for the monument, but as of this writing, have not received same. Ms. Campbell can be reached in the Mayor’s office at 905-356-7521, ext. 4201. It would be desirable for someone in a position of authority within the

command structure of the Order to be in contact with Ms. Campbell to update here on the project and to let her know that we are continuing with the planning stage of this undertaking.

As alluded to in my opening paragraph, the city of Niagara Falls was a major terminus of the "Underground Railroad" with some thirty-thousand escaped slaves known to have reached freedom here. Lincoln's historical emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, has enormous significance to this city and to Canada because of the part that both played in providing a haven for these people striving to be free.

Over the past few months of 2010 and into the early months of 2011 I spent considerable time building a new 1/8th scale model of my design for the "ANGELS AND HEROES" monument that is to be a gift from me to the SUVCW, and reflects all current design changes as reflected in my earlier correspondences through December 31st, 2010. The Model will be self-contained in a new plastic shell hard-cased piece of luggage and will include laminated copies of the blueprints, plaque designs, photos and scale drawings and should prove useful for display purposes. Please feel free to copy and disseminate any of the data connected to the model as is deemed be advantageous to our efforts.

The above referenced model has been shipped to my Canadian colleague and Committee Member Brother Adam Gaines who will transport it by auto to the 2011 National Encampment in Reston, Virginia. I have prepaid for a display table at the encampment so that the monument model might be on display in the exhibition hall associated with the gathering. Following the encampment, I have asked Brother Lamb to take custody of the model for the purpose of using it to further promote the project as he sees fit. I regret that I shall be unable to be in attendance due to my wife's somewhat precarious health situation. I shall miss all of those whom I have come to know from previous encampments and I wish all associated with this grand Order, "good luck and God speed!"

Member Brother David M. Lamb, PCC, Committee Chair, Iowa:

Immediately following the 2010 National Encampment, I requested of Department of Iowa Commander James Braden that Iowa join the great states of New York and Pennsylvania in the issuance of Departmental Resolutions of support for this worthy project. DC Braden was nearly immediate in his response to my request and the concomitant document was issued within just a matter of days.

I have discussed the proposed monument with both of Iowa's sitting members of the United States Senate (The Honorable Tom Harkin and the Honorable Charles Grassley) and have received assurances from both gentleman that they stand ready to be of whatever assistance that they may if and when we come to a point where it is time to involve our congressional delegations. I have also discussed the proposed monument with Iowa Congressman Leonard Boswell, and he assured me that he would likewise be most willing to carry the matter before the United States Congress House of Representatives.

Over the course of the past year I have had several telephone contacts with both Brothers Heath and Gaines regarding the status of the monument project and at Brother Heath's suggestion I expressed to C-in-C Schall that I would be willing to serve as Chair of the Committee if he thought that my doing so might be advantageous to the project. I have recently learned that I have been given the very great honor of having been so appointed,

and look forward to meeting with my fellow committee members at the 2011 National Encampment in Reston, Virginia in August.

Member Brother Adam Gaines, NMAL/SUVCW, Canada

Brother Gaines will be attending the 2011 National Encampment in Reston, Virginia and will be meeting with the new Chair and other committee members who may be in attendance.

Member Terry Middleton, Committeeman - No Report Received

Member Raymond W. LeMay, II, PCC, Past Chair and Committeeman, New York:

Brother LeMay reports, "...under my Chairmanship securing the Niagara Falls Land, Securing numerous Depts' support and funding as well as securing a grant, opening a bank account, getting a webpage established and a full page advertisement in the Banner..." were his accomplishments for the year just past.

Member Fred Bohmfalk, PCC, Committeeman, California:

Brother Bohmfalk reported by telephone that the majority of his activities over the past year have been consolatory in nature with Brother Heath and Commander-in-Chief Schall, but he advised that he has considerable background in funds-raising and planning of memorial projects in the area of California where he lives. We discussed ideas about how to possibly enlist the aid of some national politicians in moving the project forward and agreed that we should pursue those in the near future. I informed Brother Bohmfalk that it is my intention to be in personal contact with the political entities in Niagara to obtain information from them about the potential placement of a monument structure in their geo-political area and the potential cultural ramifications in terms of the Canadian federal government mandates concerning the bi-lingual nature of public monuments. If all of our plaques and/or explanatory signage must be in two languages, that will bear significantly upon our design features.

Since assuming the duties of Chairperson of this Committee I have had but little time to assess the situation as it stands and shall first attempt to have further contact with each of the members of the Committee before beginning the process of recommending further directions in which to take this effort in order to see some positive progress during the coming year. As a general goal, I would wish to see a more cohesive role being assumed between members of the Committee so that there is an increase in communications which can only benefit the goal of advancing this project to its completion.

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National Graves Registration Committee
Bruce Frail, PDC, Chairman

It is my honor to report that in the past year as Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration (NCGR). Last year we put into place a span of control system which frees up more time for the National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) to work on setting up other projects which will increase the number of quality submissions

into the SUVCW Database, this system also aides in developing a better system of communication between the NGRO, SAs, DGROs, and submitters. This span of control system was put into play this past May when the database went down for almost three weeks due to non-support of MySQL4 by our server. We have wished to expand this span of control system within the SUVCW by using the Department GROs in the same manner, but this cannot happen as every department doesn't have a GRO nor is it required, that would be my first recommendation to the National Encampmentⁱ

The next new area within the NCGR is our new website located at www.suvcwgravescommittee.webs.com or can be accessed by one of two links within the National SUVCW website, one on the database welcome page and the other on the Graves Registration projects page. This website is provided free of charge by American Civil War Ancestor and is managed by the current NGRO. The website is designed to be a research tool for the SAs, DGROs and Submitters of the database; it contains forums to discuss thoughts and ideas in the graves registration area, a calendar of events where members can post events in their area, project boards for every state in the United States, a research aide page and lastly a page where members can request help from other members to get military service records for the purpose of ordering new or replacement government headstones, free of charge.

Membership into the above website is free to all and we welcome all brothers, sisters and people from around the country who have an interest in graves registration, it is hoped that this website will become a meeting place for these members to talk and assist each other. The website will be expanding in the next year to include a monthly chat room where members can meet via the internet to talk about their projects or just to ask questions of the NGRO, SAs and DGROs. We currently, as of the date of this report have 167 members throughout the country, some are members of the SUVCW and the Allied orders some are not and some have become members. We currently have 200+ available projects with 42 of those being assigned and 10 completed. These projects will add and/or update around 1.2 million veteran names to our database when they all get completed. This list of projects can and will be expanded as the majority of these projects are National Cemeteries.

I would like to mention and thank the members of the NCGR for their assistance and dedication to this Committee and everything we are trying to accomplish, their roles have expanded over the last year and every one of them has taken on this added work without complaint. These men are in alphabetical order; Brother Charles Beal (Aide) Department of California and Pacific, Brother Rick Danes Department of Michigan, Brother James Davenport PDC (Aide & Past NGRO) Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Brother Franklin Haley Department of Massachusetts, Brother Mahlon G. Erickson PDC (Aide) Department of Oklahoma, Brother Virgil O. Matz (Aide) Department of Wisconsin, Brother Joe Marti (Aide) Department of California and Pacific, Brother Harold Slavik Jr. Camps at Large, & Brother Stephen Twining Department of Massachusetts.

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Scholarship Committee
John Ertell, Chairman

The Scholarship Committee received sixteen completed applications by the March 31, 2011 deadline, with all applicants meeting the scholarship criteria. After a careful review of the applications, scholastic records and letters of recommendation, the committee recommended to the National Commander the awarding of this year's scholarships to:

Micah James Hadley of Lincoln, Nebraska
John Hood of LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Based on our observations of recent applicants, the scholarship committee feels that the current scholarship application should be modified to place a greater emphasis upon both membership and service to the SUVCW and its Allied Orders and in promoting the heritage of those who served the Union cause in the Civil War. We, therefore, make the following recommendations to become effective for the coming fiscal year and the awarding of the 2012 Scholarships.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the Scholarship Application be modified to include the applicant's initial date of membership in the SUVCW or Allied Orders.**
- 2. That the Scholarship Application provide space for the applicant to include information about their involvement in SUVCW or Allied Orders activities.**
- 3. That the Scholarship Application provide space for the applicant to include information about the ways in which they have promoted an appreciation of the heritage of the men and women who served the Union cause in the civil War.**
- 4. That the SUVCW website information and application for the scholarships be modified to reflect these changes.**

The 2011 Scholarship Committee consisted of Theodore J. Zemen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gene D. Turner of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chairman John R. Ertell of Spring City, Pennsylvania. We have appreciated the opportunity to serve as the committee this past year.

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Committee on Fraternal Relations

Jerry Sayre, Chairman

Purpose - The purpose of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is threefold: (a) to promote the highest level of cooperative relations within and between the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), (b) to work cooperatively with all other Civil War hereditary organizations (Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of the Stars and Bars and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, National Order of the Blue and Gray and G.A.R. Memorial

Association) to further good relations, create goodwill and further the objects of the Order, and (c) to encourage support of the Order's programs by the national veterans' organizations.

Activities - The activities of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations should include the responsibilities listed below.

- 1) Identify annually the names and addresses of the national heads of all Allied Orders of the G.A.R., Civil War hereditary and veterans' organizations and provide the names and addresses to the Commander-in-Chief and National Executive Director.
- 2) Provide historical and membership information on the Order to each of the identified organizations.
- 3) Arrange to have a complimentary copy of the *Banner* provided to each of the national heads of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., Civil War hereditary and veterans' organizations.
- 4) Invite, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, representatives from the organizations to attend the Order's national ceremonies and programs and attend, at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, national ceremonies and programs of the other organizations on behalf of the Order.
- 5) Apprise the Commander-in-Chief of dates and locations of national ceremonies of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., Civil War hereditary and national veterans' organizations.
- 6) Prepare and submit a written annual report to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment on the activities of the Committee.

Findings: Fourteen (14) Civil War related hereditary organizations have been identified and are listed in this report, along with each organization's date of founding, website address, national head, contact information, and membership requirement(s).

Although the G.A.R. Memorial Association is mentioned by name in the stated purpose of the Committee, no current information could be found on this organization and it is possible that it is now defunct.

The Order of Confederate Rose was founded in 1993 and consists of independent support groups to individual Divisions and Camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and does not appear to have a national-level organization. It is open to both males and females and has no lineage requirements.

The two (2) main nationally recognized veterans' organizations have also been included, with the same information as the hereditary organizations.

A copy of this report has been provided to the National Executive Director and the *Banner* Editor for the purpose of ensuring that the national heads of the listed organizations received a complimentary copy of the *Banner*.

Brother Virts addressed the District of Columbia Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at their annual Convention in June 2011.

Civil War Hereditary Organizations
Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW)

Founded 1883

Website: <http://www.asuvcw.org>

National President – Virginia Twist

2966 Hayts Cr Rd

Ovid, NY 14521

Phone: 757-826-5452

E-mail: president@asuvcw.org

Membership: [1] Women who are lineal or collateral descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines regularly mustered and honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865. Daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, niece, grandniece, etc., and legally adopted daughters qualify. [2] Mothers, wives, widows, daughters and legally adopted daughters of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in good standing (not Associates). [3] Associate Memberships: Available to women who do not qualify through heredity, #1 & #2 above, who demonstrate a genuine interest in the Civil War and can subscribe to the purpose and objects of the Auxiliary. An Associate may vote and hold any office except that of National Vice-President and National President. Associates may not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Auxiliary at the time of election. [4] Junior Membership: For young ladies of not less than eight (8) and not more than twelve (12) years of age.

Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. (WRC)

Founded 1883

Website: <http://www.suvcw.org/WRC/index.htm>

National President – Cindy Norton

18833 Pitts Road

Wellington, OH 44090-9432

Phone: 440-647-5312

E-mail: GNorFam@aol.com

Membership: Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States of America and are citizens thereof, who would perpetuate the principles to which the association stands pledged, and who have attained the age of thirteen years shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps. There are no lineage requirements.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Inc. (DUVCW)

Founded 1885

Website: <http://www.duvcw.org>

National President – Patricia Kottemann
6721 Amlong Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22306
Phone: 703-768-2648
E-mail: patkott@yahoo.com

National Headquarters
503 South Walnut Street
Springfield, IL 62704
Phone: 217-544-0616
E-mail: duvcw@sbcglobal.net

Membership: All daughters, granddaughters and all great granddaughters, etc., of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army, Navy or Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service during the Rebellion of 1861-1865, and those who died or were killed while serving in the armed services of the Union between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, and who have attained the age of eight years, are eligible for membership. Eligibility is through lineal descent only and not through adoption. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 is the only Civil War lineal descent women's organization genealogically based on lineal descent.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR)

Founded 1886
Website: <http://suvchw.org/LGAR/index.php>

National President – Barbara Knopke
21733 W. 56th Street
Shawnee, KS 66218
Phone: 913-422-4953
E-mail: kslgar@yahoo.com

Membership: Any female blood relative 10 years of age or older, of an honorably discharged Union soldier, Sailor, or Marine of the Civil War 1861-1865, as well as ex-army Nurses, are eligible for membership.

Other Union Civil War Orders

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS)

Founded 1865
Website: <http://www.suvchw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>

Commander-in-Chief – Keith Graham Harrison
4209 Santa Clara Drive
Holt, MI 48842
Phone: 517-694-9394
E-mail: pcinc@prodigy.net

Membership: Hereditary membership is open to men who are descendants (e.g., great-great-grandson, great-grand-nephew, etc.) of commissioned officers of the Union forces during the Civil War. Non-hereditary membership (Associate Companion) may be

available in some (but not all) of the Commanderies. Associate affiliation is based on a percentage of the number of hereditary members in each Commandery.

Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (DOLLUS)

Founded 1899

Website: <http://www.suvcw.org/mollus/dollus/home.htm>

National President – Miss Monie E Upham

2323 40th Place N.W., #105

Washington, DC 20007

Phone: 202-335-7453

E-mail: meupham@comcast.net

Membership: Open to (1) lineal and collateral female descendants of the commissioned officers of the Regular and Volunteer Forces of the United States during the Civil War, eligible to membership in MOLLUS, and (2) the mothers, wives, and widows of MOLLUS Companions.

National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865

Founded 1912

Website: <http://www.nsdu.org>

President General – Priscilla M. Fikes

P.O. Box 718

New Albany, IN 47150

E-mail: NSDUinfo@yahoo.com

Membership: Membership is open to any woman eighteen years of age or over provided she is a direct lineal or collateral descendant of a man or woman who rendered military or civil service to the Union during the years 1861-1865. Legal adoption shall not qualify for lineal or collateral descent. Documentary proof of the ancestor's service in one the following categories is necessary for admission into the Society: a) Served honorably in the Union Army or Navy. A military or pension record from the National Archives or honorable discharge certificate is required, when available; b) Served in a pro-Union county or state militia or home guard; c) Served as a civilian employee of Union forces; d) Rendered material aid, medical attention, or comfort to Union forces; e) Served as a member of President Lincoln's cabinet; f) Served as an employee of the Federal government; e) Suffered the loss of personal property or personal liberty due to unfailing allegiance to the Union. Junior membership is open to a female child under eighteen years of age who meets the eligibility requirements above.

Civil War Plymouth Pilgrims Descendants Society

Founded 1996

Website: <http://home.att.net/~cwppds/homepage.htm>
(website currently off line)

President – Edward Boots

1401 Route 588

Fombell, PA 16123
E-mail: EdBoots@worldnet.att.net

Membership: The society for the descendants of the Union Soldiers and Sailors engaged and captured during the Battle of Plymouth, NC, April 17-20th, 1864, who were known as the "Plymouth Pilgrims".

Confederate Civil War Orders

Morgan's Men Association, Inc.
Founded 1868
Website: http://morgans_men.tripod.com/

Commander-in-Chief – Sam Flora
1691 Kilkenny Drive
Lexington, KY 40505
E-mail: vakyrebel@aol.com

Membership: Open to all members of the family of Luther Morgan, the grandfather of Gen. John Hunt Morgan, and to all descendants, both direct and collateral, of those who served honorably in the Confederate States Army in the command of Gen. Morgan. Associate Membership is extended to all other persons who are interested in maintaining Gen. Morgan's honored place in our nation's history. A special invitation is made to the descendants of the Union soldiers who fought against Morgan's Men.

United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC)
Founded 1894
Website: <http://www.hqudc.org>

President General – Martha Van Schaik
3011 Highway 357
Lyman, SC 29365-9736
Phone: 864-879-4144
E-mail: udc_1@charter.net

UDC Business Office
Memorial Building
328 North Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23220-4009
Phone: 804-355-1636
E-mail: hqudc@rcn.com

Membership: Open to women no less than 16 years of age who are blood descendants, lineal or collateral, of men and women who served honorably in the Army, Navy or Civil Service of the Confederate States of America, or gave Material Aid to the Cause.

Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
Founded 1896
Website: <http://www.scv.org>

Commander-in-Chief – Michael Givens
2698 Broad St
Beaufort, SC 29902
Phone: 931-442-1831
E-mail: sevcic72@gmail.com

Membership: Open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either direct or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership.

Children of the Confederacy

Founded 1896
Website: <http://www.hqudc.org/CofC/>

President General – A. J. Widowski
Phone:
E-mail:

Membership: Boys and girls who are blood descendants, lineal or collateral of men and women who served honorably in the Confederate Army, Navy, Civil Service or gave Material Aid to the cause or those who are lineal or collateral descendants of members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy or the Sons of Confederate Veterans whose papers are acceptable by the present requirements of membership.

Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Founded 1938
Website: <http://www.mosbihq.org>

Commander General – Max L. Waldrop, Jr.
3502 Pinson School Road
Springfield, TN 37172
Phone: 615-643-0737
E-mail: CommanderGeneral@mosbihq.org

International Headquarters
P.O. Box 1700
White House, TN 37188-1700
Phone: 877-790-6672
E-mail: headquarters@mosbihq.org

Membership: Limited to male descendants, either lineal or collateral, of the Confederate Officer Corps, members of the Confederate Congress, or any elected or appointed member of the Executive Branch of the Confederate Government. All members must be at least twelve years old. Ancestral documentation must accompany all applications for membership.

National Order of the Blue and Gray

Founded 1990
Website: <http://nobg.us/>

Commanding General - John Mauk Hilliard

Registrar General – Sunni Bond Winkler
P.O. Box 2137

Vienna, VA 22183-2137

Phone: 703-848-2663

E-mail: frog3338@cox.net

Membership: Hereditary Membership is open to males and females of good moral character and reputation, at least eighteen years of age, who are lineally or collaterally descended from any person who rendered civil or military service to both the Confederate and Federal governments during their lifetime, including service in battle under confederate and Federal authority; in military or naval units of the two governments, in a political role (statewide or higher), or as a physician, surgeon, chaplain, or nurse in wartime service. The qualifying ancestor must have served both the Confederate States of America and the United States of America at some time during his or her lifetime. The Federal service can be before, after, or during the Civil War. Associate Membership is available for those whose ancestor served only one government.

National Veterans' Organizations

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)

Founded 1899

Website: <http://www.vfw.org>

National Commander – Richard L. Eubank

Eugene, OR

National Headquarters

406 West 34th Street

Kansas City, MO 64111

Phone: 816-756-3390

E-mail: info@vfw.org

Membership: Three requirements, as follows: (1) Citizenship, (2) Honorable service in the armed forces of the United States, (3) Service entitling the applicant to the award of a recognized campaign medal or as set forth in the Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

American Legion

Founded 1919

Website: <http://www.legion.org/homepage.php>

National Commander – Clarence Hill
Martins Ferry, OH

National Headquarters

700 North Pennsylvania Street

P.O. Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

Phone: 317-630-1200

E-mail (form): <http://www.legion.org/national/contact>

Membership: Open to those on active duty, serving honorably, anywhere in the world, or those having served honorably during any eligible war eras, as follows: [1] April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 (World War I); [2] December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (World War II); [3] June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955 (Korean War); [4] February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War); [5] August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada); [6] December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990 (Panama); [7] August 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War/War On Terrorism).

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Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee

Robert Petrovic, Chairman

We have the required permit to use the Lincoln Tomb for our program in 2012. I have signed contracts with The President Abraham Lincoln hotel for 2012 and 2013. I have negotiated a verbal contract for 2012 and 2013 with the band for \$700.00 which is what we paid in 2011. I will have a written contract in October. In October I will go to Springfield and get our permit to use the Lincoln Tomb for our 2013 program. I will also contact the convention and Visitors Bureau at this time to make sure they have the correct information to put in their advertising books and on their web site. I will stop by the hotel to make sure everything is on their schedule and if they need any more information from us.

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National Communication and Technology Committee

Ken L. Freshley, PDC, Chair

National Website – Please refer to the National Webmaster’s report.

Graves Registration Database project –this project is still in process and we are waiting for the legal issues to be reviewed for the GR Database designer .

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National Encampment Site Committee

James Houston, PDC, Chairman

2012 Encampment, Marriott LA Airport, Los Angeles, CA (Aug. 9-12, 2012) – Dept. of CA/PAC

The 2012 Encampment will be held at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5855 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles. This hotel is very near the Los Angeles Airport and provides complimentary shuttle service. Basic room rate is \$99.00 for the standard room. In addition to regular coordination with the ASUVCW and LGAR, some activities of this Encampment are also being coordinated with the DUVCW who are meeting at the same time, but separately contracted with the hotel. The Host Comm. has been regularly meeting and tours are being planned which should interest all attendees. The Dept. of

CA/PAC website currently indicates hotel information and Civil War, historical, cultural, and entertainment attractions in the Los Angeles area. During this year's Encampment, the Dept. will be distributing information about the 2012 Encampment. Glen Roosevelt, DC, chairs the Local Host Committee. Email: glroosevelt@roadrunner.com.

2013 Encampment, Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield, Brookfield, WI (Aug. 8-11, 2013 – Dept. of WI)

Encampment will be held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, 375 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI. This location is just off I-94 about 10 miles west of downtown Milwaukee. The Hotel is adjacent to Brookfield Square Shopping Mall, which has over a dozen restaurant options. Room rate will be \$99 for a standard room. Complimentary parking and airport transportation is provided. The Host Committee has begun planning and looks to incorporate an activity at the historic National Soldiers Home complex. A Site Comm. member will be meeting with the Host Comm. in Milwaukee in the next few months to review plans. Steve Michaels, PCinC, chairs the Local Host Committee. Email: banner@suvcw.org.

2014 and Beyond

The Committee is now encouraging proposals from those interested in hosting the 2014 Encampment. In addition, we are communicating with those interested in hosting beyond 2014. Our list of those known to have future hosting interest at the moment includes: Florida, Georgia/S. Carolina, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. We expect to make a decision on 2014 by the 4th Qtr. of this year.

COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

We believe it is instructive to give a thumbnail overview of Site Committee ("the Comm.") operations since there has been some misunderstanding as to how we operate:

- Host proposals are solicited from Departments interested in hosting a future National Encampment. Those proposals must, to be reasonably considered, must answer, at a minimum, the following:
 - Does the applying Department have the personnel and experience to host the Encampment? [A statement about proposed Host. Comm. members' experience.]
 - Where does the Department plan to host the Encampment (city) and alternatives?
 - Possible hotels for the Comm. to consider based on initial guidelines provided as to meeting space, guest room capacity, and other amenities. [Minimum of three.]
 - Nature of transportation to proposed site: car, plane, train, airport/hotel (cost).
 - Activities planned before/after/during Encampment.
 - What specific factors will encourage attendance at the proposed site compared to other candidates?
- The proposals are reviewed by the Comm. and questions answered by email and by face-to-face discussion with the proposing Departments at meetings held during each annual National Encampment. Where factors among proposing Departments are

essentially the same, the Comm. considers how long it has been since each Department has hosted a National Encampment.

- Based on the proposals submitted by the cutoff date, the Comm. determines the most viable candidate(s) and one or more members of the Comm. make an on-site investigation, meeting with the proposed Host Comm. and having initial discussions with prospective hotels. [Note: No confirmation of hosting award to a Department is made prior to Comm. satisfaction as to all on-site factors, including hotel costs, space, etc.]
- We generally request three hotels to submit proposed contracts. Elements of those contracts are thoroughly reviewed by the Comm. members and negotiations generally span at least several weeks and this review is a key element of the Comm. work. Fortunately, the current Comm. is composed of individuals experienced in such negotiations. For example, one Comm. member was previously a multiple-property hotel owner.
- The Comm. awards the National Encampment to a Department only after the above factors are satisfied, including the negotiation of an acceptable hotel contract.
- Follow-up meetings with the hosting Department are carried out in the Department or at National Encampments prior to the hosting year. At those meetings hosting guidelines are reviewed. Questions answered. Contacts for each of the ladies organizations are indicated so that requests and participation of those organizations can be accommodated in planning and operating the Encampment.
- Reports of the Comm. activities/decisions are reported to each meeting of the Council of Administration, and annually to the National Encampment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

ON CHANGE IN SITE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND DECISIONMAKING

In the recent past there has been discussion on the above topics. We, the Site Comm., have the following opinion on these subjects, specifically that **WE RECOMMEND THAT NO CHANGES BE MADE:**

A. Addition of members to the National Site Comm.

We believe adding members to the National Comm., either from the SUVCW or the ladies organizations, would not add expertise to carrying out the mission of the Comm. and, in fact, would impede Comm. operations. We believe participation of the ladies organizations is best addressed at the Host Comm. level, i.e. operation/planning of a National Encampment, not in review of qualifications of potential host Departments or in detailed review and negotiation of hotel contracts. Our experience has been that participation by the ladies organizations at the Host Comm. level has been ongoing and most beneficial.

B. Final decision on site selection for a National Encampment

*We believe that no change should be made in the National Regulations, the opinion issued by PCinC Darby in 2006, or in the procedures stated in the guidelines promulgated by the 97th National Encampment. Specifically that *the National Encampment Site Committee continue to make final decisions regarding National Encampment award and hotel selection pertaining thereto.**

Civil War Memorial Grant Fund

Robert Petrovic

There have been 20 requests for a grant. We had 14 grants that were approved, 2 grants were denied because they did not meet the guidelines for a grant, and 4 grant requests were sent back because all of the money in the fund had been given out.

New forms were approved and are on the web site. For grants to be considered they must be on the new form dated April 2011.

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GAR Records Committee

Dean Enderlin, Chairman

Commander-in-Chief Schall and Brothers of the 130th annual encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is my honor as chairman and GAR Records Officer to report the activity of the standing Committee on GAR Records as follows:

1) Reviewing past committee work.

With a new chairman and several other new committee members and aides, considerable effort was made early in the term to review past work. Especially useful to this committee were the thoughtful analyses and recommendations presented by the GAR Sesquicentennial Committee at the 128th annual encampment, published in the 2009 Proceedings (pp. 42-46, 111, 112). The GAR Records Committee is also most grateful to Brothers Glenn Knight, PDC, and Richard Orr, PDC, for sharing their institutional knowledge of past efforts pertaining to the GAR Records Project.

2) Establishing of a web-based hub for committee information exchange.

The committee created the "GARrecords" group on the Yahoo groups website in March 2011. Membership is limited to appointed committee members, committee aides, senior officers of the order, and invited guests. The "GARrecords" group has been actively used since its inception, and serves as both a central clearinghouse for committee communications and an archive for files, relevant Internet links, and correspondence. The group is co-administered by Brothers Glenn Knight, PDC, and Dean Enderlin, PCC.

3) Developing a Mission Statement for the Committee.

The Committee adopted the following mission statement:

National Committee on GAR Records Mission Statement

The Congressional Charter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states that one of the purposes of our organization is ". . . 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; . . ."

Chapter 774 -- Public Law 605 [H. R. 3034], 20 August 1954

"An Act for the Incorporation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"

The mission of the National Committee on Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records is to devise and implement a program to comply with the above purpose as stated in the National Charter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). That is, to collect, store and make available to the general public information relating to the location of documents and records pertaining to the activities of Posts, Departments and National Encampments of the GAR. To accomplish this, the Committee provides leadership and direction to SUVCW Departments, Camps-at-Large, and Camps in the process of seeking, locating, physically examining, inventorying, cataloging, and promoting the preservation and conservation of GAR records. The Committee is responsible for devising and maintaining a record keeping system in which data is gathered, combined and published (preferably in electronic form) for public benefit.

4) Updating and correcting GAR post lists on the SUVCW website.

Reports of errors and obsolete links posted on the GAR Records page of the SUVCW website were forwarded to the GAR Records Officer for review. With the assistance of National Webmaster Ken Freshley, PDC, and Backup National Webmaster Keith Harrison, PCinC, the GAR Records page was updated and corrected in June 2011. Additionally, efforts are underway to update the lists of GAR Posts by state that are linked to the GAR Records page. To date, the following state lists have been updated: AZ, CA, NC, and VA. Updates to the IL, KS, and PA lists are pending. Any Brothers who may be aware of errors or omissions in the state lists are encouraged to contact the National GAR Records Officer!

The National GAR Records Officer now maintains a master spreadsheet with current lists of all known GAR Posts and associated records. As information is received regarding the whereabouts of GAR Post records, it is added to this file.

We hope that our committee's efforts over the past year have met favorably with the expectations of the Commander-in-Chief, and that our achievements have strengthened the foundation for future efforts to develop a centralized GAR Records Program.

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Real Sons & Real Daughters Committee

Dean E. Letzring, PDC, Chairman

This committee report covers the past 3 months since the April 5th submission. During this time we have added to the Website one (1) Living Real Son and one (1) Living Real Daughter, however we have lost two (2) Real Daughters.

LIVING

Dellie E. Perdew Dowell, New Castle, IN. Her father was George Washington Perdew, Private, Co. H. 1st Regiment Kentucky Cavalry.

Walter Roode, Portola, CA. His father was Stephen Washington Roode. Enlisted as a Private on June 10, 1862. On July 9, 1862 he served in Co. K, 9th Regiment Vermont Infantry. Following discharge from this unit he enlisted in the 17th Infantry Regiment of the Regular Army on January 15, 1863 and discharged on June 10, 1865.

Note: This entry has recently been forwarded to the Webmaster but not as yet been posted.

DECEASED

Mary Pickering Hammer Heron, Oakville, Ontario, Canada. Her father was Charles Dunkel Hammer, 124th Ohio Volunteers. Mary passed on June 15th, 2011 at the age of 98. She was a DUVCW member.

Mary (Hayes) Carroll, Lee's Summit, MO. Her father was Samuel Gibson Hayes, Private, Co. I, 49th Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry. He was a GAR member. Mary passed on June 24th, 2011 just short of her 100th birthday. Mary is currently honored on the website by direction of General Order #23.

National Military Affairs Committee **Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, Chairman**

Special Financial Advisory Committee **Robert Grim, Chairman**

The mission of this special committee was to provide advice to the Council of Administration regarding possible ways to get a better return on the money the SUVCW has available for investing. However, the SUVCW is a non-profit organization and protecting the organizations principal is a very high priority. This rather limits our investment choices to the "Fixed Income" side of investing.

These "Fixed Income" investments include:

- (1) Money Market Accounts;
- (2) CD's;
- (3) Government Agency bonds and
- (4) Highly rated corporate bonds.

The problem with these investments is the extremely low interest rates currently being paid and there is no evidence that this will change soon. According to the financial experts we could look at Bond mutual funds or preferred stocks or closed end funds, but these types of investments are not guaranteed. Thus we cannot recommend investing the organizations assets in these funds and risking a possible loss of principal.

It is the opinion of this committee that the national treasurer is exercising his best judgment in selecting conservative investment options and we recommend that he continue this practice.

RECOMMENDATION

The purpose for which this committee was created has been met and we recommend that this committee be discharged.

Special Committee on Battle Flag Preservation

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Ed Norris, Chairman

The Battle Flag Preservation Special Committee was continued by Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall on August 14, 2010 and it will expire at the 130th National Encampment in Reston, Virginia. We have completed our third year.

The National Guard Museum in Worcester, MA has 13 national and regimental flags that they no longer wish to display. Instead of placing them in boxes like things no longer cared for, we are assisting in the possible transfer of these flags to the Massachusetts State Art Commission. The Commission already houses most of the state's Civil War flags. We are optimistic that the flags will be accepted and preserved for future generations. The flags are:

1. National 15th Mass.
2. Regimental 15th Mass.
3. National 21st Mass.
4. Regimental of 21st or 34th Mass.
5. National 25th Mass.
6. National 25th Mass.
7. National 25th Mass.
8. National 34th Mass.
9. National 34th Mass.
10. National 51st Mass.
11. National 51st Mass.
12. Regimental 51st Mass.
13. National 57th Mass.

A presentation designed to raise awareness about the flags used by the Union was given to the Westborough (MA) Historical Society, Lancaster (MA) Historical Society, Civil War Round Table of Central Massachusetts, North Shore (MA) Civil War Round Table, and the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table. Subsequently, the Westborough Historical Society donated \$100 to the Iowa Battle Flag program, the North Worcester County Civil War Round Table (MA) donated \$100 each to: the Iowa, New York, and Kansas flag perseverance efforts. Other presentations are scheduled with similar groups.

An article was written for The Straight Line and appeared in Vol. 1, Issue 4. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has received positive press in Greg Biggs' regular column on Civil War flags, which appears in the Civil War News. The preservation efforts in New Hampshire were highlighted in the CWN April 2011 issue.

General J. Stewart Goodwin, Executive Director for the Indiana War Memorials Commission, announced the "Save the Colors" project. They have created a 501(c)(3) foundation so that they are eligible to receive charitable gifts. They are in the process of creating a website for this program. One family donated a large sum of money to conserve the 19th Indiana's national and regimental colors. The family members are descendants of a soldier who served in that regiment. There are approximately 450 flags in the Indiana collection

The Department of Massachusetts will present their Return of the Colors program to the state conventions of the American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc. with the goal being that those Posts each adopt a regiment and sponsor its flags. Senator Thomas M. McGee will work on redecorating the State House so it will be ready to receive the reproduction flags.

Candace Adelson of the Tennessee State Museum approached Fort Donelson Camp #62 about taking on the project of restoring three Union guidons. There has been no progress in raising funds to restore these flags. Brother Sam Grant had written the committee hoping for some seed money from National and some suggestions as to how to raise more money for the restoration of at least one of the guidons. If the camp can raise the majority of the funds, the State of Tennessee will help to preserve the flag.

History Committee

Bob Wolz, Chairman

Thank you for the honor of serving another year. As National historian and the National History Committee we take seriously our role as educators and preservers of the legacy created since 1881.

Throughout the year we have provided articles on the history of the Sons and on our memorabilia. In the coming years, we may cover more history on our parent order, The grand army of the Republic and the Civil War veterans.

In the past year, over forty dealers have been notified their internet sales listings were incorrect. Most have been very appreciative to learn the truth and have revised their products. The most common error has been the listing of Masonic Knight Templar badges as the so called GAR Death badge. One dealer went to so as to describe it as "Lincoln's funeral badge". Brother George Kane, another member of our committee, has likewise been trying to educate the public on the thousands of badges and articles produced by the Allied Orders. I think it is happening.

Sometimes weekly or biweekly, we receive inquiries about family members who either were Grand Army men, members of the Sons or Civil War veterans in the hopes that we might be able to identify kinship, addresses, etc. Sadly, this just isn't possible. There is no GAR database nor even a Sons database. From 1881 through 1893 over 200,000 men joined the Sons though about 56,000 dues paying members seems to be our record at any one time.

Hopefully, as part of our legacy to the future, we will do a better job of recording membership for the future.

Committee on Legislation

Daniel R. Earl, Chairman

The National Committee on Legislation herewith submits its 2010-2011 Final Report, summarizing federal and state legislation affecting and providing for the welfare of the Order, of the Constitution, and the welfare of the United States. The first session of the

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112th Congress convened on 5 January 2011. Federal legislation analyzed is from that date forward. If there are any questions about this legislation, or any other measures in Congress or the States, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee.

Status of Federal Legislation

- **H.R. 319** – This bill would require employers to provide, with certain exceptions, veterans with time off on Veterans Day.
 - Introduced by Rep. Bruce L. Braley [IA-1] on 19 January 2011 with no co-sponsors.
 - Status: referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce on 25 February 2011.
- **H.R. 758** – This bill would amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require certain procedures for designating national monuments, essentially adding more restrictions to when a president can make such a designation.
 - Introduced by Rep. Devin Nunes [CA-21] on 17 February 2011 with 23 co-sponsors. It is a companion bill to S.407 (see below).
 - Status: referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands of the House Committee on Natural Resources and in the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on 22 February 2011.
- **H.R. 1335** – This bill would revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and its immediate surroundings in the Borough of Gettysburg, as well as the land located along Plum Run in Cumberland Township.
 - Introduced by Rep. Todd Russell Platts [PA-19] on 1 April 2011 with two co-sponsors.
 - Status: referred to the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands of the House Committee on Natural Resources on 7 April 2011.
- **H.R. 1420** – Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act. This legislation would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Commission to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities appropriate to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. It is a companion bill to S. 599 (see below).
 - Introduced by Rep. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. [IL-2] on 7 April 2011 with three co-sponsors.
 - Status: referred to the House Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on 8 April 2011.
- **H.J.Res. 13** – A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.
 - Introduced by Rep. Jo Ann Emerson [MO-8] on 7 January 2011 with 53 co-sponsors.
 - Status: referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Committee on Judiciary.
- **H.Res. 207** – Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War.

- Introduced by Rep. Steve Israel [NY-2] on 6 April 2011 with 6 co-sponsors.
- Status: referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on 6 April 2011.
- **S. 70** – A bill to restore the observance of Memorial Day from the last Monday in May to May 30th of each year.
 - Introduced by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye [HI] on 25 January 2011 with no co-sponsors.
 - Status: referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary on 25 January 2011.
- **S. 390** – The Blue Star/Gold Star Flag Act of 2011. This would prohibit a condominium association, cooperative association, or residential real estate association from adopting or enforcing any policy that would restrict or prevent an association member from displaying a Service Flag on residential property.
 - Introduced by Sen. Jim Webb [VA] on 17 February 2011 with 4 co-sponsors.
 - Status: referred to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on 17 February 2011.
- **S. 407** – This bill would amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require certain procedures for designating national monuments, essentially adding more restrictions to when a president can make such a designation.
 - Introduced by Sen. Mike Crapo [ID] on 17 February 2011 with 8 co-sponsors.
 - Status: referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on 17 February 2011. This is a companion bill to H.R. 758 (see above).
- **S. 599** – Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act. This legislation would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Commission to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities appropriate to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.
 - Introduced by Sen. Jim Webb [VA] on 16 March 2011 with one co-sponsor.
 - Status: referred to the Senate Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources where hearings have been held. This is a companion bill to H.R. 1420 (see above).
 - Press release from Sen. Webb's office can be found at the following link: <http://webb.senate.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/03-16-2011-01.cfm>
 - The link to email Sen. Webb: <http://webb.senate.gov/contact.cfm>
- **S.J.Res. 19** – A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.
 - Introduced by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch [UT] on 14 June 2011 with 23 co-sponsors.
 - Status: referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on 14 June 2011.

State Legislation

The following states have significant issues pending before their respective legislatures:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Senate has pending before it a bill that would require suitable flag holders and U.S. flags for the graves of veterans who served in the armed forces of the U.S. This bill has been referred to the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs with no hearings scheduled before 26 September 2011. A related piece of legislation in the House (referred to the same committee) would make it a crime for one to remove a commemorative flag holder from the graves of veterans and police and fire personnel.

State of New Hampshire Legislation

This house concurrent resolution urges the US Army Corps of Engineers to donate a portion of the wreckage of the USS Chickasaw, which served in the Civil War, to the state of New Hampshire in honor of its lieutenant commander, Commodore George Hamilton Perkins. The legislation remains pending in the New Hampshire House.

State of New York Legislation

The New York State Assembly, also in January 2011, introduced legislation that would create the “New York State Civil War 150th Anniversary Commemoration Commission.” This was passed unanimously in the Assembly on 23 May 2011 and delivered to the NY Senate where it awaits action in the Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Legislation

In the Pennsylvania Senate, legislation (Senate Bill 874) was introduced on March 22, 2011 that would “appropriate a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars, to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day and Armistice Day” (p. 263, lines 16-27 for reference). This bill is currently pending in the Local Government Committee of the Pennsylvania Senate.

State of Rhode Island Legislation

In January 2011 a resolution was introduced to the Rhode Island Senate that would create a special legislative commission to be known as “The Rhode Island Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Commission.” On 26 February the Rhode Island Senate and House passed the measure, sending it to the governor. On 24 February the resolution became effective without the governor’s signature.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the National Encampment direct the National Committee on Legislation to establish an account, under the name of the National Organization, with POPVOX.COM, a free online service that allows non-profit organizations (as well as individuals) to automatically and collectively communicate with Members of Congress their support for or opposition to federal legislation. Further, that the Committee be directed to submit the Order’s position (support/opposition) on specific legislation, along with any additional comments, as the National Encampment, CofA and/or CinC deem appropriate.

Background

The POPVOX.COM online service was established in 2010 in conjunction with govtrack.us (another free online service used to track federal legislation of interest

to the Order). The system is still in its beta testing stage, and appears to be advancing. Required information to register is very basic:

- the organization name: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- type: 501(4) organization
- website: <http://suvvw.org/index.html>
- the size of our membership: 1,000 – 10,000
- our geographic focus: national
- the job title of the person registering the account: Chairman, National Committee on Legislation

As the website itself suggests, this would be an opportunity for us to “bridge . . . the gap between the input the public wants to provide and the information Members of Congress want and need to receive.” I encourage all Brothers to browse the POPVOX website (<https://www.popvox.com/about/howitworks>) for more information. Communications by individual constituents are generally the most affective when trying to convince policy-makers to take a specific position. However, with issues that our Order is interested in, for example, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act (S. 599), using this service provides us – as an organization – a means by which to collectively communicate our position to Congress.

Civil War Memorials Committee

Bruce Butgereit

Of all the Camp, Department and National positions I’ve held, serving as the National Memorials Officer this year has been one of the greatest honors as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I have experienced. I appreciate the trust Commander-in-Chief Schall had in appointing me to the position.

In presenting this report, I also believe it my obligation to address the lack of communication and more importantly, the lack of results I had envisioned when I accepted the appointment. I am never one to make excuses – I did take an oath to do my best and more – but between a promotion to management in my employment; being diagnosed with diabetes and other health issues, and serving as a History Partner to the Michigan Historical Commission Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, I found myself too busy to meet every commitment.

As is typical for me in a new position, I conducted an assessment of the past and present condition of the Civil War Memorials program within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – not the Brothers who have served as the CWM officer - but of how well the program has served our Order and our challenge to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. I already knew the most prominently displayed and locally visible connection we have to the Civil War – our Civil War monuments, statues, memorials and tablets – are often the least known, least cared for, pieces of public art in our communities. Once a source of community pride and a gathering place for those that had once served; and an inspiration to those that would serve in later wars, they now stand almost forgotten by those who walk or drive past them everyday.

I also realized that as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we are partly to blame for that. I realized we have not done as well as we could, or should, in educating our communities as to the historical significance of these memorials. We have not advocated for their preservation as they suffer from the affects of time. Sadly, how many of these memorials are not restored because we see the cost of time, every and money as too great to bother? How many of us are guilty of just walking or driving past them? The place to start is the submission of a form CWM61.

In reviewing the records of the Civil War Memorials position, I counted over 550 form CWM61's on file with the National Civil War Memorials position. Over 314 of those are from just two Departments – Missouri and Michigan. My first thought was, "How can this be?" And then I realized as the Memorial Officer for the General John A. Logan Camp No. 1 of Grand Rapids, MI, I too had been negligent in doing the work as found in the Camp Job Description – submitting a form CWM61 to the Department Memorials Officer - so that a record of each memorial could be placed in a database for public education and viewing.

Without a doubt, we have identified numerous memorials – some are online (kudos to the Department's of Iowa and Kansas); some are in three-ring binders (Illinois); the Department of Missouri has a CWM61 and supporting photos and documentation scanned onto a DVD for nearly every memorial they have; some may have a photo in a bag or box (probably all of us) – but a vast majority do not have a form CWM61 to document the location of or the assessment of the condition of the memorial. Translated, we have not met the obligation we assumed as Camp and Department Civil War Memorials Officers.

We have much to do in compiling the data requested on form CWM61. With twenty-eight (28) Departments in existence and Civil War Memorials Officers in each Camp and Department, there really should be many more forms on record.

But just filling out the CWM61 is really only half of our obligation. Both the Department and National Memorials officer is tasked with making sure the public has access to our research. For the Department Memorials officer: *It is encouraged that the Department Civil War Memorials Officer be able to maintain a computer database from the information submitted by each Camp, on the SUVCW "Civil War Memorial Assessment Form" (CWM61). Electronic cataloging and retrieval of Civil War Memorial photo-images is also encouraged. The Department Civil War Memorials Officer will also forward this information to his Department's liaison on the National Civil War Memorials Committee.*

As the National Memorials Officer, it is my responsibility to create a database of the memorials and ultimately to place that on the Internet for public view or at minimum make the information available by request – Job Description/Activities No. 2: *Oversee the collection, organization, and maintenance of a national listing (including a computer database) of Civil War Memorials (as described above), and make this information available upon request.*

So to that end, I began the immense task of scanning each form CWM61 and accompanying documents/photos in the memorial archives. The time spent scanning

over 3,276 pages of forms, photos, newspaper articles, brochures, letters and more totalled over forty-five (45) manhours and cost \$2,271. My time and the cost of scanning is my donation to the cause.

I also recruited my wife Marcia, Past National President of the National Woman's Relief Corps, to enter the data into an Excel database in the hope that someday we will have a greater online presence with a searchable database. My attempts to gain some insight into what type of database the Grave Registration Committee is creating or what I might be able to put on the National website went unanswered.

An abbreviated sample of the Excel database:

KEY to Abbreviation Type										
M=Monument no Sculpture			P=Plaque		HM=Historical Marker			B=Building		
MS= Monument with Sculpture			F=Flag Pole		C=Cannon		U=Urn		LM=Landmark	
SURVEY DATE	Camp Submtd	Camp Loc	STATE	CITY	LOCATION	TYPE	Day	Month	Year	Brief Description or Note
7-Jul-2001	1	MI	MI	Alaska	Alaska Cem.	M				Red and Grey Granite Monument GAR Plot
1-Nov-2000	1	MI	MI	Cedar Springs	Einwood Cem.	MS	26	June	1906	Bedford Limestone with Soldier atop; GAR Post Plot
1-Nov-2009	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Greenwood Cem.	M			1893	Gray Granite Obelisk; GAR Plot
27-Oct-2010	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Central High School	P	14	Oct	1912	Bronze Plaque Camp Kellogg; Camp Lee
30-May-2011	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Monument Park	MS	17	Sep	1885	White Bronze (Zinc) Moument with fountain and Soldier on top
30-May-2011	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Monument Park	P			1975	Memorial boulder with Bronze Plaque
8-Sep-2001	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Belknap Park	MS	12	Dec	1931	Bronze Monument with Capt Chas. Belknap on top
4-Jul-2001	1	MI	MI	Sand Lake	Sand Lake Cem.	MS	26	Sep	1907	Bedford Limestone with Soldier atop
30-Oct-2000	1	MI	MI	Sparta	Greenwood Cem.	M				White Bronze (Zinc) Column
29-Oct-2000	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Grand Home for Veterans	MS			1894	Gray Granite-old soldier with head bowed atop
10-Jul-2011	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Grand Home for Veterans	C				1842 AMES Cannon
1-Jul-2011	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Grand Home for Veterans	U	8	Sep	1935	Brass Urn on a Pedestal
30-May-2011	1	MI	MI	Grand Rapids	Grand Home for Veterans	P			1929	Bronze Plaque on Boulder

But there were signs of movement this past year, as I did receive one hundred and thirty-four CWM61's – California (1), Illinois (58), Massachusetts (1), Michigan (27), Missouri (43), and Ohio (4) – giving us 690 memorials on record. In ten instances, the form was submitted as a requirement to seeking approval for a Memorial Grant (form CWM62). With the Sesquicentennial taking place over the next four years, we can only hope that an increased interest in the Civil War will create an increased interest in our memorial program.

Thinking there may be an opportunity to educate Brothers on the proper procedures of how to request funding for a memorial restoration project, I submitted an article to the Banner laying out the details.

In reviewing past reports and the archives of the National Civil War Memorials officer, the name of Brother Walter Busch, PDC and Memorials Officer for the Department of Missouri is often mentioned in high regard. Deservedly so as he has diligently worked to provide a form CWM61 for nearly every monument, memorial, statue, plaque, and tablet for the State of Missouri (and some from Kansas and Arkansas). Thank you Brother Busch.

When serving as the National Patriotic Instructor a number of years ago, I learned many Brothers who served as Camp or Department PI were unsure of what their role was and so I created a Handbook of Instruction for the Camp, Department and National Patriotic Instructor. Because the same opportunity for learning applies to the Civil War Memorials Officer, I have created a Handbook of Instruction for that position also. It will need approval through the proper committees and the Council of Administration in order to be accepted.

While this report seems bleak, we have it within our ability to do more. I have received letters and emails from Sisters in the Allied Orders as well as residents of several communities; all interested in recording the story of these monuments and memorials. We can create partnerships and ask for others' help.

Although I did not communicate often with the Brothers on the Memorials Committee, nor did I assign any tasks to them, I know they served the Order well. Thank you to Brothers Bradley Tilton, PDC and Douglas McGovern on the Committee and Brothers Clyde Getman, PDC, William Vieira, DC, Todd Shillington, PDC, and Kevin Tucker, PDC as Aides to the Memorial Committee. Aide Brother Kirby Morgan provided documentation of memorials up until the time of his passing in March, 2011.

In looking towards the future, I make the following recommendations:

1. Since the Job Description of the National Civil War Memorial Officer includes posting or making available a database on the National website, a PDF of the most current database should suffice - to do anything more would only duplicate the efforts of the Departments. I recommend that a link be available from the National Civil War Memorials page to all the Department Civil War Memorial web pages.
2. The current CWM61 be revised to include:
 - A. Add the classification of "Other" as a type of memorial in the location section for flag poles, GAR buildings, stained glass windows, etc.
 - B. Add the "State" to the location section
 - C. Add what Order or organization the submitter is a member of

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Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

Michael Beard, Chairman

Since the last national encampment, the Committee and the Council of Administration have created and approved:

- A definition for Sesquicentennial Events.
- An online form for sponsors to apply Signature Event approval.
- A SUVCW Sesquicentennial Memorial Medal.
- A SUVCW Sesquicentennial Passport for Signature Events.

Regarding the medal, special recognition is due Brothers Blair Rudy and Brian Glass of the Department of Texas

for coming up with this design for the medal:

A listing of approved Sesquicentennial Events is contained in the Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief who Chairs the Council of Administration Sub-Committee on Sesquicentennial Events.

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Department of California & Pacific Glen Roosevelt, Commander

The Department of California & Pacific sends greetings to the 130th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are proud to report on our Department status and activities since our last Encampment in Overland Park, Kansas.

The Department was honored to have our own Brother Brad Schall elected and serve as National C-in-C during the past year. PDC Tad Campbell also ably represented the Department as a member of the National Council of Administration.

The Department membership remained essentially even by gaining 57 members during the reporting year, but suffering a loss of 73 members. However, 24 of the losses were by transfer out to other Departments, so the net change to the National membership due to the Department activity was a net gain of 8 members. New General George Stoneman, Jr. Camp 18 of Riverside County which completed its organization prior to last year's National Encampment received its charter in March 2011.

Since the last National Encampment, Camps throughout the Department participated in activities and events for all the major patriotic holidays including Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, President Lincoln's birthday observance, President Washington's birthday observance, Appomattox Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. Several new or replaced Civil War veteran grave markers were dedicated during the year; and Camps participated in numerous Civil War reenactment events with information and historic displays. One official Sesquicentennial Signature Event was conducted during the past year, and three applications have been submitted for events during the next Encampment year. A fourth SSE for next year is in the planning stages.

A Department Encampment took place in March 2011 in conjunction with the Department Auxiliary. The Encampment was privileged to be visited by both National C-in-C Brad Schall and National Auxiliary President Virginia Twist. The Brothers of the Department have worked closely with our Sisters of the Auxiliary and the DUVCW on several events.

The Eagle Scout Certificate program continues aggressively within the Department. The Department GAR Highway Officer recently conducted a full-length survey of the Highway within the Department. Graves Registration and Memorials inventory continues actively despite the recent loss of our beloved Brother Kirby Morgan. Department Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin-PCC is serving as the chairman of the National

Committee for GAR Post Records, and activity within the Department is being pursued by several Camps within their areas of interest.

The Department was pleased to recently participate in the research and identification of Real Son Walter E. Roode of Portola, CA and his sister Montiel Helen (Roode) McAuley of Chicopee, MA. We were honored to be able to visit with Brother Roode, and to induct him in as a Life Member of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of Reno, NV.

California & Pacific has been chosen as the Host Department for the 2012 National Encampment, and the planning for the Encampment is moving ahead well. We look forward to greeting our Brothers and Sisters in Los Angeles in August 2012 as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the last GAR National Encampment in California.

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Department of the Chesapeake

Robert Moore, Commander

It is my pleasure to submit this report, which provides a synopsis of events for the Department of the Chesapeake (formerly, the Department of Maryland), since the 129th National Encampment held at Overland Park, Kansas, August 2010.

May 30, 2011 (Memorial Day) – The Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 participated in the National Parade in Washington, D.C., and the annual wreath laying event at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

May 20-22, 2011 – Second Annual Department fundraising and recruitment event at the Andrews AFB Air Show.

May 20, 2011 – Multi-camp participation in the dedication of two Virginia Civil War Trails markers, followed by rendering of honors to local Civil War veterans at a nearby cemetery, Waterford, Virginia.

April 2011 – Annual Department Encampment, Westminster, Md. Department name changed to the Department of the Chesapeake.

April 2011 – Annual wreath laying at the grave of Gen. Thomas A. Smyth (last Union general killed in the Civil War), by Appomattox Camp No. 2.

February 12, 2011 – Department is represented at the Lincoln Birthday Wreath laying, Washington, D.C. by JVC French, and Lincoln Birthday annual dinner events held by two camps.

December 4, 2010 – Antietam Camp No. 3 participates in 22nd Annual Antietam National Battlefield Grand Illumination.

November 20, 2010 – Representatives from the Department and several camps at the annual Remembrance Day Events, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

October 22-24, 2010 – The Sgt. James H. Harris Camp No. 38 supports the 100th anniversary camporee at the Dr. Samuel Mudd House.

October 2010 – Annual Cedar Creek Reenactment (Middletown, Virginia) recruiting event, Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp No. 1881.

September 26, 2010 – Taylor-Wilson Camp No. 10 dedicates memorial plaque for Pvt. Allen Bobson, 27th U.S.C.T., Old City Cemetery, Lynchburg Virginia.

September 25, 2010 – Mid-term Department Officers Meeting, Four Locks, Maryland.

Additionally, we have a number of events coming up over the next two months, before our next National Encampment, in Reston, Virginia (which we have the honor of hosting), including participation in the Battle of First Bull Run Sesquicentennial Commemorative Event on the Manassas National Battlefield Park, July 21, 2011, and the Centennial Commemoration of the Manassas Peace Jubilee, to take place later that same day.

In addition to these activities and events, the Department also continues to be active in promoting patriotism outside the order, presenting 61 certificates of commendation to young men who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and ROTC awards.

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Department of Illinois

Terry R. Dyer, Commander

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Department of Illinois is growing! We are in the process of adding Camp No. 9, in the northern city of Sycamore. Over half of our camps in the Department have added new members to their roster this year. I have been preaching to the Brothers of our Department the importance of, PROMOTE & RECRUIT, during these four years of the Sesquicentennial. Because if we do not begin to look to the future, there may not be one for those who come after us. I do not want to think that ten or fifteen years from now as, God forbid, Camps are folding or our Department is looking at shutting down, look at one another and say, "what were they thinking, did they not see the opportunity that was being handed to them during those four years of the Sesquicentennial?"

The Department of Illinois had very good participation in the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and Doctor Stephenson Memorial Service in April. We had decent attendance at our Department Encampment in Peoria and Brothers Greg Carter, Leonard Cassaro and Auxiliary Sister Kim Johnson attended the Col. Elmer Ellsworth memorial service in Mechanicville, New York.

We all participated in Memorial Day services and parades, many have pre-formed in roadside trash pick-up projects, worked with local historical societies on various projects, taken part in local civil war re-enactments, living histories, give lectures on the Civil War to schools, scout troops, church groups, senior centers, civic groups and veterans halls. So far this year 15 ROTC Awards and 97 Eagle Scout Certificates have been given out this year.

The Department of Illinois has 14 graduates of the SUVCW Memorial University with two more about to complete the course. And our Department now has an Auxiliary, the

Mary Logan Auxiliary #20, we are told it is the first such SUVCW Auxiliary since 1973.

We are looking forward to having a good presence at the National Encampment in Reston this August. I am very proud of the progress we have made so far this year in our Department and I am honored to have the privilege of serving a second term as Department Commander of Illinois in the SUVCW. And will do all I can to keep our Department on a positive, progressive and forward thinking course.

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Department of Indiana
Matthew J. Elkin, Commander

This report covers the activities of the Department of Indiana since the 2010 National Encampment to present. As this Report is due by July 22, 2011, the first item is the John Auten Day Signature Event in South Bend, Indiana set to occur the day after this report on July 23, 2011.

John Auten is recognized by the G.A.R. as the 1st Indiana Soldier to be killed during the Civil War. John Auten was laid to rest in South Bend, Indiana in early July 1861. His funeral was attended by thousands and his body rests with Schuyler Colfax (Speaker of the House, 1863-1869; 17th Vice President of the United States, 1869-1873) at City Cemetery. This event was spearheaded by Michael Downs. His tireless efforts in researching John Auten and his legacy, the preparation for the program, publicity, and determination have made this event a lasting tribute to a fallen soldier and to the SUVCW. I hope many of you will have seen this event and can recall with great fondness the day by the time you read this report.

Over the last year the Department met for its Mid-Winter Encampment at South Bend Library. Addressing the regular business issues of the organization, the Department was treated to a wonderful outline of the upcoming John Auten event. The individual camps participated in numerous Memorial Day events and services throughout Indiana. Several camps have continued to research, find, and dedicate memorials as part of the Last Soldier Project. Two of those include William Rennaker (Miami County) by Orlando A. Somers, #1 and John Calvin Sarver (Newton County) by Ben Harrison, #356.

The different Indiana camps have been involved in such living history events at historical centers and genealogy programs. Champion Hill #17 had a Cannon Dedication in the town of Bluffton, Indiana as well as maintaining its vocal group the Company Singers.

Indiana currently maintains 7 camps, each of which was represented at our annual encampment in Kokomo, Indiana. There continues to be additions to the Graves Registration record along with involvement in the Eagle Scout program at the Department Level. As virtually all of the Indiana camps are located at or North of Indianapolis, the Department is pleased to have the addition of John B. Anderson Camp #223 of Columbus, Indiana contributing this last year. The Department continues to strive towards expansion.

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Department of Kansas
Roy A. Lafferty, Commander
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This has been an exciting year for the Department of Kansas. The Department hosted the first national encampment ever in the state of Kansas. We also had a couple of brothers attend the Tomb of the Unknowns Ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery, the Remembrance Day ceremony in Gettysburg, PA. and the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL April 16, 2011.

The Department also hosted its annual training session in January focusing on the office of secretary where we went over how to fill out the forms of the order as well as the IRS forms.

This July the Department assisted in the burial in Leavenworth National Cemetery of Pvt. George McCarthy, who served in the Civil War and died in 1946 at age 102. His remains had gone unclaimed since his death.

The camps in the Department have been very active in their communities. They have all participated in Veterans and Memorial Day activities, schools and community events, as well as historical presentations.

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Department of Massachusetts

George Maple, Jr, Commander

In the past year, the Department of Massachusetts has been active in keeping alive the memories of the boys in blue:

On September 19, 2010, we participated in the rededication of Lt. George Easton Priest's grave in Watertown.

On September 25, members participated in a parade in Everett, MA.

On October 3, members manned a recruiting table at the Topsfield Fair.

On October 23, Camp 5 hosted a beans and franks dinner, recreating a tradition Post 5 had started.

In November, the Department sponsored a trip to Gettysburg for the Remembrance Day weekend.

On December 19, members participated in a ceremony that dedicated a part of Route 16 in honor of Brother Ben Emerick.

On Feb 13, the Department hosted its annual Lincoln Day Brunch at the Colonial Inn in Concord, Ma. Author Thomas Craughwell was there to speak about his soon to be released book, The Greatest Brigade, How the Irish Brigade, 69th New York Infantry, Cleared the Way to Victory in the American Civil War

On March 12, Camp 104 hosted a St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

On April 8 and 9, we held our Department Encampment in Holyoke, Ma.

On April 10, we participated in a Signature event in Charlestown, Ma.

On May 28, we participated in a ceremony in Revere, Ma.

On May 29, we led the parade at Bourne National Cemetery and I read General Logan's Order. Afterward, we proceeded to the graves of the unknown Civil War soldiers buried there and performed the GAR grave dedication ritual.

On May 30, we had members participate in the Cathedral of the Pines ceremony. Many

others participated in local Memorial Day ceremonies.

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Department of Michigan

Donald W. Shaw, Commander

This report covers activities within the Department of Michigan since our last report, submitted by Department Commander Don Shaw, which was under date of 6 April 2011. For discussion of any activities prior to that date, please see the applicable reports already on file.

Since the time of our last report, the Department has held its Encampment. That Encampment elected and installed Department Officers and adopted several resolutions setting the activities the Department wishes to see accomplished over the coming year. Those activities include all of the following:

1.) Making changes to the Department Operating Procedures so as to insure deposit of current materials generated by Department Officers into the Department Archives. 2.) Continuing a search for a permanent storage facility for those archives in connection with a possible permanent Department Headquarters. 3.) Work on a Departmental Brochure for use by our camps, using the Department's superior buying power to obtain more product at lower price than our individual camps acting alone can achieve. 4.) Participation in the Detroit Veteran's Day Parade and an associated overnight at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit as a mid-term Departmental activity. 5.) The purchase or construction of a Department Display/Exhibit Board for use at public functions. 6.) A general yearlong membership drive with a goal of attracting 20 percent membership growth. 7.) Implementation of an award to those camps that make significant public presentations during the sesquicentennial years of the Civil War. 8.) Implementation of an award for most active camp, based on the Missouri, James Edds Award model, using objective criteria in determining who the recipient will be. 9.) Establish a presence in social media for the Department and make certain other changes to the responsibilities of officers and the Technology Committee, so as to enhance the presence of the Department on the internet. 10.) Review and recommend changes as regard two of our current standing committees for possible change or elimination. 11.) Act on the standardization of procedures in ceremonies and rituals used at public functions across the Department. 12.) Upgrade Departmental equipment used by the Secretary.

In all cases, committees have been appointed to consider or implement the directives of the Encampment and those committees are currently engaged in work on their respective projects.

The Department has, of course, continued its support of our 23 local camps, as they pursue the work of the Order. The activities of our Graves Registration and GAR Records Committees are ongoing and productive. Our Civil War Memorials Committee is looking at ways to encourage the cooperation of Camp Memorials Officers so as to re-examine and assess all monuments within the state. Some work remains to be done in that regard. Personal visits by the Commander to the camps, either to a camp function or to a camp meeting, are ongoing. As of this writing, since the Encampment in May, visits have been made to nine out of our twenty-three local camps, to offer assistance should

they need it, listen to concerns, assess the health of the camp on a first hand basis, and just visit with the brothers from around the state. The remainder of the camps should receive their visits by the end of the calendar year.

The Department has also been present at and participated in the Lincoln Tomb Service, and plans to be present and participating at the National Encampment and the Gettysburg parade and ceremonies. The SVR has been active within the Department, participating in and enhancing the various ceremonies in which it has been involved. The Camps of the Department have been pursuing sesquicentennial related activities. Two activities to date have been granted Signature Event status. The Signature Event Program however has caused some concern within the Department. We urge the National Organization to review the same to determine if there is a way in which the program and the criteria used by the Committee or the Council of Administration may be more fully explained to the camps. Such enhanced communication would serve to remove any misunderstandings which could possibly arise.

Finally, I have the honor to note that our reports are all filed with the National Organization, and we believe ourselves to be in good standing as regards our reporting requirements. Thank you for having taken the time to review this submission. I look forward to seeing you all, face to face, at the National Encampment.

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Department of Missouri

D. Christopher Warren, Commander

The 2010-2011 year has been quite an eventful for our Department. First, let me begin by telling you of some items worth recognition. Our Department just completed its 16th Annual Department Encampment, with great success. Our Department officers have been doing a fine job as well. The Graves Registration Officer has been hard at work, as well as several members from various camps, bringing our total number of graves recorded for our area to (Missouri = 16,774 & Arkansas = 6,530 for a total of 23,304 on the National Database). We are also growing with Eagle Scout Certificates (awarding 78 since June 2010) and JROTC/ROTC Awards with at least 11 being awarded since May 2010 (with one presented to possibly the first ever cadet in Arkansas, and another given to possibly the first female cadet in Missouri.) Our Civil War Monuments, SV Camps, and Last Soldier projects have also been very active. Currently, there are over 432 known Civil War Monuments recorded; at least 230 SV Camps are now known (with over half of their information being digitized); and I believe that a Last Soldier from each of the 114 counties in Missouri have been recorded as well.

Next, we will talk about a few of the difficulties for this previous year. One item is the closure of the Col. David Moore Camp #70 of Canton, Missouri. Due to a lack of interest in a very rural area, and the vote to disband by the remaining camp members, with the recommendation of the Department Commander and the concurrence of Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, the camp has officially closed. However, we do have a camp (Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47) in the process of forming and should soon be able to be chartered soon, along with two other camps requesting permission to form (Siegel Camp #614) and a second camp for the state of Arkansas around the Fort Smith area. In addition, by the time of the National Encampment in August, our Department will have had camps that

have sponsored at least five approved Sesquicentennial Events. Another situation that arose was that of our Department Commander for 2010-2011, requesting an honorable discharge from the order prior to the Department Encampment on June 4, 2011. This caused a temporary stir, and the Department Council had to fill the unexpired term by voting the Department Senior Vice Commander into the interim position until elections were held. I felt quite honored that they chose me, and then the membership later elected me for a full term at the Department Encampment.

In closing, this is only a few of the events and activities that the Department of Missouri has completed/participated in. The time would fail me to list each item, such as the Medal of Honor Day Ceremonies, the Memorial Day Ceremonies, each camp's unique activities/events, and more. Also, we would like to reinstate our encouragement towards Don Palmer in his efforts to run for the position as Commander-in-Chief. We know that he will do an excellent job, and wish him well during this time. So as I draw to a close, let me pass along my best wishes for the National Encampment, and to say that I am looking forward to another eventful and productive year here in the Department of Missouri.

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Department of North Carolina

Gerard M. Devine, Commander

Membership: Camp recruiting activities have balanced out membership losses for the period.

Memorial University: We have one new graduate from the Memorial University and continue to recommend that brothers take advantage of this training.

Awards: The Department of North Carolina has instituted two award certificates to be used by the Department to recognize (1) Brothers who significantly contribute to the good of the Order (Certificate of Communication) and (2) non-members who support the goals and missions of the Order (Certificate of Recognition). It takes three Brothers to make an award nomination based on their written justification.

Eagle Scout Recognition: We continue to recognize the work of young people in gaining the position of Eagle Scout. The Department Eagle Scout Coordinator has awarded 15 certificates in this past year.

JROTC Medals and Certificates: We encourage all Department Camps to recognize outstanding High School JROTC cadets with this award. Ten such medals were presented by Ruger Camp #1 in Fayetteville this year.

Purchases: A Department flag including outside and inside bases plus an embossing seal have been added to the Department property book.

2011 Encampment: The 4th Annual Encampment was held in Fayetteville on 9 April 2011 at the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Armory with 24 brothers in attendance. Four delegates were elected to the National Encampment to be held in Reston, VA.

Sesquicentennial: Members of the Department will meet with the NC Historical Commission in October 2011 for permission to place a significant marker at the Bentonville Battlefield in memory of all Union Civil War soldiers who fought there from 19-21 March 1965. A projected time frame for the dedication is in the autumn of 2013.

Memorial Day Observance: Department brothers from Camps #1, #2, #4 and #5 participated in Memorial Ceremonies at the four NC National Cemeteries in Wilmington, Salisbury, Raleigh, and New Bern, while brothers from Camp #3 in Asheville had a clean-up day at the Shook Family Cemetery in Upper Laurel, Madison County, NC. Union soldiers were buried at all these locations.

Special Events: The Department Senior Vice Commander, Dennis St. Andrew, represented the Department at the dedication of 5 grave stones to Union Soldiers buried on remote private property near Rockingham, NC. He also represented the Department at the final viewing for Frank Woodruff Buckles, last American US WW1 Veteran.

Department of Ohio

Donald L. Martin, Commander

The Department of Ohio has 21 Camps with a total of 471 Brothers.

Three of our Brothers have passed.

1. Robert Batholomew, James McPherson Camp, date not reported
2. Truman Fugate, Brooks-Grant Camp #7, died in Sept 2010
3. Herb Bennett, Given Camp #51, date of death not reported

At our 2011 June Encampment Department Commander Don Martin challenged the Camps to continue the work we are engaged in. Filing all PI Reports and leading the way in Memorial University Graduates was emphasized. Brothers were asked to remember and consider the Principles our Order is founded upon, Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity. CinC Schall's challenge was reiterated. Learn who we are, Learn what we do, Participate in what we do and Honor the Boys in Blue. Brothers were asked to consider this question when planning or engaged in any Order activity, "What does this do for the good of our order".

The Ohio Department newsletter Buckeye Bugle continues in operation under the guidance of Editor Department Senior Vice Commander Fred Lynch.

The Ohio Department is a member of the Governor's Ohio Civil War 150 Advisory Committee. The OCW 150 joined us in Camp #126 and Camp #2's annual Memorial Held at Buffington Island on July 9, 2011 and placed a kiosk on the site telling the story of the battle and background in words and pictures.

Last Veteran of the Civil War Events

October 9, 2010–Jackson County, Pvt. Barak Chase, 176th OVI Company A, buried in the Greenmount Cemetery, Ohio. Cadot-Blessing Camp No. 126.

October 17, 2010–Adams County, Pvt. John Lytle Baldrige, 129th OVI Company G, buried in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (West Union) Cemetery of West Union, Ohio. William H. Lytle Camp #10

October 23, 2010 –Pickaway County, Pvt. David L. Fast, 197th OVI Company K, buried in Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Enderlin Camp No. 73.

Other Department Events

August 2010 Hale Farm and Village Re-enactment- sponsored by of the Western Reserve Historical Society. Voris Camp #67 handed out brochures providing information about The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

25 September 2010- Pvt. Burns Ceremony, Last Surviving Veteran of Muskingum County, Woodlawn Cemetery, Zanesville, OH

Sept 2010- Joint barbeque with the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Voris Camp #67

16 April 2011- Lincoln Tomb Observance- Department Wreath Presented.

12 June 2011- Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service, Columbus, Dennison Camp #1

25 June 2011- Hilltop Bean Dinner (held annually since the founding of the GAR), Recruiting Station, Westgate Park, Columbus, OH Dennison Camp #1

15 April 2011- Unveiling the restored “Sherman” or “Shiloh” cannon that was given to Lancaster’s Civil War veterans in 1882 at the behest our most distinguished citizen, General William Tecumseh Sherman. A major fund raising effort was conducted called “Save the Cannon” by the McKinley Camp #21.

May 29 & 30, 2011- Oak Grove Cemetery Guided Tours in Marietta. Interpreters in period dress guided groups the cemetery highlighting Civil War veterans and other participants. At the end of the last tour a rededication of the refurbished Buell Post 178 Grand Army of the Republic monument was held. Fearing Camp 2

June 25-26, 2011- Camp Dennison Days. Lytle Camp 10 with the DAR and 6th OVI held an event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the mustering and training Camp Dennison. Faithful depictions of the mustering and training of troops were demonstrated.

July 9, 2011- Memorial Held at Buffington Island. The largest battle in Ohio during the war, Buffington Island contributed to the capture of the famed Confederate cavalry raider, Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan, who was seeking to escape Union army pursuers across the Ohio River at a ford opposite Buffington Island. Camp #126 and Camp #2

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Howard F. Wolfe, Commander

The Pennsylvania Department sends best wishes to the Brothers for a successful and harmonious National Encampment. The Pennsylvania Department has just completed its 131st Encampment and is looking forward to a successful year. Due to previous commitments I will be unable to attend the National Encampment this year. The Department Junior Vice Commander Douglas McMillin will attend to represent the Pennsylvania Department.

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Department of Texas

David K. LaBrot, Commander

The past year has been an active one for SUVCW Department of Texas and its camps. The department and each of the camps and continue to remain strong in membership and in financial stability. Membership grew to over 105 members, made up of Brothers in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston/Central Texas regions of Texas. One Camp in particular, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, Camp #2, Houston, Texas, is to be commended for recording a 23% gain in membership in the past year. The Department gained 28 new members, while losing 19. Recruiting remains one of our highest priorities and our camps are actively determining methods to retain members. We also believe we have located a Brother willing to work with the Department to resurrect the Central Texas camp. The Department also now includes members in the states of Louisiana and New Mexico and we are seeking leaders to establish camps in both of the newest areas of our jurisdiction.

All camps in the Department of Texas have been participating in numerous activities to fulfill the goals and objectives of the SUVCW and support of its Allied Orders. Camp members have maintained high visibility by setting up recruiting tables at Civil War reenactments and historical events across Texas. Interactive programs were presented at the Texas Civil War Museum, Fort Worth; North Texas History Center, McKinney; and the Buffalo Soldier National Museum, Houston. All camps hosted "Civil War Education Days" for school children.

All three camps in the Department of Texas organized and held high-visibility Memorial Day Observance ceremonies that were prominently featured in local media. Flags and flowers were placed on Union Soldiers graves as part of the service and a Roll of Honor was recited giving the names of each Union soldier/veteran buried in the featured cemeteries, as well as the announcement of the Camp's ancestors, with each descendant in attendance announcing present. All camps have been active in locating and registering the burial sites of Union soldiers and veterans buried across the state.

General J. J. Byrne, Camp #1, and Colonel E. E. Ellsworth, Camp #18 jointly participated in a grounds cleanup of a GAR burial site and monument located in Denison, Texas. Both camps generously supported funding that restored the GAR Monument, and the relocation of 6 Union grave markers located in the plot. The rededication was held. The LCDR Edward Lea Camp #2 held a GAR headstone dedication service honoring Sarah Emma Seelye, the only female member of the GAR, at historic Washington Cemetery.

Active participation in SUVCW National encouraged programs resulted in the

Department of Texas awarding 96 SUVCW Eagle Scout Commendations. A total of 19 Junior ROTC Patriotic Awards were presented. A positive Department Patriotic Instructor Report by Dept. Patriotic Instructor James Hackett was issued to National as a direct result of vibrant Patriotic Instructor programs in all three camps. Bro. Blair Rudy, PDC, who stepped down from his post as Dept. Eagle Scout Coordinator, is to be commended for his excellent administration of the Department Eagle Scout Award Program.

Department of Texas SUVCW Brothers was active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve through participation in Co. A, 8th US Infantry, SVR, located in the Houston area. Thirteen Brothers from Col. E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18 recently joined together to form Co. K., 1st US Infantry SVR.

The Department of Texas had the distinct honor and pleasure to have kicked off the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War by hosting the First SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event, the reenactment of Brevet Major General David Twiggs surrender of Federal forces to Texas militia at The Alamo, San Antonio de Bexar, Texas on Saturday February 12, 2011. All three Camp Commanders, all Department Officers, and members of all three Camps participated in this historic event. Department Brother Blair Rudy, PDC, is to commended for his tireless efforts in the assembling all the specific information needed to complete the Department of Texas application for National Sesquicentennial Signature Event Status Recognition, and for his efforts to turnout the largest group of Union re-enactors the event has ever seen. Over three thousand spectators attended the two scheduled performances and the event received very favorable publicity on one of the local San Antonio television newscasts.

The Department of Texas met for its 2011 Annual Encampment in McKinney, Texas on June 4, 2011. The encampment was hosted by the Col. E.E. Ellsworth, Camp #18. SUVCW National Commander in Chief Brad Schall, attended as the National representative and became the first National Commander in Chief to attend a Department of Texas Encampment since it's chartering as a Department in 1994 by then National CinC Keith G. Harrison. Outgoing Department Commander Harold Sickler chaired the event and efficiently conducted department business and elections. All election results were forwarded as required to National.

All Department Officers, Camp Commanders/Officers, and members from the Department are to be commended for their zeal and faithful adherence to the tenets of our order. The goals of service, recruitment, and retention of membership are primary to the continued success of the Department of Texas. Department Secretary/Treasurer Scott Shuster's efficiency and strict adherence to National guidelines assured fiscal/administrative excellence.

Outgoing Department Commander, Brother Harold Sickler, PDC, is to be singularly recognized for his diligence and effective leadership 2010-2011. His tireless enthusiasm, patriotism, and outstanding example inspired all members in every camp.

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Department of Vermont
Francis W. Owen, Commander

The Annual Encampment of the Vermont Department of SUVCW was held May 14, 2011 in Barre, VT. Among those in attendance were Past Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy from RI, as well as Past and Present Department Commanders from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy presided over the Installation of Officers.

The Department is still committed to distributing ROTC, JROTC and Eagle Scout Awards in the state. Brother Errol Briggs awarded nine ROTC Medals and Certificates this year. Five were regular ROTC awards, distributed between Norwich University and UVM. Four JROTC awards went to area High Schools. Brother Jim Proctor distributed two Eagle Scout Certificates this past year across Vermont.

Ripley Camp No. 4 of Rutland, sponsored a Sesquicentennial event in Rutland on May 21, 2011. One Hundred Fifty years after the mustering-in of the First Vermont Regiment in Rutland, a group of regional re-enactors and others re-enacted this mustering ceremony. Local men gave accurate portrayals of the 1861, Governor, Judge and the Lt. Col. involved with the mustering-in process. This was well received by the public and a respectful tribute to those first men to leave the State to help quell the rebellion.

The William Scott Camp No. 302 of Barre, along with the re-enacting group, Hemlocks, sponsored placing a monument at the Big Bethel, VA battlefield to honor the men of the First Vermont Regiment who fought there. We would like to thank the National SUVCW for the Grant of \$1,000 to help complete this project. The granite for this monument was cut and engraved in Barre, Vermont.

Brother Rep. Dennis Devereux co-sponsored a concurrent resolution (H.C.R. 123) in the Vermont House of Representatives commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the U.S. Civil War.

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Department of Wisconsin

Thomas J. Brown, Commander

It's been a busy time since my last report. A Winter and Spring Department News Letter was published. The camps have been busy with Graves Registration, Cemetery Clean-ups, Recruiting Events, and Parades. We were notified by Site Committee Chairman PDC Jim Houston that the Department of Wisconsin was chosen for the 2013 National Encampment. The Camps and Department Officers have been quite busy. The Department Officers have been involved in a number of activities throughout the year. They include: Publishing three issues of The Dept. Dispatch our Department News Letter, attending various events including the National Encampment at Overland Park Kansas, The Department Leadership Conference in Milwaukee, and Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, and The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield IL. , B.F. Stephenson Ceremony at Petersburg, IL. Our Department presented ROTC Certificates and Metals to ROTC Graduates of five colleges and two High Schools. Our Department Web Site continues to draw attention, **Annual Web Site Statistics** 2010-2011: 203 pages were viewed 20,324 times by 3,616 people, about 301 visitors per month. Department Councilor PC-in- C Steve Michaels documents our Department History by researching

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and publishing "Department Pioneers" in our newsletter.

C.K.Pier , Camp#1- Manned Recruiting Booths at various reenactments. Marched in various Parades. Oak Hill Cemetery Clean-ups. Participated in the Trimborne Farms Civil War Weekend School Days (Talked about the GAR and the SUVCW organizations) also had a recruiting booth. Graves Registration at Forest Home Cemetery. The Camp held its annual Christmas Party. The Patriotic Luncheon and Department Mid-Winter Meeting. Member Orientation and Hosted the Annual Department Leadership Conference. Brothers from this camp attended the National Encampment at Overland Park Kansas. Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, and the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield IL. B. F. Stephenson Ceremony at Petersburg, IL. The Memorial Day Service and Ceremony at Calvary Cemetery.

Henry Harnden Camp #2 Has participated in wreaths Across America. Have a member appointed to the Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Has been active in the Madison Veterans council. Presented ROTC Awards and Metals at Various Campuses. Participated in the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield IL. Participated in a Memorial Day Ceremony at a local Cemetery and a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison WI.

John Gibbon Camp #4 Participated in various School Day Presentations. Has given out an award for patriotic achievement to area schools. Graves Registration is conducted in Waukesha, WI. Participated in Wreaths Across America. Marches in Memorial Day Parade in Waukesha, WI. And hold county monument and graveside ceremonies. Marched in the 4th. Of July Parade in Whitewater and several Members attended the National Encampment in Overland Park KS. and the Remembrance Day celebration in Gettysburg PA. Hosted the 128th. Wisconsin Dept. Encampment. In September they will celebrate the 100th Anniversary dedication of the Waukesha Civil War Monument.

Alonso H Cushing Camp #5 Cemetery Clean-up at Zur Ruhe Cemetery in Cedarburg Cleaning-up and resetting Grave Stones. Attended Old Falls Village Reenactment set up recruiting booth. Trimborne Farms Civil War Week-end Set-up Recruiting Display. Hosted a Civil War Round Table the subject Gypsies and Fortune Telling in the Civil War by Dori Schatell and Jim Johnson. Marched in the 4th. Of July Parade in Saukville WI. Volunteered as interpreters at The Kenosha Civil War Museum In June, January, and October. Participated in various School Day Presentations.

Old Abe Camp #8 Conducted Various Memorial services for Civil War Veterans in the Fox Cities area. Replaced four head Stones at Plumber cemetery. Memorial Day – organized and participated in a memorial ceremony in Marshfield cemetery honoring 66 Civil War veterans buried there. Also participated in the Oshkosh Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies and ceremonies at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. Marched in the Omro 4th. Of July Parade. Recruiting booth at Pine Crest Historical Village Civil War weekend Manitowoc, WI. Recruiting booth at Wade House Civil War Weekend Greenbush, WI. Setup a recruiting booth at the annual King Open House at the King Veterans Home in King WI. Worked with Winnebagoland Genealogical Society over the past eight months and identified Last Civil War Veterans from thirty Wisconsin counties to include obituaries, service information, grave photos, and veteran photos.

LG Armstrong Camp#49 Participated in Boscobel Memorial Day Activities. They are

heavily involved in the annual Muskets & Memories Civil War Reenactment. They hold their meetings in one of the last GAR Halls. A brother from camp #49 is working on the Iron Brigade Hwy Project, identifying the hwy with signs an ongoing project

William Colville Camp #56 Participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony in Litchfield MN. In the GAR Hall there and Marched in the Memorial Day parade. They are working on a seminar open to the public about plants that were used for healing and medicine during the Civil War.

As Department Commander I visited the recruiting booths at the events mentioned.

In the past months I have installed officers of various camps in the Department for the 2010-2011 year. I have represented the Department of Wisconsin at the National Encampment at Overland Park Kansas, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg PA. , Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and BF Stephenson ceremony at Springfield IL and Petersburg respectively. I am a member of the National Credentials committee and will serve at the National Encampment this year.

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Department of New York

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

Regrettably, the State of New York, which sent the most troops to serve in the Union Army, has chosen not to create a Commission or similar organization to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. Accordingly, pursuant to my motion a special committee was formed by the Department to observe the Sesquicentennial during the next 5 years. That committee set to work and adopted a state logo, created a Sesquicentennial website and planned and executed a Department Sesquicentennial event, which as you know was one of the first events to be named a National SUVCW Sesquicentennial of the Civil War Signature Event. The Sesquicentennial event for 2011 was an observance at the gravesite of Colonel Elmer Ellsworth, a promoter of the Zouave militia unit, confidant of Abraham Lincoln and the first commissioned officer to be killed during the Civil War. The Elmer Ellsworth Sesquicentennial event took place in Mechanicville, New York on May 15, 2011 almost 150 years to the day of his premature death as the first Union Officer killed during the war. The municipalities of Malta, where he was born and Mechanicville where he is buried were involved in the planning for the event and it involved the recreation of his funeral and a ceremony at his graveside. Although the weather did not cooperate and a steady rain predominated, a crowd estimated between 400 to 600 people turned out for the event. Over 100 re-enactors from all over the country participated including a number of Zouave units, along with veterans groups, Gold star Mothers, scout troops, historical organizations, area civic groups, firefighters and military units. Speakers included Congress Chris Gibson of New York's 20th Congressional District, the Town Supervisor for Malta, the Mechanicville City Mayor, the New York State Historian Dr. Robert Weible and Mr. Jack Baylis who portrayed Abraham Lincoln and read Lincoln's letter of condolence to Ellsworth's parents. In addition, a Proclamation from Governor Cuomo was presented and I acted as the master of Ceremonies for the event. The Empire State Youth Ensemble provided music and the event concluded with a massive wreath presentation led by the President of

the New York State Gold Star Mothers along with a 21 gun salute, cannon fire and taps. The ceremony was reported in the media throughout the country.

Our Sesquicentennial website, while continually under construction throughout the Sesquicentennial, can be accessed through our Department site and currently has links to other states Sesquicentennial websites, the CWPT Sesquicentennial website and information on Colonel Ellsworth. In addition, our Department Legislation committee was successful in obtaining a joint resolution from the New York State Assembly and Senate recognizing the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. We are promoting similar activities amongst our camps and some camps have already formed committees to begin planning such events.

Furthermore, we continue to focus attention and support on the preservation and protection of Grant's cottage located at Mt. McGregor in Wilton, N.Y. While on the National Register and a State Historic site this cottage where Grant wrote his memoirs, spent the last six weeks of his life and died receives very little if any government support. It has structural damage, peeling paint, water in the basement and only survives through the efforts of the Friends of Ulysses S. Grant Cottage, Inc. I issued an Order (Department Order # 4) urging letters to legislators and other officials seeking support, and the Department has become a patron supporter of the Friends organization, at least one of our camps has gone further and become a sponsor of the Cottage. I also participated in the ceremony marking the 125th anniversary of Grant's death at Grant's Cottage on July 24, 2010, and spoke at Grant's Birthday Observance at his Tomb in New York City in April of 2011. The Department adopted a resolution at its recent annual Encampment in May 2011 to continue its support for Grant's Cottage

The Department also adopted the Grave of Major General George Henry Thomas, the "Rock of Chickamauga" at the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, New York. The Department also adopted a resolution at its recent Department Encampment to support the restoration of the Civil War Soldier and Sailors Monument in Watertown, New York being led the Walter French Camp.

As you know, the Department held its annual Department Encampment in Albany, New York on May 13-15, 2011 in which over 40 brothers participated, including both Commander-in Chief Schall and Junior Vice Commander in Chief Mellor. Also holding their conventions with us in Albany was the New York Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War as well as the New York Auxiliary to the SUVCW. In addition, in attendance I am happy to say were representatives of the LGAR and the WRC.

Many of our Camps have formed Sesquicentennial committees, are planning, and in some cases have held local Sesquicentennial events.

In conclusion, the Department is focusing on taking advantage of the Sesquicentennial to grow its membership, to promote the protection of our historic sites and memorials and to make more individuals aware of the sacrifices of our ancestors.

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Sons of Veterans Reserve

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Donald Darby, 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.

Artillery School

The Fourth Military District once again completed a successful Artillery School this year

General and Special Orders

As of the date of this report 18 SVR General Orders (8 in 2010, and 10 in 2011) and 2 SVR Special Orders were issued in the name of the Commanding General.

Unit Strength and Membership

<u>Active Units</u>	<u>Strength</u>	
	As of 8/12/2010	As of 8/12/2011
General Staff	18	19
Inactive Reserve	28	29
National Headquarters Co.	26	29
Total	72	77

1st Military District

District Staff	2	2
Co. A., 3 rd R.I. Heavy Artillery	9	9
Co. E, 15 th Mass	12	13
Co. F, 11 th Mass	8	11
Co. G, 43 rd Mass	6	8
Co. K, 14 th Conn. Vol. Inf.	10	10
Co. A, 12 th NH Vol. Inf.	12	11
Total	59	64

2nd Military District

District Staff	5	5
355 th U.S. Northcoast Vols.	25	0*
Co. A, 1 st New Jersey	29	25
Co. A, The Potomac Guard	16	17
Co. B, 26 th PA Vol. Inf.	47	42
Co. C, 28 th PA Vol. Inf.	47	0*
Co. C, Col. DuPont Guard	14	19
Co. E, 148 th N.Y. Vol. Inf.	13	14
Co. I, 83 rd N.Y. Vol. Inf.	36	41
Gettysburg Blues	26	25

Co. A, WV Home Guard	7	13
Co. A, 7 th NJ Vol. Inf.	12	15
The Delaney-Delacy Guard	0*	41
134 th New York Vol. Inf.	0*	0 *
Co. A, James River Rifles	10	12
Co. A, 1 st New Jersey Bat'n Inf.	29	25
Weber Guard	18	21
Cole's Cavalry	7	6
1 st Mtd Rifles, 7 th NY Cav.	23	0*
16 th New York Ind. Batt.	22	30
Co. A, 110 th PA Vol. Inf. Junsia Regt	0	8
Co. F, 11 th PA Vol. Inf.	0	7
Chesapeake Home Guard	0	7
Total	386	373

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3rd Military District

District Staff	5	5
Headquarters Co.	3	3
Battery I, 1st Ohio Lt. Art.	27	27
Battery L, 1 st Ohio Lt. Art.	15	14
Co. C, 20 th Ohio Vol. Inf.	24	24
Co. G, 63 rd Vol. Inf.	20	17
Co. A, 16 th Ohio Vol. Inf.	11	10
Co. D, 27 th Indiana Vol. Inf.	33	36
Co. A, 14 th Michigan	16	21
Bridgewater Scouts	19	18
Co. A, 1 st Regt. Capital Guards	18	18
Ohio Naval Brigade	22	24
Total	213	217

4th Military District

District Staff	6	6
Headquarters Company	21	24
Battery L, 1 st Illinois Lt. Art.	16	17
Co. A, 2 nd Missouri Inf.	38	48
Co. C, 34 th Illinois	27	26
Cushing's Battery	13	11
Battery A, 3 rd Iowa Lt. Art.	12	9
Co. M, 1 st MO Vol. Cav.	7	7
Co. C, 5 th Regt. Mo Vol. Cav.	23	24
Co. B, 20 th Iowa Vol. Inf.	7	6
Co. A, 37 th Iowa Vol. Inf.	17	23
Co. B, 10 th Iowa Vol. Inf.	17	22
Nebraska Rangers	23	21
Iron Brigade Guard	21	14

(formerly Co. B, 28 th WI Inf)		
Co. F, 3 rd Iowa Vol. Inf.	11	11
Co. E, 47 th Missouri Infantry	17	26
1 st Missouri State Militia	9	16
Co. A, 49 th Iowa Vol. Inf.	19	23
Rockford Zouaves	12	14
Ship's Company USS Carondelet	15	16
Co. C, 78 th Enrolled Missouri Militia	9	11
1 st Missouri Engineers	10	11
Co. C., Phelps's Regiment	10	0**
Total	350	386

**** Unit did not re-new membership W/I SVR**

5th Military District

Reserved

Reserved

6th Military District

District Staff	4	5
Co. A, 5 th Calif. Vol. Inf.	6	6
Co. G, 1 st Calif. Vol. Inf.	19	24
Co. C, 8 th Calif. Vol. Inf.	32	36
Co. G, 5 th Calif. Vol. Inf.	40	43
CO. B, 1 st Nevada Vol. Inf.	34	10
Co. B, 8 th Calif. Vol. Inf.	39	44
Battery A, 3 rd US Artillery	18	18
Co. B, 71 st PA Vol. Inf.	28	23
U.S. Marine Corps Guard	11	11
1 st Regt. Indian Terr. GD	8	8
Co. A, 8 th US Infantry	20	11
HQ Company, 1 st US Cavalry	0	0
Co. H, 37 th Ohio Vol. Inf.	12	12
Co. K., 1 st U.S. Inf.	0	6
Total	271	257

7th Military District

District Staff	3	5
14 th Corps, H.Q. Guard	14	11
Co. G, 42 nd Indiana Vol. Inf.	0	0
Amzi D. Harmon Company	14	16
HQ Co. Army of TN	0	0
10 th Tennessee Inf. (US)	14	22
Cpl. J.F. Mackie U.S. Marine Detach.	8	11
McPherson Camp Guard	0	8
Total	53	73

Total Strength	1406	1447***
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***** when delinquent units report, total will be 1542**

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Finances

Checking Account as of 7/25/2011	\$8,258.97
Saving Account as of 7/25/2011	\$2,493.46
Certificate of Deposit @ 0.75APY	\$7,629.82 expires 9/16/2011

SUVCW Charitable Foundation

Robert M. Petrovic, Chairman

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, I am pleased to report key activities of the Foundation during our past fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

The Foundation's Annual Meeting was held in Overland Park, KS on August 12, 2010. Officers for 2010-2011 were elected as follows: Chairman – Robert M. Petrovic, Vice-Chairman – Henry E. Shaw, Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer – James H. Houston. Directors Robert E. Grim and Ken L. Freshley were re-elected to three-year terms. At our April 15, 2011 meeting in Springfield, IL, J. Alan Teller, PDC Department of Indiana, was elected to fill an open directorship on the Board.

The Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Fellow program is now in its fifth year and we are pleased to report that 63 individuals and organizations have participated. The program was established to add to endowment funds of the Foundation, as well as provide funds for current projects and activities. [The Endowment Fund level is now over \$30,000.]

Based on the success of the Lincoln Fellow program, the Board expanded levels to include a "Sentinel Supporter" designation for those contributing beyond the \$1,000 level. Levels are \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 with bronze, silver, and gold recognition as for the original medals. Contributors are presented with a disk in an oak leaf circle, which can be affixed to their current Lincoln Fellow medal. Appropriate certificates are also awarded.

Contributions to the Foundation are always welcomed in any amount. Details for contributing can be found on our website and in literature distributed at various SUVCW meetings. To supplement direct contributions, we continue to offer a broad line of SUVCW/SVR and Civil War-related merchandise for sale.

Examples of projects supported by the Foundation include: restoration of Civil War monuments in Traverse City, MI, Washington Court House, OH, and Lowville, NY; cannon carriage replacements in Madison, WI and Lancaster, OH; repair of the GAR hall in Frost, OH; and site renovation for the National Civil War Chaplains Museum in Lynchburg, VA.

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Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Theodore H. Golab

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina consist of the Department Headquarters, and four Camps. Three located in Georgia; General James B. McPherson, Camp #1; Private Elias Moon, Camp #2 and Kennesaw Mountain, Camp #3; and one Camp in South Carolina, the Charles Devens Jr., Camp #10, with a total of 94 members. The Department recruited 11 new members since April 2011. There are three Sons of Veterans Reserve Units (SVR) within the Department, 14th Corps Guard, Corporal John F. Mackie, USMC Detachment, and the McPherson Camp Guard.

The following is a summary report of the events and activities conducted by the Department of Georgia and South Carolina and its individual camps, since the last SUVCW National Encampment held at Overland, KS. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina members have participated in numerous events and activities to implement the goals and objectives of the SUVCW and its support of the Allied Orders.

GOALS:

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina has four goals for 2011 and 2012.

1. To Improve communications within the Department.
2. To Increase the Department's net membership by 20%.
3. To Boost the Department's participation in public events and activities.
4. To Foster fellowship among our Department brothers.
5. To Host the 2014 SUVCW National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

12 - 15 August 2010: SUVCW National Encampment held in Overland, KS.

4 October 2010: Georgia Camps #1 and #2 participated in a joint activity with the Amanda Stokes Detached Tent #2, of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War to dedicate the Minnesota memorial to honor Union troops who fought at the battle of Allatoona Pass in 1864. Plans are in progress to erect two addition memorials to honor the soldiers from Ohio and Wisconsin. It is hoped that we will have them all erected by the sesquicentennial of the battle in 2014.

9 October 2010: Participated in a joint event of the Department Georgia & South Carolina and the UDC Chapter and ASUVCW representatives to dedicate a marker for Civil War veterans located in Belton, South Carolina. (Recruiting tent)

9 October 2010: Participated in an event of the Department Georgia & South Carolina to re-dedicate the Powder Works located at Augusta, GA. (Living History & Recruiting tent)

6 November 2010; Participated in an activity of the Department Georgia & South Carolina to honor the Cotton Gin during the Cotton Gin Festival at Bostwick, GA. (Recruiting tent & Parade of SVR members)

11 December 2010: The Department Mid-winter conference was held in Columbia, SC. various topics were presented including the history of the GAR and SVR, a new member orientation and a Patriotic Instructor Program. After the classroom instruction Department Commander Peterson, installed new Camp Officers and initiated new members of the camps in attendance.

13 February 2011: Participated in Columbia's Longest Days (Living history display and recruiting table)

25 - 27 March 2011: The 4th Annual Department Encampment was held at the historical Nash Farm Battlefield Center and Museum located in Hampton, GA. It was attended by the National Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, who conveyed greetings from the National Organization; he made presentations to various individuals, and installed the officers elected at the Encampment.

ELECTED OFFICERS:

Department Commander	Theodore H. Golab, PCC
Department Senior Vice Commander	Brian Pierson, PCC
Department Junior Vice Commander	M. Shane Pinson, PCC
Department Secretary/ Treasurer	Edward C. Hackney, PCC
Council Member #1	Michael D. Axelson
Council Member #2	Christopher Chapman, PCC
Council Member #3	Maximilian Peterson

Appointed Officers

Department Chaplain	L. Perry Bennett
Department Civil War Memorials	Bradley J. Quinlin, PCC
Department Color Bearer	Raymond Wozniak
Department Counselor	Mark A. Hale
Department Eagle Scout Coordinator	Robert E. Pollard

Appointed Officers: (Cont'd)

Department Public Information Officer	Scott B. Murray
Department Graves Registration Officer	Bradley J. Quinlin, PCC
Department Guard	Maximilian Peterson
Department Guide	Donald E. Bickham
Department Historian	Alexander Platt
Department Patriotic Instructor	David W. Beam
Department Signals Officer	David Marchat
Department Chief of Staff	Eric Peterson, PDC

12 - 16 April 2011: Participated in the joint Sesquicentennial event held by the Department Georgia & South Carolina and the National Park Service at the Fort Sumter National Memorial.

Camp #3 held a recruiting boot at the Georgia State Archives on 16 April which resulted in over a dozen recruiting leads.

7 May 2011: Participated in the joint activity of the Department's SUV Camps and 14th Corps Guard, SVR during the Snellville Days Parade held in Snellville, GA. (Recruiting tent & Parade) This resulted in a new Associate joining camp #2.

15 May 2011: Participated in a joint dedication of US and CS graves at Newberry SC.

21 May 2011: Participated in the joint activity of the Department's SUV Camp's and 14th Corps Guard, SVR and the Robert Martin Fox Chapter, National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865. At the Grave Marking ceremony of Rev. William Thames, held in Ellenwood, GA.

28 May 2011: Participated in the joint activity of the Department's SUV Camps, and the 14th Corps Guard, SVR and Amanda Stokes Detachment Tent #2, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War during a Grave Marking Ceremony of four unknown Union

soldiers to **Known** (Identified by Brother Brad Quinlin) held at the Marietta National ceremony in Marietta, GA.

29 May 2011: Participated in the joint activity of the Department's SUV Camps and the Amanda Stokes Detached Tent #2, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, during the Memorial Day ceremony held at Andersonville National Cemetery.

30 May 2011: Participated in the joint activity of the Department's SUV Camps, and 14th Corps Guard and Amanda Stokes Detached Tent #2, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War at the Memorial Day ceremony celebrated in a suitable fashion. It was the largest ceremony was held at Marietta National Cemetery in recent memory. An impressive display was made by our SVR brothers who displayed the various SUVCW flags and conducted a firing a salute/volley to our fallen veterans.

June 18th 2011: The First Annual Department picnic was held at the Stone Mountain, GA. A new tradition has been set in motion! (Recruiting tent). Two new Associates were accepted and one new Junior as well as reinstatement of a previous Member and Junior.

16 July 2011: Camps #1 &2 and the 14th Corps Guard, SVR participated in the 147th Anniversary depicting the Battle of Atlanta held at the Atlanta, GA at the Atlanta Cyclorama Civil War Museum.(recruiting tent & living history).

14 August 2011: National Encampment held at Reston, VA

MEMORIALS:

The Department is supporting efforts of the Etowah Valley Historic Society to erect monuments to the Union dead at Allatoona Pass in Georgia. This October a monument to Minnesota troops was dedicated. We are currently raising funds to erect monuments to Ohio and Wisconsin Union Volunteers.

Our goal is to raise funds for a Battlefield Monument to honor the men of the 14th Army Corps and 23rd Army Corps, who fought at the battle of Utoy Creek, during August of 1864. There is currently no marker to recognize the Union troops who participated in the battle.

The Camp #3 members are attempting to set up a Civil War Speakers Series located at the Kennedy Theater at the Atlanta History Center with presentations by Department members held in Atlanta, GA.

SESQUICENTENNIAL

The Department's Sesquicentennial committee, DSVC Brian Pierson, Chairman. The purpose of the Committee is to plan appropriate events to honor our ancestors during the sesquicentennial from 2011 through 2015. Our first event was held on 12th -16th of April 2011 at Fort Sumter National Monument, South Carolina. Other events scheduled for the future are as follows:

- 2011 Commemoration of the Battle of Port Royal Dept & Camp #10 CC
- 2012 Commemoration of the Andrews Raiders. Dept & Camp #3 CC
- 2013 Commemoration of the Battle of Chickamauga Dept & Camp #1/#2/#3 CC
- 2014 Commemoration of the Battle of Atlanta Dept & Camp #1 CC
- 2015 Commemoration of the Capture of Columbia Dept & Camp #10 CC
- 2015 Memorial for the Last Union Officer Killed in the CW Dept & Camp 10 CC

5 Nov 11, The Devens Camp # 10, will celebrating the Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Port Royal which has just been recognized as an SUVCW Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event! The event will be held at the Port Royal Plantation in Hilton Head, on the historic site of Fort Walker.

The Department of Georgia & South Carolina has produced a Department of Georgia & South Carolina Sesquicentennial Coin to sell to SUVCW members and the public as a

souvenir/fund raiser.

RECRUITING:

The Department has 94 members in the Department. I have given the Department a challenging recruiting goal of 20 new members by year end, so I expect end of year strength to be 114 members. To meet that goal we have sponsored recruiting booths at the Battle of Resaca re-enactment, and in Aiken, South Carolina, Snellville, Georgia. Our Camp #10 is heading an initiative to charter a new camp in Beaufort, South Carolina.

RESOLUTIONS:

The department passed two resolutions that need to come before the floor at the National Encampment. (The resolutions were mailed to the National Secretary by the Department Secretary.)

1. Proposal to modify the criteria for award of the War Medal to brothers who have been awarded the Korean Defense Service Medal.
2. Proposal for Meritorious Service Award at Camp and Department level

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION PROGRAM:

Participated in the presentation of the Eagle Scout awards at the Camp meetings and have given out over 54 Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to deserving scouts in the Department. Eagle Scout Coordinator Bob Pollard and a number of Brothers located throughout Georgia and South Carolina have made presentations. Brother Robert Pollard has continued to do a great job at ensuring this worthy program is an active component to the community programs offered by the Department.

ROTC PROGRAM:

Participated in the presentation of the ROTC and JROTC awards at Camp level and have awarded 13 ROTC and JROTC medals to deserving ROTC and JROTC cadets in Georgia and South Carolina.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER:

Activities since April 2011 include three articles and photographs about the Department were publications in the "*Banner*," including News about the Department Annual Encampment, Memorial Day at the Andersonville National Cemetery and Memorial Day at the Marietta National Cemetery. As well as, several publications submitted for the Fort Sumter National Monument Sesquicentennial. Brother Scott Murray, being a new member has brought many talents to the table to insure that the Department gets the word out, that the Department of Georgia and South Carolina is alive and doing well! This valuable program is an active component to disseminate information about the SUVCW, to the brothers and the community regarding our goals and programs offered by the Department and the SUVCW.

Outgoing Department Commander, Brother Eric Peterson, PDC, is to be singularly recognized for his diligence and effective leadership 2008-2011. His tireless enthusiasm, patriotism, and outstanding example inspired all members in every camp.

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Supplemental Report – C&R Committee Camp-at-Large Delegates to National Convention

PROPOSAL #28 (Proposal from the C&R Committee)
Chapter II, Article IX (See C&R page 31)

Note: This change will add a new section to this Article establishing a procedure for Camps-at-Large to elect delegates to the National Encampment.

Section 7.

- (a) Each Camp-at-Large must provide to the Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer by August 1 of each year the names of the delegates from their Camp who will be attending the Department-at-Large Encampment.
 - (b) At the site of the National Encampment, on the morning of the first opening day of the National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief will call to order, prior to 8:00 a.m., an encampment of the Department-at-Large. At this encampment delegates to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be elected. If the Commander-in-Chief is absent from the Department-at-Large Encampment the next ranking officer will call the encampment to Order and preside over the Department-at-Large Encampment.
 - (c) If attendance at the Department-at-Large Encampment is less than the allotment of delegates permitted to the National Encampment then all in attendance, with the exception of the Department-at-Large officers, will be declared delegates to the National Encampment. If the number in attendance is greater than the allotment of delegates permitted to the National Encampment then a vote for delegates must occur.
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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION			
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR			
2011 - 2012 BUDGET			
			2011
			budget
GENERAL FUND			
	Income		
	Per Capita Dues (16.50)		\$86,000
	Life Membership Per Capita (2010 332 @ \$0)		\$2,442
	Quartermaster Sales		\$35,000
	QM Shipping & handling		\$3,000
	Banner Subscriptions		\$150
	National Encampment Registration Fees		\$1,500
	New Camp & Department Application Fee		\$50
	Web Page Service		\$0
	Donations		\$0
	NMAL Donation		\$1,000
	Interest		\$2,000
	Fund Raising		\$3,000
	Reinstatement Fee		\$100
	Misc		\$100
	Subtotal		\$134,342
	Transfer to GAR Fund		
	Transfer to Permanent Fund		
	Transfer to Nat. Headquarters Fund		(\$4,100)
	Reserve Funds		
	Total Income		\$130,242

		Expenses	
		Quartermaster Supplies	\$29,000
		QM Shipping & handling	\$3,000
		Paypal Fees	\$850
		CinC Expenses	\$8,000
		CinC Expenses 2011	\$1,000
		Nat. Secretary Expenses	\$2,500
		Nat. Treasurer Expenses	\$2,500
		Nat. Quartermaster Expenses	\$2,500
		JVCinC Recruiting Expenses	\$500
		CinC Representatives Expenses	\$3,500
		National Encampment Host Committee	\$1,000
		Past CinC Jewel	\$800
		Office Expenses	\$600
		Special Projects	\$1,000
		Contingency Fund	\$1,000
		Telephone	\$50
		Postage	\$500
		Web Site	\$300
		Graves Registration	\$5,000
		Awards	\$500
		Scholarships	\$0
		Software	\$400
		Proceedings transcribing	\$1,200
		Proceedings Printing	\$500
		Banner	\$42,000
		Banner Editor Travel Expenses	\$1,500
		National Encampment Site Committee	\$500
		National Encampment	\$1,500
		National Encampment Photographer	\$500
		National Encampment Photographer Supplies	\$250
		Sons of Confederate Veterans Representative	\$300
		Audits 2010	\$5,000
		Accounting services	\$6,000
		Insurance - Officers Bond	\$0
		Insurance - Quartermaster Supplies	\$550
		Insurance - General Liability & D&O	\$2,275
		Misc Committee Expenses	\$100
		Pennsylvania Sales Tax	\$600
		New york Sales Tax	\$360
		Virginia Sales Tax	\$275
		Misc Expenses	\$50
		Bank Charges	\$50
		Bad Debt	\$100
		Refund Overpayment Per Capita Dues	\$0
		Fund raising	\$2,500

		Total Expenses	\$130,610
		Net Gain/Loss	(\$368)

		GAR FUND	
		Income	
		National Partiotic Instructor Appeal	\$50
		Blue - Gray Ball	\$4,800
		Donations	\$100
		Interest	\$500
		Reimbursement Wreaths Remembrance Day	\$450
		Subtotal	\$5,900
		Transferred from SRVice CinC Fund	\$4,345
		Transferred from General Fund	\$0
		Total Income	\$10,245
		Expenses	
		Scholarship	\$0
		Postage	\$10
		Lincoln Memorial	\$135
		Lincoln Tomb	\$2,000
		Remembrance Day	
		Wreath Woolson's Monument	\$525
		Equipment Rental	\$200
		Printing	\$75
		Misc	\$50
		SVR	
		Liability Insurance	\$0
		Postage	\$0
		Mailing	\$0
		Streamers	\$350
		Cathedral of the Pines	\$100
		Tomb of the Unknown	\$250
		Special Projects	\$1,000
		GAR Campfire	\$500
		Grants Tomb	\$225
		Blue-Gray Donation to NPS	\$4,800
		Bank Charges	\$25
		Total Expenses	\$10,245
		Net Gain/Loss	\$0

PERMANENT FUND		
Income Restricted		
	NMAL New Member Fees	\$20
	Honor Roll	\$100
	Life Member Fees	\$3,500
	Misc	\$10
	Total Income Restricted	\$3,630
Income Temporarily Unrestricted		
	Interest	\$3,600
	Misc	\$0
	Total Temporarily Unrestricted	\$3,600
Expenses		
	Life Member Reimbursements (2010 261 @ \$4	\$1,044
	Life Member Reimbursement Program 2 (2010 70 @ \$12)	\$840
	Life Member Per Capita (332 @ \$23)	\$7,636
	Life Member Cards	\$20
	Postage	\$10
	Misc	\$0
	Subtotal Expenses	\$9,550
	Transfer Income to General Fund	
	Total Expenses	\$9,550
	Net Gain/Loss	(\$5,950)
	Life Member Per capita not payable	\$5,950
	Net	\$0

		SENIOR VICE CINC FUND	
		Income	
		Registration Fee New Members	\$4,000
		Donations	\$0
		Interest	\$30
		Senior Vice CinC Fund Reserve	\$4,465
		Total Income	\$8,495
		Expenses	
		Office	
		Telephone	
		Postage	
		Membership Advertising	
		Scholarships 2011	\$2,000
		Scholarships 2012	\$2,000
		Memorial University	\$150
		Transfer to Grand Army of the Republic Fund	\$4,345
		Total Expenses	\$8,495
		Net Gain/Loss	\$0

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND		
Income		
	Per Capita Dues (\$5.00)	\$26,500
	Life Membership Per Capita	\$675
	Donations	
	Interest	
	Subtotal	\$27,175
	Transfer from General Fund	\$4,100
	Total Income	\$31,275
Expenses		
	Executive Director	\$17,000
	National HQ Office expenses	\$2,000
	Rent	\$9,500
	Telephone & Internet	\$2,000
	Insurance	\$0
	Furniture & Equipment	\$500
	PO box rental	\$275
	Total Expense	\$31,275
	Net Gain/Loss	\$0

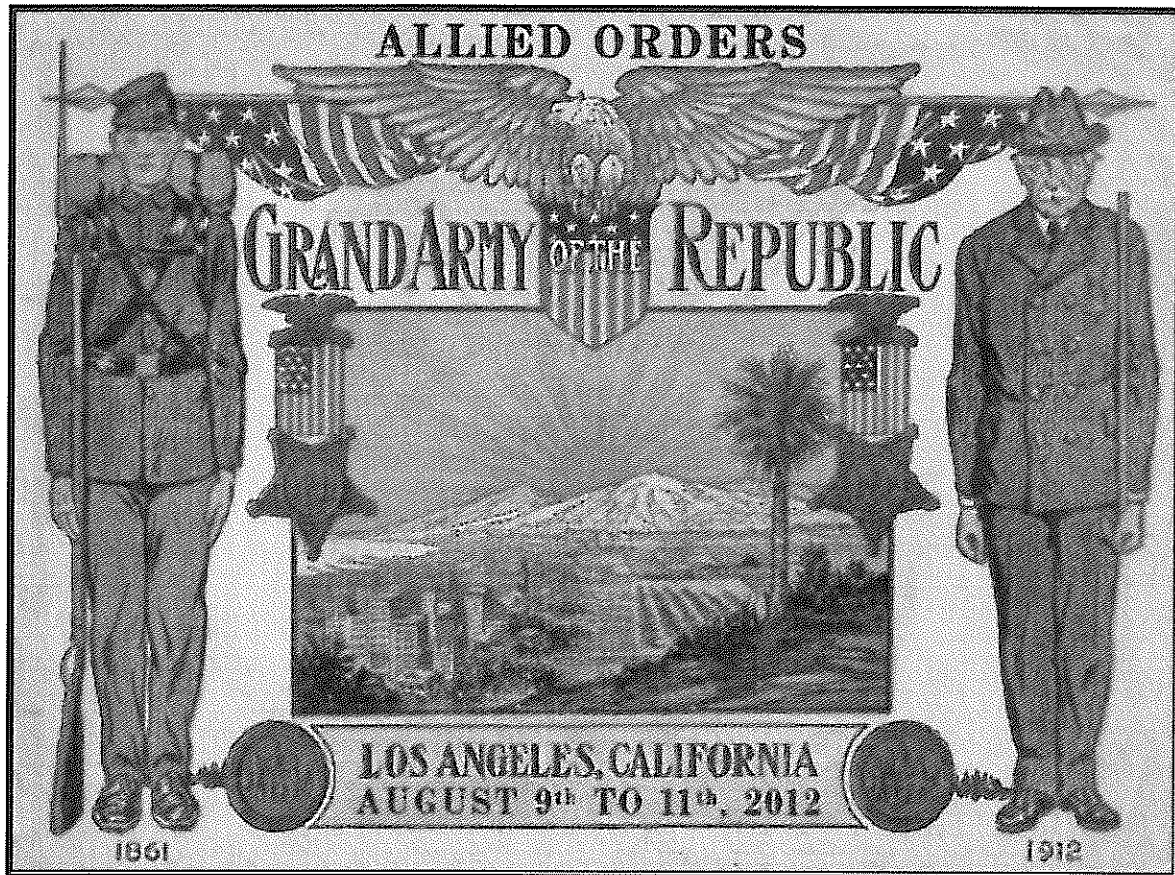
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND		
Income		
	Per Capita Dues (\$1.50)	\$4,825
	Life Membership Per Capita	\$203
	Donations	\$25
	Interest	\$0
	Subtotal Income	\$5,053
	Civil War Memorial Fund Reserves	\$0
	Total Income	\$5,053
Expenses		
	Grants	\$5,000
	Bank Charges	\$20
	Total Expenses	\$5,020
	Net Gain/Loss	\$33
CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND		
Income		
	Per Capita Dues	\$0
	Life Membership Per Capita	\$0
	Donations	\$0
	Interest	\$10
	Total Income	\$10
Expenses		
	Legal Fees	\$0
	Misc Exp	\$0
	Total Expenses	\$0
	Net Gain/Loss	\$10
CANADIAN CIVIL WAR MONUMENT FUND		
Income		
	Donations	\$0
	Total income	\$0
Expenses		
	Misc	\$0
	Total Expenses	\$0
	Net Gain/Loss	\$0

LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY FUND		
Income		
	Luncheon	\$2,000
	Interest	\$0
	Donations	\$0
	Photographs	\$50
	MOLLUS Contribution	\$1,100
	SUVCW Contribution from GAR Fund	\$2,000
	Lincoln Tomb Fund Reserve	\$0
	Total Income	\$5,150
Expenses		
	Luncheon	\$1,900
	Meeting Room	\$0
	Speaker	\$250
	Music at Tomb	\$700
	Equipment Rental	\$275
	Bus Rental	\$250
	Printing	\$75
	Programs & Ribbons	\$500
	Postage, travel, telephone	\$300
	Postage	\$100
	Photographs	\$50
	Misc Expenses	\$100
	Boy Scout Patches	\$0
	Wreath	\$0
	Insurance	\$0
	Bank Charges	\$10
	Total Expenses	\$4,510
	Net Gain/Loss	\$640
BLUE-GRAY BALL FUND		
Income		
	Ticket Sales	\$8,225
	Misc Income	\$0
	Interest	\$5
	Total Income	\$8,230
Expenses		
	Band	\$3,000
	Ballroom Rent	\$0
	Refreshments	\$150
	Printing	\$220

	Postage	\$10
	Misc Expenses	\$50
	Subtotal Expenses	\$3,430
	Transfer to GAR Fund	\$4,800
	Total Expenses	\$8,230
	Net Gain/Loss	\$0

		Grand Total Income	\$211,880
		Grand Total Expenses	\$207,935
		Net Difference Income - Expenses	\$3,945
		Total Reserve Funds Use	\$2,465
		Net Change in Assets	\$1,480

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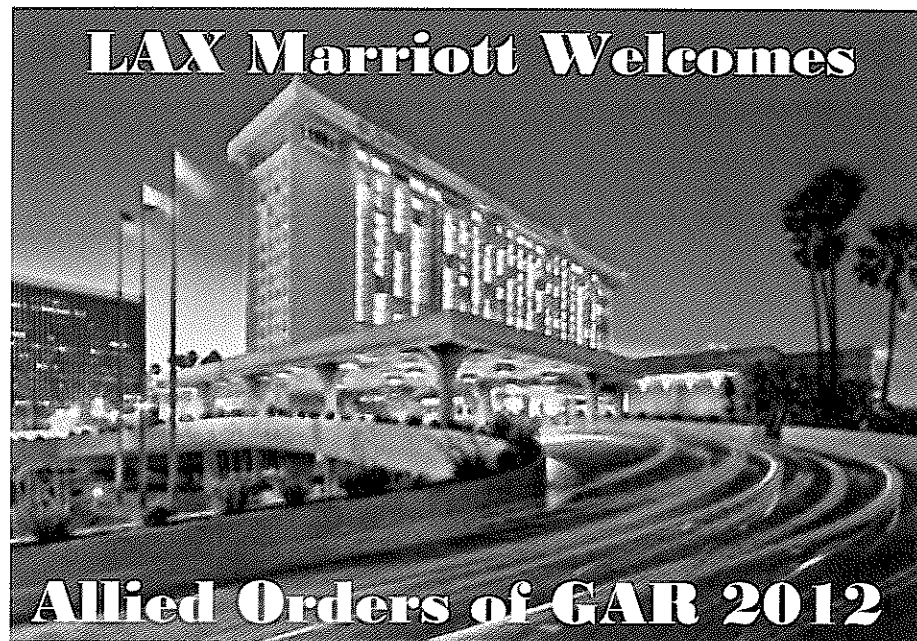
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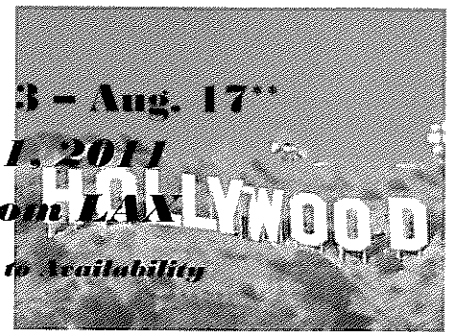
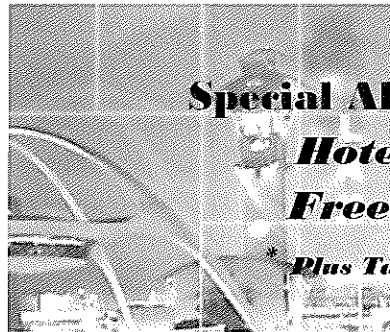


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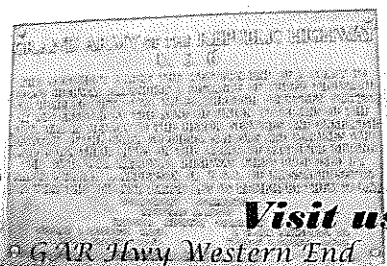
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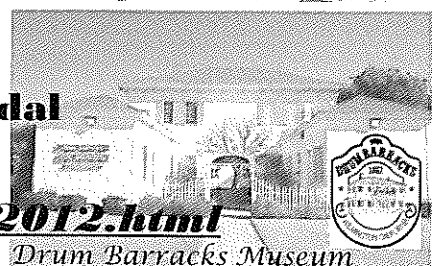
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