

# **PROCEEDINGS**

## **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**



## **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**LOS ANGELES AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
AUGUST 9 THROUGH 12, 2012**

### **131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment Delegates Badge**



### **Souvenir 131st National Encampment Medal**



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## 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 ev'ning prayer.  
When one year ago we gathered,  
Joy was in his mild blue eye.  
Now the golden cord is severed,  
And our hopes in ruin lie.

### CHORUS:

***We shall meet, but we shall miss him.  
There will be one vacant chair.  
We shall linger to caress him  
While we breathe our ev'ning 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 the banner  
Thro' the thickest of the fight  
And uphold our country's honor  
In the strength of manhood's might.

### CHORUS

True, they tell us wreaths of glory  
Evermore will deck his brow,  
But this soothes the anguish only,  
Sweeping o'er our heartstrings now.  
Sleep today, O early fallen,  
In thy green and narrow bed.  
Dirges from the pine and cypress  
Mingle with the tears we shed.

### CHORUS

## MEMORIAL SERVICE Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic



Woman's Relief Corps

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Los Angeles, California  
Friday, August 10, 2012

## **.Joint Memorial Service**

### **Processional**

“NEARER MY GOD TO THEE”

### **Draping of Charters**

SANDRA STUART, National Chaplain, LGAR  
JEROME W. KOWALSKI, National Chaplain, SUVCW  
ALLISON GRAFF, National Chaplain, ASUVCW

### **Lighting of the Candles**

JUDY ROCK, National President, LGAR  
DONALD D. PALMER, JR., Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW  
ANNE SOSNOWSKI, National President, ASUVCW

### **Invocation**

JEROME W. KOWALSKI, National Chaplain, SUVCW

### **Hymn**

“THE VACANT CHAIR”

### **Reading**

ALLISON GRAFF, National Chaplain, ASUVCW

## **Tributes of Memory**

### **Past National Presidents, LGAR**

### **Past Commanders-in-Chief, SUVCW**

### **Past National Presidents, ASUVCW**

### **Deceased Officers & Members**

National Chaplains

### **Closing Hymn**

“AMAZING GRACE”

### **Benediction**

SANDRA STUART, National Chaplain, LGAR

### **Extinguishing of the Candles**

JUDY ROCK, National President, LGAR  
DONALD D. PALMER, JR., Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW  
ANNE SOSNOWSKI, National President, ASUVCW

### **Recessional**

“BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC”



*Final Roll Call  
Joint Memorial Program*

*Allied Orders of the  
Grand Army of the Republic*

*Los Angeles, California  
August 10, 2012*

*We respect and honor the memory of the following Past National Heads  
of the Allied Orders who have passed during the last year:*

**NANCY A. CONAWAY (Dec. 26, 1930 – Jan. 29, 2012)**

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
*National President 1979-1980*

**PATRICIA MULLENIX (July 2, 1949 – Feb. 6, 2012)**

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865  
*National President 2006-2007*

**ALAN R. LOOMIS (Sep. 16, 1934 – March 19, 2012)**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
*Commander-in-Chief 1996-1997*

**EILEEN R. COOMBS (Sept. 9, 1925 – Sept. 20, 2011)**

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
*National President 1971-1972*

**ISABELLA J. ROBERTS (Sept. 28, 1924 – Jan. 5, 2012)**

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
*National President 1986-1987*

**MARY SCOFIELD (Aug. 15, 1915 – Nov. 11, 2011)**

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
*National President 2001-2002*

*We also honor the memory of the following Brothers and Sisters of the  
Allied Orders whose passing has been reported during the last year:*

Francis L. Akins	(1927-2011)	Brett Bower	( -2012)
Charles W. Allen	(1916-2012)	Ronald Bowers	( -2011)
Thomas J. Allen	(1927-2011)	Rosalyn L. Brown	(1928-2011)
Lou E. Ayers	(1924-2011)	Elvin E. Brown	(1932-2007)
Arthur D. Batten	(1944-2010)	Lawrence R. Brown, Sr.	(1938-2011)
Richard J. Beach	(1925-2011)	Thomas J. Brown, Jr.	(1950-2011)
Carl G. Becker	(1927-2011)	Craig Brown	( -2007)
David R. Beckermann	(1956-2012)	George E. Brush, Jr.	(1917-2010)
Irma L. Beinhorn	(1924-2011)	John R. Burch, Sr.	(1945-2012)
Herb L. Bennett	( -2011)	Henry R. Burke	(1940-2012)
Madeline G. Bennett	(1951-2012)	Daniel A. Burns	(1958-2010)
William R. Bennett	(1956-2012)	Stella M. Case	(1918-2012)
Helen Bigge	( -2011)	Chadwick E. Chester	(1921-2011)
Marcel K. Black	(1925-2012)	Roger E. Church	(1927-2012)
Carl E. Boas	(1941-2011)	Lydia D. Chute	(1912-2012)
Michael S. Boley	(1943-2012)	Larry D. Cockerham	(1947-2011)
Mary A. Bordy	(1907-2012)	Edward E. Cogswell	(1939-2011)

<i>Newton C. Coleman</i>	<i>(1926-2010)</i>	<i>Joann Hilliard</i>	<i>(1935-2011)</i>
<i>R. Larry Comstock</i>	<i>(1932-2011)</i>	<i>Phillip R. Hinman</i>	<i>(1934-2012)</i>
<i>Donald E. Cook</i>	<i>(1936-2011)</i>	<i>Pamela Snow Hinton</i>	<i>(1952-2011)</i>
<i>Clifford W. Cox</i>	<i>( -2012)</i>	<i>Linda L. Hohn</i>	<i>(1944-2011)</i>
<i>Gerald R. Crawford</i>	<i>(1929-2012)</i>	<i>George V. Holland</i>	<i>(1918-2006)</i>
<i>Lois A. Cromer</i>	<i>(1928-2012)</i>	<i>Austin C. Hopper</i>	<i>(1936-2010)</i>
<i>Kreaton H. Cullimore</i>	<i>(1922-2011)</i>	<i>Keith M. Howell</i>	<i>(1948-2011)</i>
<i>Dolores B. Curry</i>	<i>(1926-2011)</i>	<i>William D. Hubbard</i>	<i>(1935-2010)</i>
<i>Iris B. Dahl</i>	<i>(1917-2011)</i>	<i>James R. Hurst</i>	<i>(1931-2011)</i>
<i>Richard H. Davis</i>	<i>(1930-2011)</i>	<i>Eileen L. Hustad</i>	<i>(1924-2011)</i>
<i>Donna L. Deavers</i>	<i>(1929-2011)</i>	<i>Gary T. Johnson</i>	<i>( -2012)</i>
<i>Kevin A. DeFreest</i>	<i>(1952-2011)</i>	<i>Thelma Jones</i>	<i>( - )</i>
<i>Nova R. Degginger</i>	<i>(1918-2011)</i>	<i>David W. Kaiser</i>	<i>(1947-2011)</i>
<i>Loretta J. DeSantis</i>	<i>(1932-2012)</i>	<i>Margaret L. Keeley</i>	<i>(1918-2010)</i>
<i>James M. Deuel</i>	<i>(1919-2011)</i>	<i>Rosalyn C. Keifer</i>	<i>(1928-2011)</i>
<i>Justin L. Dingman</i>	<i>(1941-2008)</i>	<i>Elder M. Kerr, Jr.</i>	<i>(1920-2011)</i>
<i>David L. Dirk</i>	<i>(1940-2011)</i>	<i>Doris B. Kfan</i>	<i>(1919-2012)</i>
<i>John Driscoll</i>	<i>(1923-2011)</i>	<i>Richard D. Koontz</i>	<i>(1931-2011)</i>
<i>Anna L. Smith Dobbs</i>	<i>(1919-2012)</i>	<i>Joseph F. Kopchak</i>	<i>(1933-2011)</i>
<i>Natoa "Nate" Dorn</i>	<i>(1948-2012)</i>	<i>Audrey Kurtz Kyle</i>	<i>(1928-2012)</i>
<i>Clifton J. Dougal</i>	<i>(1944-2010)</i>	<i>Audrey K. Kyles</i>	<i>(1928-2012)</i>
<i>Robert C. Drennan</i>	<i>(1942-2011)</i>	<i>Ellsworth W. LaMott</i>	<i>(1941-2012)</i>
<i>Raynold Eggemeyer</i>	<i>(1930-2010)</i>	<i>Roger W. Lane</i>	<i>(1927-2011)</i>
<i>Margery Emge</i>	<i>( - )</i>	<i>Robert H. LaPoint</i>	<i>(1923-2011)</i>
<i>Linda J. Fields</i>	<i>(1949-2009)</i>	<i>Constance R. Latta</i>	<i>(1927-2011)</i>
<i>Joyce Ammenson Flint</i>	<i>(1949-2011)</i>	<i>Kenneth W. Leavens</i>	<i>(1922-2005)</i>
<i>Patricia A. Frerotte</i>	<i>(1959-2012)</i>	<i>Dudley W. Letson III</i>	<i>(1930-2010)</i>
<i>Truman W. Fugate</i>	<i>(1921-2010)</i>	<i>John P. Lindsley</i>	<i>(1911-2012)</i>
<i>Lawrence R. Fuller</i>	<i>(1927-2011)</i>	<i>Francis M. Litchfield</i>	<i>(1921-2010)</i>
<i>Charles E. Funck III</i>	<i>(1936-2011)</i>	<i>Sandra L. Longpre</i>	<i>(1950-2012)</i>
<i>Virginia A. Garabrandt</i>	<i>(1945-2010)</i>	<i>Bruce Looper</i>	<i>(1916-2010)</i>
<i>Harvey J. Gennaria</i>	<i>(1923-2011)</i>	<i>John W. W. Loose</i>	<i>(1925-2011)</i>
<i>Mary V. Girton</i>	<i>(1925-2012)</i>	<i>Laurance Lord</i>	<i>(1923-2010)</i>
<i>Galen G. Good</i>	<i>(1926-2011)</i>	<i>James D. Lovell</i>	<i>(1935-2011)</i>
<i>George W. Goodale</i>	<i>(1930-2010)</i>	<i>Earl E. Lucius</i>	<i>(1938-2011)</i>
<i>Ralph E. Graybill</i>	<i>(1934-2010)</i>	<i>Charles K. Mabie</i>	<i>(1933-2010)</i>
<i>James P. Greaves</i>	<i>(1934-2011)</i>	<i>Eugene P. Maier, Sr.</i>	<i>(1921-2009)</i>
<i>Thelma Griffin</i>	<i>( - )</i>	<i>Ruth Mae Malony</i>	<i>( - )</i>
<i>Sebastian R. Hafer</i>	<i>( - )</i>	<i>Ruth Mary Conrad Maples</i>	<i>(1917-2012)</i>
<i>Leo Hall</i>	<i>( -2011)</i>	<i>Irma M. Markus</i>	<i>(1909-2011)</i>
<i>Richard W. Hammond</i>	<i>(1937-2009)</i>	<i>Edith L. Mazurek</i>	<i>(1924-2011)</i>
<i>Harry H. Harland</i>	<i>(1934-2012)</i>	<i>Lesie M. Clark McCardle</i>	<i>(1951-2012)</i>
<i>Albert Harper, Jr.</i>	<i>(1940-2012)</i>	<i>Shirley J. McDonald</i>	<i>(1927-2011)</i>
<i>Ronald L. Harszy</i>	<i>(1938-2011)</i>	<i>Walter R. McGonegal</i>	<i>(1940-2011)</i>
<i>Richard F. Haver</i>	<i>(1919-2011)</i>	<i>Donna Menser</i>	<i>( -2011)</i>
<i>Mary Susan Hayward</i>	<i>(1941-2011)</i>	<i>Barry G. Minnicks, Sr.</i>	<i>(1933-2010)</i>
<i>John H. Heckman</i>	<i>(1927-2012)</i>	<i>Richard D. Moffatt</i>	<i>(1928-2011)</i>
<i>Beatrice E. Heinonen</i>	<i>(1927-2011)</i>	<i>Sharon Moore</i>	<i>( - )</i>
<i>Clifford Henke</i>	<i>(1929-2012)</i>	<i>Kirby R. Morgan</i>	<i>(1929-2011)</i>
<i>William F. Heyd III</i>	<i>(1947-2012)</i>	<i>Robert E. Morris</i>	<i>(1941-2012)</i>
<i>Mark E. Hileman</i>	<i>(1953-2011)</i>	<i>Beverly J. Muller</i>	<i>(1930-2011)</i>
<i>Robert R. Hileman, Jr.</i>	<i>(1945-2012)</i>	<i>Robert W. Mulvihill</i>	<i>(1936-2012)</i>

Gene P. Murdock	(1933-2012)	Eugene R. Snyder	(1932-2007)
Jerry P. Myers	(1935-2011)	Edward A. Spear	(1943-2012)
Michael F. Myrsten	(1963-2010)	Daniel J. Spellman	(1947-2011)
Francis J. O'Connor	(1927-2012)	Max E. Stahl	(1930-2012)
John D. O'Halloran	(1928-2011)	Rita Y. Standage	(1943-2011)
Sara Hunter O'Neal	( - )	Erma Gill Stark	(1925-2012)
Ella L. O'Neill	(1914-2011)	Toni Starkey	(1942-2012)
Edward O. C. Ord IV	(1930-2011)	Murray B. Stewart	(1931-2012)
Elizabeth H. Orman	(1922-2011)	Robert C. Stroud	(1938-2010)
Shirley M. Osborne	(1919-2011)	Charles W. Sullivan	(1939-2010)
Lynn R. Owens	(1944-2011)	Nancy Ann Sullivan	(1939-2011)
Harvey E. Oyer, Jr.	(1926-2010)	Hazel Sunbury	( -2011)
Forest J. Paulson	(1928-2012)	Robert E. Sweeney, Sr.	(1942-2012)
Lucy J. Peppen	(1924-2011)	Larry K. Swogger	(1936-2012)
Weldon E. Petz	(1922-2011)	Sharon Taylor	( -2012)
David L. Preshur, Sr.	(1930-2010)	Dale E. Theetge	(1946-2011)
Edgar A. Prince, Sr.	(1920-2012)	Frederick D. Thomas	(1933-2012)
Clarence F. Rabach	(1917-2011)	John J. Thomas	(1925-2009)
Cleo A. Raffety	(1913-2011)	John H. Tinley	(1947-2011)
Frederick L. Riedel, Jr.	(1928-2010)	Raymond L. Townsend	(1924-2012)
Ira S. Rion	(1924-2011)	Mary A. Traster	(1919-2010)
Jean Robinson	( - )	John E. Trayer	(1931-2012)
Ivan L. Rockwell	(1941-2011)	Charles W. Uhlinger	(1944-2011)
Craig L. Rohrer	(1938-2011)	Susan L. Van Horn	(1934-2011)
Donald J. Ryland	(1924-2011)	Iris R. Vinje	(1923-2011)
Joseph F. Salmon, Sr.	(1931-2006)	Dian Wadley	(1935-2011)
Alonza Salter	(1915-2007)	Martha H. Walker	( - )
Raymond P. Saunders	(1947-2011)	Harry G. Waltenbaugh, Sr.	(1922-2010)
John W. Schaefer	(1934-2012)	Samuel D. Wang	(1928-2011)
Catharine Schaefer	(1914-2011)	Ralph W. Warner	(1928-2011)
Eric J. Schlesier	(1969-2010)	Brian E. Watkins	(1968-2012)
Edward A. Schmidt	(1932-2012)	Charles H. Weaver	(1953-2012)
Muriel M. Scott	(1925-2011)	Ray V. Weidlich	(1928-2012)
Gordon S. Secor	(1926-2011)	Harold M. West II	(1947-2012)
Harold E. Secor	(1925-2011)	Frances C. West	( - )
Julia L. Seigfried	(1944-2012)	Jayne R. White	(1920-2011)
Vera Shafer	( - )	Percy I. Wilson, Jr.	(1931-2011)
Rex P. Sheldon	(1927-2011)	Richard L. Winger	(1935-2010)
Robert A. Shelton	(1931-2011)	Wirey, R. Gene	(1930-2012)
James H. Shoffner	(1928-2011)	Philip H. Wittnebert	(1953-2011)
Henry Shouse	(1922-2009)	Betty Jane Wogan	( - )
Charles D. Sjolander	(1925-2011)	Robert B. Wolf	(1937-2011)
Daniel B. Skelton	(1935-2010)	Stacy B. C. Wood, Jr.	(1933-2012)
Ray Skinner	(1926-2012)	Kathleen Woodrow	( - )
Harold J. Slavik, Jr.	(1946-2011)	David L. Woomer	(1932-2012)
Cora E. Mulnix Smith	(1913-2011)	Ronald C. Young	(1957-2011)
Joseph T. Smith, Jr.	(1929-2011)		
Mary R. Smith	( - )		
Mary R. Smith	(1931-2012)		
Paul R. G. Smith	(1927-2012)		
William L. Smith	( -2011)		
Robert L. Snaveley	(1919-2010)		

## The Little Bronze Button

By John L. Parker

How dear to the heart of each gray-headed soldier  
Are thoughts of the days when we still wore the blue;  
While mem'ry recalls every trial and danger;  
And scenes of the past are brought back to his view.  
Though long since discarded our arms and equipments,  
There's one thing a soldier most surely will note—  
The first thing he sees on the form of a Comrade  
Is the little bronze button he wears on his coat.

"How much did it cost," said a man to the soldier,  
"That little, flat button, you wear on your coat?"  
"Ten cents in good money," he answered the stranger,  
"And four years of marching and fighting to boot."  
The wealth of the world cannot purchase this emblem,  
Except that the buyer once wore the brave blue:  
And it shows to mankind the full marks of a here—  
A man who to honor and country was true.

Then let us be proud of the little bronze button!  
And wear it with spirit, both loyal and bold:  
Fraternally welcome each one who supports it  
With love in our hearts for the Comrades of old.  
Each day musters out whole battalions of wearers;  
And soon will be missed the loved token so dear;  
But millions to come will remember, with honor,  
The men who'd the right that bronze button to wear.

The little brown button;  
The sacred bronze button:  
The Grand Army button  
He wears on his coat.

## CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

### National Encampment

### Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic



*"The Last Match"*

Los Angeles, California  
Friday, August 10, 2012

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Charles W. Mabie, PDC

### **Invocation**

Thomas E. Helmantoler, PCC  
Department Chaplain

### **Presentation of Colors**

6<sup>th</sup> Military District  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Dean A. Enderlin, PCC  
Cynthia L. Eddy, PAP  
Department Patriotic Instructors

### **Greetings**

Glen L. Roosevelt, PDC  
Department Commander  
Host Committee Chairman

### **Introduction of Distinguished Guests**

JUDY ROCK, NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

BARBARA STONE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

DONALD D. PALMER, JR., COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

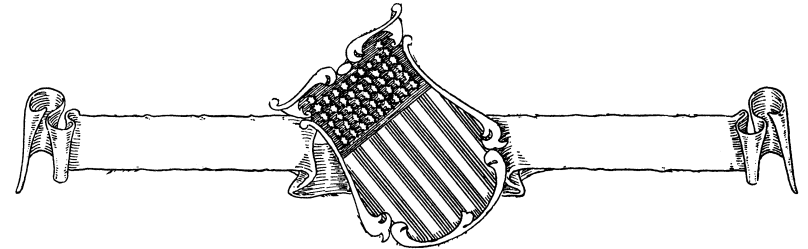
ANNE L. SOSNOWSKI, NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **Entertainment**

"History of Taps"

by Dr. Gary Thomas Scott  
Director of the Band of the California Battalion

### **Closing Ceremonies**



*Everyone is invited to stay for the Courtesy Hour  
immediately following this program.*

### **Order of Appearance of Departments for the Courtesy Hour**

- |                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Missouri            | 16. Ohio                     |
| 2. Pennsylvania        | 17. Texas                    |
| 3. Tennessee           | 18. New Hampshire            |
| 4. Oklahoma            | 19. New Jersey               |
| 5. Vermont             | 20. Indiana                  |
| 6. Chesapeake          | 21. Georgia & South Carolina |
| 7. Massachusetts       | 22. Camps-at-Large           |
| 8. Iowa                | 23. Illinois                 |
| 9. Wisconsin           | 24. Rhode Island             |
| 10. Kansas             | 25. Kentucky                 |
| 11. Nebraska           | 26. Membership-at-Large      |
| 12. Maine              | 27. Florida                  |
| 13. North Carolina     | 28. New York                 |
| 14. Colorado & Wyoming | 29. Michigan                 |
| 15. Connecticut        | 30. California & Pacific     |

## About The Band of the California Battalion

Our entertainment is an accurate portrayal of a battalion or brigade level band of the Union Army during the Civil War. The instrumentation is completely different from the modern concert band. The Civil War era band did not utilize woodwind instruments. Amongst the brass instruments, there are no French Horns or Trombones. These omitted instruments were much too fragile to stand up to rigorous field usage.

The band is made entirely of a single family of brass instruments called sax horns. These instruments were developed by Adolph Sax who later developed the saxophone. The sax horns blended together with a mellow tone quality when played softly or bright and brassy when played loudly.

A group such as this would be expected to provide music for all military occasions. A typical band would play for military formations, parades, dances, social events, religious services, and during actual battles.

Nothing during this period in history kept a soldier marching and fighting like a good meal and a good band. Many regiments owe their success to the motivation provided by their bands.

This type of band remained popular from about 1845 to the 1880s. Its dominance was eclipsed by the wind orchestra or concert band instrumentation popularized by band leaders like John Philip Sousa. The wind orchestra required around 50 musicians and thus was not practical or economical for field usage. This larger band became a fixture of the permanent army post rather than following the soldiers into battle.

The Band of the California Battalion has the appearance of a band that has been in the field for some time. The flashy parade garb has given way to standard infantry and cavalry uniforms. Due to casualties, replacements had to be garnered from other branches of the service. You will notice uniforms of the infantry, cavalry, engineers, medical service, and even a naval cadet. The band kept the army together so top priority was given to keeping the musical ensemble intact.

Visit them on the web  
<http://civilwarband.lbcc.cc.ca.us>

## BANQUET OF THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC



Los Angeles, California  
Saturday, August 11, 2012



*Master of Ceremonies ..... Donald W. Shaw*  
*SUNCW National Chief of Staff*

*Presentation of Colors ..... 6<sup>th</sup> Military District, SVR*

*Invocation ..... Allison Graff*  
*ASUNCW National Chaplain*

*Pledge to the Flag..... John Bates & Rachelle Campbell*  
*National Patriotic Instructors*

*Introduction of Specials Guests ..... Donald W. Shaw*  
*SUNCW National Chief of Staff*

*Greetings ..... Glen L. Roosevelt*  
*Commander, Dept. of California & Pacific*

*Tributes to Fathers & Mothers... Ladies of the G.A.R.*

*Presentation of Door Prizes ..... Charles W. Mabie*  
*Past Commander, Dept. of California & Pacific*

*Benediction ..... Jerome Kowalski*  
*SUNCW National Chaplain*



*Salad*  
*Mixed Green Salad*

*Entrées*  
*Oregano Roasted Chicken Breast*  
*Grilled Salmon*  
*Boneless Beef Short Ribs*

*Vegetarian Entrée*  
*Vegetable Napoleon-Portobello*

*Dessert*  
*Pyramid Chocolate Cake*



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**Donald D. Palmer  
Commander-in-Chief  
2011-2012**

Donald D. Palmer, Jr. of Ballwin, Missouri was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 130th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in Reston, Virginia on 13 August 2011. In the 130-year history of the SUVCW, he is the first Missourian to be elected Commander-in-Chief.

Don claimed his right to membership through his great-great grandfather, Sylvester J. Alden, who served as a private in Co. D, 11th Iowa Infantry. He has also researched 14 other members of his family known to have served in the Union forces during the Civil War. Don's interest in the Civil War began when, as a child, he was shown an old tin-type photo of his great-great grandfather in uniform as well as letters he wrote home to his wife. A number of these letters were written during Sherman's march to the sea and the subsequent siege of Savannah, Georgia.

Don joined Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 located in St. Louis, Missouri in December 1997. He served in a number of Camp offices, including Camp Commander in 2000. At the Department level, Don held a number of appointed and elected positions, eventually leading to three terms as Missouri Department Commander from 2001 to 2004. His involvement at the National level began during the 2003-2004 administrative year, serving as chairman of the GAR Post Records Committee. Since then, he has twice served as National Chief of Staff (2004-2005 and 2006-2007), one term as National Secretary (2007-2010), Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (2010-2011) and most recently being elected as Commander-in-Chief. Don is also a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), holding a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in Co. A, 2nd Missouri Infantry and also serves as a private in the 1st Missouri Engineers. In addition to his activities associated with the SUVCW and SVR, Don is also active in the Allied Orders Central Region Association, having served as Secretary/Treasurer and as chairman of the Central Region By-Laws Committee. He has also served on the Inter-Veterans Memorial Day Committee for Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Civil War Museum project at Jefferson Barracks.

Don is the youngest child of Don Sr. and Lucy Palmer. He is a graduate of West High School in Waterloo, Iowa and attended college at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he received a B.S. degree in Physics and a M.S. degree in Materials Science and Engineering. He later received a doctorate in Materials Science and Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis. Don's father, a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, taught him early on to learn and honor the family heritage. During his youth, he learned about the exploits of his 10th great-grandfathers.....John Alden, who came to the new world aboard the Mayflower in 1620, and Nicholas Palmer, who was one of the founders of Windsor, the first English settlement in Connecticut in 1636. He would learn about his 5th great grandfather, Israel Alden, a resident of the Berkshires, who served in the Massachusetts Militia during the American Revolution. In addition to his membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Don is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (Spirit of St. Louis Chapter), Order of Founders and Patriots of America (Illinois Society) and the Society of Mayflower Descendants (Missouri Society).

Don's interest in airplanes and space travel led to his pursuing a career in the aerospace industry. He began his career in October 1987, joining The Boeing Company (formerly McDonnell Douglas Corporation) in St. Louis, MO as a Material and Process Engineer. During his career, Don received a commendation from the U.S. Air Force for his work in introducing new technology to reduce maintenance costs associated with aging bomber and tanker aircraft. He was also appointed to a NASA-led committee to investigate new nondestructive testing technologies to evaluate Space Shuttle structures for damage in the wake of the shuttle Columbia accident. Don holds three patents with three pending and has authored over 50 papers published in technical journals and conference proceedings. His string of significant engineering accomplishments was recognized in September 2004 as he was elected a Boeing Fellow. Don also received national recognition, being elected a Fellow of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing in 2010.

Don currently lives in Ballwin, Missouri with his wife Kimberly and children John and Sarah. John is currently a Junior in the SUVCW.

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment, August 10, 2012**

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, I guess everyone's here that's going to be here. The officers and delegates of the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order. I will announce before we get started that I am appointing the following Brothers as Encampment Officers. For Guard, Brother Tom Helmantoler, from the Department of California and Pacific. For Guide, Brother Eric Graph, from the Department of Wisconsin. And also, our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley has been excused. I will ask that Brother Don Martin fill the vacancy at that station, which he already has. In addition, as our National Patriotic Instructor has been excused, I ask that Brother Ed Norris fill the vacancy at that station. So, now that we have everything covered, I will ask the Guide to determine if all are entitled to remain, Color bearer assisting on the right.

**Eric Graph, Guide**

Sir, we find all are entitled to remain.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in Chief**

Thank you very much, I will ask that the Color Guard post the colors.

(Posting of Colors by Color Guard with drum and fife music)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The National Color Bearer will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The National Secretary will please call the roll of officers.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief Palmer	Present.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mellor	Present.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Freshley	Excused.
National Treasurer, Richard Orr	Present.
National Quartermaster, Wheeler	Present.
Council of Administration Member Vieira	Excused.
Council of Administration Member Petrovic	Present.
Council Administration Member Campbell	Present.
Council of Administration Member Hammond	Present.
Council of Administration Member Martin	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall	Present.
Banner Editor, Stephen Michaels	Present.
Executive Director, David Demmy	Present.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much. Brothers, upon what principals is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

**Encampment (in unison)**

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., 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 and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our Country, to our Order, and to ourselves. The Chaplin will invoke the divine blessing.

[three raps \*\*\*]

**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 time. Bless our Order. Grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to 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, and deal with them, as 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, say Amen.

**Encampment (in unison)**

Amen.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

By the virtue of the authority invested in me, I hereby declare the 131st Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transactions of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter.

[one rap \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Chaplain, would you like to proceed with your ceremony?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Not so much ceremony, but things that I need to tell you. Last weekend I was in Boscobel, Wisconsin. The importance of that is where the Gideon's started. Brother Pahl knows about the Gideon's, if you want to know more about them. Or you can open the bottom drawer in your room and find the Bible that they put there. I bring that up because it is not mandatory that you open it, but you won't be sorry if you did. And if you want a great financial plan, read Matthew, 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. Great financial planning involved in that. You really get ahead a long way following that section. Next is that later I'm going to pass out to those who are interested the design for the Benjamin Stevenson Memorial. The city of Petersburg has agreed to assist the Sons in restoring the area around the current monument and cannons in Petersburg. So that in 2016 when we have our encampment there, we can honor the



founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. It's going to cost thousands of dollars. Five years ago, I asked for money from the encampment. It was agreed to by the encampment to give a thousand dollars for the project but I couldn't find anybody to help me with it. So, we didn't do it. Now, because 2016 is coming, just four years off, we're ready to do it. If you'd like to put a name of one of your ancestors, or your name, or your camp's name on a paver block, that will be available. That is what will help ultimately support that rather expensive project. You'll see what the design looks like. The proper paperwork will be turned in along with that so that the money can be given to the city of Petersburg to do that particular project. Next item is, I'm going to ask the encampment C&R Committee to consider having an award for, not chaplain of the year, but to recognize a particular chaplain in a camp or department who has done an extraordinary job. What brings this to mind and my need for doing this is the extraordinary job that Brother Skip has done in Florida. In the website, which you can access through the SUVVCW.org site, he's got a daily Chaplain's corner. Using Civil War and Abraham Lincoln stuff, and if you ever need a little Ferwerino, it's the place to go. He's done an outstanding job and his chemotherapy doesn't seem to be working as well as it should. So, it's not going to be a fancy medal. It's going to be just something that the Chaplain gives with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief upon recommendation of Camp Commanders and Department Commanders. I'm going to ask the encampment to agree with that and give it the C&R for deliberation. There is going to be, tomorrow at noon, a Masonic luncheon in the West room of the restaurant, that's got the lower priced food.

#### **Encampment**

(laughter)

#### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Chaplain. Just a couple of announcements. Actually introducing at least one guest that's here and one guest that will be here. I'd like to introduce Brother Jeffrey Burden who is Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

#### **Encampment**

Applause.

#### **Jeffrey Burden, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

#### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. And I was going to say, Brother Burden is also Brother of the SUVVCW. So, he is a Brother here to kill two birds with one stone. Also, Commander-in-Chief Michael Gibbons, from the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be joining us. He will be attending the banquet tomorrow night and will be presenting greetings at that time. Commander Roosevelt, would you like to bring greetings from the host Department?

#### **Glen L. Roosevelt, Department Commander of California**

Brothers, welcome to your one hundred and thirty-first Annual National Encampment. We welcome you to Los Angeles and we thank you all for going through the time and expense to join us here for your encampment. We trust that you will have an enjoyable encampment and we will all cooperate in fraternity charity and loyalty to do good for our Order. I have a couple of greetings from the local government that I'd like to read if you wouldn't mind. First, from the City of Los Angeles, certificate of congratulations. As the Mayor of the city of Los Angeles and on behalf of its residence, it is my pleasure to recognize the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic on the occasion of the

One Hundred and Thirty-First National Encampment of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Best wishes for a memorable event and a successful future. August Tenth, Twenty-Twelve. Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Mayor. I will give that to you, sir. And then from the County of Los Angeles. Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic National Encampment. Whereas four of the five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic are holding their Annual National Encampment at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel from August Eighth to the Thirteenth, Twenty-Twelve. Those Orders being the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Whereas they will also celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last National Grand Army of the Republic Encampment to be held in Los Angeles on September Ninth through the Twelfth, Nineteen Twelve and whereas they have enjoyed a long and cooperative relationship with the County of Los Angeles dating back to at least 1881. Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby congratulates the members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic on the occasion of their National Encampments and recognize their dedication to honor and remember the history of their Union Civil War ancestors who fought and gave their service to preserve the Union during 1861 to 1865. Adopted by order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, August Eighth, Twenty-Twelve. Don Knabe, Supervisor 4<sup>th</sup> District; Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman of the Board, Supervisor 3<sup>rd</sup> District; Gloria Molina, Supervisor 1<sup>st</sup> District; Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Mike Antonovich, Supervisor 5<sup>th</sup> District. Again, we thank you for allowing us to host the 131<sup>st</sup> Encampment here in Los Angeles. And if I could have, just for a moment, I am going to ask all the Brothers from the Department of California and Pacific to please stand up. These are your Brothers that made this Encampment possible for you, either by their direct work on our host committee, their contributions over the several years of planning and if nothing else, just moving some stuff around the hotel. Thank you Brothers.

### **Encampment**

Applause.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Just for clarification purposes, I know for those of you who did not attend the joint opening I did have a couple of Brothers ask me about what I am wearing here. And no, I did not cross a jungle on my way to the meeting today. This is actually a male version of a lei that as the Department of California and Pacific, Hawaii is part of that and so that's the theme that's carried. The ladies have the flowered lei and so obviously they wanted to make me look more masculine, I guess, so I am okay.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

A few rules for the encampment to help govern our deliberations for the next few days. The encampment will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, the 10<sup>th</sup> edition, which Brother Pahl has sitting in front of him in case we need to reference it. Rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Encampment body present and voting. The National Counselor will serve as Parliamentarian. Officers and committee chairs shall not read their submitted written reports aloud, however, if there is any addition to the reports that have come about since they've submitted them, they can provide that information, but they should also note any recommendations in the reports that they have. Reports are not to exceed five minutes in length of time in any case. While speaking on an issue of this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice to any issue each time not to exceed five minutes. The exceptions being granted by two-thirds vote of the Encampment. Except that person making the motion may answer questions and use up to two minutes to close the debate which privilege shall not be cancelled by action ordering the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the

right to limit the debate on any particular issue, including but not limited to, designating the maximum number of speakers allowed to speak as to each side of the question on the floor. Cell phones are to be turned off or be set to vibrate to alert for incoming call. A cell phone conversation will take place outside the Encampment room. At the sound of the gavel prior to the election of officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to enter until the session is completed. All discussions shall be conducted in a spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. In general voting, please use your voting card. It's the blue card that was handed to you as you registered. Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting, including but not limited to, private ballot, rising or roll call voting, as he deems appropriate from time to time. All motions, amendments, substitutions, or other actions initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or corrections of spelling or typographical errors, shall be in writing for the minutes of the National Secretary and for final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. The Encampment committee shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving those items on the floor of this Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendation to adopt, reject, refer, or other appropriate action. When rising to address the Encampment to be recognized by the Chair, use one of the available microphones. It's a pretty big room so it's going to be hard to hear from the back. Upon being recognized, salute the Chair and announce your name, Department, and your national office so we make sure we have that accurate for the proceedings. Additional notes, any requests for funds from a Special Projects Funds or other funds of the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to noon tomorrow with complete information as to what the project is, who is chairing the project, and the address for which any award may be mailed. All such requests will then be presented to the National Encampment for consideration. Are there any questions? I know this has been done and we recognized them at the joint opening but I would also like to do this again. I would also like to thank the Brothers who have pre-previously stood at this station as Commander-in-Chief as they deserve our recognition and thanks. And having gone through a year of this, I understand a lot better what they went through in order to keep this Order moving forward. So, I would like to again introduce our past Commanders-in-Chiefs. If they would stand, please. Brothers, your service has been invaluable and on behalf of the Order, I thank you.

#### **Encampment**

(Applause)

#### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Also, I would also like to request those Brothers who have served in one of our Armed Forces please rise and be recognized. Now Brothers, I would like to thank you for your service.

#### **Encampment**

(Applause)

#### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, moving on. Brother Bush, do you have a preliminary report from the Credentials Committee?

#### **Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee**

Yes, sir. I do. Credential Committee reports that we have a hundred forty-two people preregistered to be at the Encampment. We currently have one hundred and thirty registered as being present. I can go down by list by whatever you want. How long do you want me to take?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Just give us the list by Department.

**Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee**

By department, we have California and Pacific has forty-six present. I will break that one down since they're the largest. One Past Commander-in-Chief, five past department commanders, fifteen delegates, twenty-seven alternates. Chesapeake has eleven present; Colorado/Wyoming, none; Connecticut, zero; Florida, one; Georgia and South Carolina, two; Illinois, three; Indiana, three; Iowa, four; Kansas, none; Kentucky, none; Maine, none; Massachusetts, six; Michigan, seven; Missouri, six; Nebraska, one; New Hampshire, none; New Jersey, none; New York, two; North Carolina, one; Ohio, twelve; Oklahoma, none; Pennsylvania, six; Rhode Island, three; Tennessee, three; Texas, two; Vermont, none; Wisconsin, four; National Members at Large, one; Camps at Large, four. For a total of one hundred and three.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much. Okay, with that out of the way, I'd like to appoint the additional Encampment committees. Constitution and Regulations, Brother Bob Grimm, Chair; Brad Shaw; George Powell; and Don Darby. Resolutions, I'd like to appoint Brother Steve as Chair; Ryan Pearson; Alan Teller and Jeff Albanese. Committee and Officers Reports, I'd like to report appoint Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy as Chair; Don Shaw; David LaBrot and Marty Aubuchon. For the Committee on Fraternal Relations, I have coordinated this with the ladies. I am going to try to accompany the Fraternal Relations Committees appointed to the specific ladies organizations as I would like to spend enough time with them this year, I'd like to present greetings as well. But for the Auxiliary I would like, in addition to myself, George Powell and David Sosnowski. And for the response to the Auxiliary, in fact the response to all three Orders that are going to be presenting greetings, being the Auxiliary, the Ladies of the Grand Army, and the Daughters, I'd like that to be past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson. For the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, in addition to myself, would be Brother Alan Teller and Brother Dave Arnold. And the greetings were presented to the Daughters of Union Veterans last night at their opening ceremony so we will have no committee visit them as that's been taken care of. Okay, before we get into the reports of officers I wanted to do one more thing as a preliminary and I know we went through the Memorial Service this morning but I was struck by the sheer number of Brothers and Sisters that have passed on this year. And it was extremely evident to me when I was in Pennsylvania at their Department Encampment this year. I think that in their Department alone had twenty-seven. And I remembered that the placement of flowers was very significant. So, just in recognition of the significant loss to our Order this year in addition to what was presented at the Memorial Service this morning, I would like everyone to please stand for a moment of silence for all the Brothers that have passed.

**Silence**

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

[one rap \*]

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Rich and I are going to fight over this. Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl acting as Parliamentarian there is another Encampment Committee required to appoint and that is Rituals and Ceremonies. And there is a proposed change to the ritual out of the Department of Pennsylvania so they do have something that they would need to consider at this Encampment.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We will appoint a committee on Rituals and Ceremonials. And as chairman of that committee, I'm gonna appoint Brother Mike Paquette; and in addition to Brother Paquette Brother Steve Westlake; and Brother Jeff Hintzy. That will be the committee on Rituals and Ceremonials. And if there's any questions as far as specific deliberations that are required of that, please see the Parliamentarian.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I would ask, on Robert's Rules of Order that you make one deviation from this. Robert's Rules of Order does not permit the Parliamentarian to sit at the front desk and make rulings or issues. I would ask that you allow, just for the sake of time, Jim Pahl to stand there and make his Parliamentarian decisions rather than getting up, walking down here, and going back.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So ruled.

[one rap \*]

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl. Past Commander-in-Chief Darby, that's not what the Robert's Rules of Order says. The Parliamentarian can address things of Parliamentary procedure from the head table. What Robert's Rules of Order says is that he cannot address the encampment as a member of the encampment nor vote while he's seated at the head table. So to participate in debate, I would have to leave this station or to vote I would have to leave this station. But when acting as Parliamentarian, I can make those rulings from the head table.

**Donald D. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, I just asked to let him sit there and do...

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

...I was just going to say, in the end, the mic is up here and he's going to be talking anyways, so...Okay. Thank you. It is now time for the reports of our National Officers and I guess I get to go first. I would entertain a motion from the floor that officer's reports be referred to the Officer's Report Encampment Committee.

**Several**

So moved.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. All in favor of the motion, say Aye.

**Encampment**

Aye.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Cards?! Let's get practice using the cards. Opposed?

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, so ruled. I will officially pass the gavel to the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief as I give my report. We do it ceremoniously. Officers, delegates, and brothers attending the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it has been an honor serving as Commander-in-Chief of our Order this year. It is hard to believe that a year had gone by since my election in Reston, Virginia. It has been a year of highs, with significant advances in a number of our programs. And a year of lows with the passing of so many of our passed Allied Orders and National Leaders. But through it all, I have maintained a focus on moving our Order forward. Upon taking office, I put forth the vision to be recognized by government, academia, and the general public as a leading source of information pertaining to: one; history, genealogy, and preservation initiatives associated with the Grand Army of the Republic and the soldiers, sailors, and marines who fought to preserve the Union and two; patriotism, the duties of citizenship, and honoring those that made the supreme sacrifice in defense of this nation. I refer to this as Vision 2020, a snapshot of what this Order should look like by that year. As part of this vision, a survey was conducted, to pulse the membership on their views of the organization at National, Department, and Camp levels. The results of this survey proved to be invaluable with the Brothers taking a critical look at the organization that presented constructive and innovative ideas. A vision isn't any good without a strategic plan to provide some details on how we are going to get there. The survey results we used to develop this plan included in this strategy are goals related to growth, research, preservation, education, marketing and promotion, communication, technology, and financial health. The survey results of the strategic plan will be presented during this encampment. The organization faced another situation with the Internal Revenue Service with the ruling that donations made to our subordinate organizations are not tax deductible. This came as a surprise as it was contrary to the 1967 tax determination letter. The immediate reaction was to file an appeal, but the long-term solution was to file for 501(c)(3) tax determination. With over 90% responding favorably to the survey question regarding a transition to 501(c)(3), this was clearly the direction that the Brothers wanted to go. As a result, the Council of Administration has taken action to contract with a tax attorney to file the paperwork. We want to file once. We want it done right. Once the application is submitted, it could take up to nine months to gain approval, but this is a critical step as a large part of our long-term strategic plan is dependent upon a 501(c)(3) tax determination. We had success with a number of our major programs. We completed the first phase of the date base redesign associated with the graves registration data base. Also, thanks to the Civil War Memorial's Committee, the path forward for the Civil War Memorial's Program has been determined and it is now on the national website. Major advances were also made with the GAR post records program with data formats established and a tool ready to be placed on the website. As we moved in to the second year of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the SUVVCW continued to promote public awareness of this significant anniversary with twenty-five signature events approved this past administrative year. I received a lot of positive feedback about the quality of these events and their subsequent impact on the general public. Another focus this past year was to forge stronger ties with other four Allied Order organizations. This was validated by the survey results, where over 80% of our Brothers responded that we need to work closer together. As a result, we conducted two formal Allied Order summits, as I call them, one in Gettysburg during Remembrance Day weekend and another one in Springfield, Illinois, corresponding to the Lincoln Tomb Program. We also had opportunities to meet informally in Lansing, Michigan at the Michigan Department Encampment and in Arlington, Virginia during traditional Memorial Day

ceremonies. The discussions led to two main areas of collaboration, building membership and developing youth programs. It is my sincerest hope that my successors continue these efforts and put “allied” back in the Allied Orders. The travel schedule of the Commander-in-Chief is exhaustive. I traveled to all parts of the country attending national functions, special events, and department encampments. One thing you quickly realize is that a number of dedicated Brothers out there performing invaluable service to this organization. It’s easy for one to conclude that we have a future and it’s a good one. I have five recommendations. First recommendation, The Vision Planning Committee be elevated to a standing committee. It is important to maintain a focus on vision, strategic planning, and measuring progress towards goals. All successful corporations, be it for profit or non-profit, take this seriously and have made strategic planning a standard practice. We should be no different. The Marketing and Promotion Committee be elevated to a standing committee. Now that we have established a gaining strategy, we need to maintain it. We also need to be aware that marketing is a dynamic process and changes with internal, external, and environments. Like strategic planning, marketing and advertising must become standard practice. We appoint a Committee on Juniors be elevated to special committee status with a retirement set at the point where a comprehensive program for juniors is defined and approved. The Fraternal Relations Committee add to its responsibilities serving as a repository of information. For example: dates, times, contacts, hotel information, wreaths, and protocol related to events each year especially those that are less publicized. For example, you know, Lincoln birthday events in D.C., observed in traditional Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery, and things of that nature. This information can then be shared with the other Allied Order’s leaders so that all Allied Orders are operating with the same information. The fifth, that the Communications and Technology Committee draft a policy for SUVCW Camp and Department websites to provide details on minimum standards for acceptable websites. There is too much variability in the presentation and content of SUC...VCW Camp and Department websites. More uniformity in website presentation is needed. In conclusion, I want to say thanks to all of you who helped make this past year an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Let us stay focused on our vision, work to the plan, and achieve great things. Thank you.

#### **Encampment**

Applause.

#### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much, Brothers. Now with the Senior Vice-Commander, I will take the gavel back, and I will ask the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief for his report.

#### **Perley E. Mellor, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Perley Mellor, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. The only change I might have to my report is on page eight of the report we have two signature events. And I don’t believe they have finished yet. They are still waiting on approval from some of the council members. We should have those in another couple of days and they will be published on the website. That’s the only change I have.

#### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any recommendations?

#### **Perley E. Mellor, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, yes. Recommendations from myself, on page nine. From this point forward, any and all forms that are created, updated, or revised for the SUVCW will be sent to the Webmaster in a Word and PDF format to store for future use by the Brothers for purpose of updating or revising. This is to include any and all forms that had been created, revised, or updated during the 2011-2012 administration. As of right now, all forms have been sent to the Webmaster.



**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Mellor. Okay, the report of the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. As he has been excused due to health reasons his report is on page ten of your package. I had received no updates since that time and he has no recommendations. Report of the secretary.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Secretary's report begins on page eleven. There are a couple of additions to the report. The first one is up under motions. We had motion twenty-four which was a motion on electronic data sharing, which basically does not allow the Sons to provide personal information on the internet or other electronic means. It passed. The twenty-fifth was to authorize the National Treasurer to pay the organization's bills. So that was because of the certain times that that has to be done. The next one was under new camp having permission to form. This really is not a change, just to let everyone know that the George Steiner, Vermont Camp is ready for a charter. We just have a technical thing where we needed a couple of signatures, we'll be fine with that, and that will be done. We do have some additional correspondence. One came in just last night from the Department of California. They have provided me with a copy a Department Proclamation or endorsement for one of their Brothers, Tad Campbell, who is running for the office of Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. There was seven sections where they said wonderful things about him including how well he has prepared himself and his service to the National Order and his service member of the Council Administration and they are recommending him for election. Another one is in the form of a thank you note. I'll read it for you. I greatly appreciate the honor of being your scholarship recipient. I will be sure to put it to good use as I continue my education majoring in the one subject that is my inspiration, history. Thank you again and best wishes. Sincerely, Britta Musser. The next one is also a thank you. This was to Richard Orr on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, John T. Crawford, Camp 43 and the Indiana County Civil War Committee. I would like to thank you for the generous grant of \$500.00 from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Monument Preservation Conservation and Restoration Fund. You also have the gratitude of the 2,800 Indiana County Civil War Veterans who answered the final muster call. We will keep you informed of the future dedication of the memorial and would be honored by your presence. The next one is from the Department of New York. This is dealing with the *U.S.S. Monitor*. It was launched in Brooklyn. There is a question of eminent domain and this is basically a resolution hoping that we will also support their resolution and not let this happen. I will have this up here. I do not have copies of it but if anyone would like to come up and read it, I'll just read the very last paragraph. Be it resolved that members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of New York urge all relevant local, state, and national legislatures to support the proposal to preserve the site of the launching of the *U.S.S. Monitor* and the building upon the Green Point Monitoring Museum. And be it resolved that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Department urge its national affiliate to adopt this resolution at its annual encampment. So this needs to go to the Resolutions Committee. The next correspondence from Henry Shaw. He is who was given the responsibility by the Commander-in-Chief report on the possibility of hiring lawyers for the 501(c)(3) thing. I won't read the entire report. But he did highlight one individual that he said could do the job well. This was dealt with last night at the council administration. If anyone, again, would like to read the report by Past Commander-in-Chief Shaw, it will be available for you.

Okay, the next is a letter from member James Houston, who is also the Secretary /Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation. And it was in response in request that the Council Administration made for financial reports of their organization. Those reports are attached. I sent out to all members of the Council Administration electronically. But if anyone would like to see the physical report, I do have a couple copies available. Please come up and I'll go ahead and share those with you. Commander-in-Chief, that's all I have.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Great. Thank you very much.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Oh, no there is one last thing. On the very end of my report, there's a very important paragraph that indicates that your National Secretary is planning on running for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief in Wisconsin next year and I just want to make sure that everyone reads that. And I look forward to any support you can give me. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

You're going to slip that in.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

It's on the report.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, thank you Gene. All right. A report from the National Treasurer.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. Just some supplemental information to what's in the printed report. I do have copies of the nine ninety and the audit up here. And someone, I don't remember who, and everybody in the Council Administration denied that it was them, wanted to see a copy of our insurance policy. If you really want to read it, there it is. Whoever asked for it, I don't remember who it was. I was not going to photocopy this whole thing and mail it out to them. So, if they are here and they want to see it, there's the insurance policy. As the Commander-in-Chief said the Council Administration did vote last night to engage an attorney to help us with filing the 501(c)(3) conversion. Just so you are aware, this is not going to be cheap. Estimated cost to do the conversion all total is about \$20,000.00. And that's for National, that's not including the costs of the departments and camps. What I want to emphasize in the back of the supplement to the reports which has the financial reports is the list of the requirements of the thirty-nine states and Washington D.C. which require registration if you are a 501(c)(3) and soliciting funds within their political jurisdiction. Every camp and every department that solicits funds once we convert will be required to register with every state in which they are soliciting funds. Soliciting simply means asking in any way shape or form. If you have a website that asks for donations, the assumption by the I.R.S. and the states, is that that goes to all thirty-nine of those states and you will need to register with all thirty-nine states. In some cases, you will also need to register as a foreign corporation. For National to register in all thirty-nine of those is going to cost us roughly \$7,500.00 a year for registration fees because you need to pay a fee every year. Be forewarned. If you're not out there asking for contributions, you don't need to worry about registering. If you're only asking within the state where you reside or the community where you reside, you only need to register with your home state. In some cases, for example in California, it's entirely different. In California, and only soliciting in California, from what Brother Brad Shaw told us last night, you only have to pay a \$70.00 fee and file every three years. Unlike at the National level, because we're a foreign corporation, we have to register as a foreign corporation in California. We have to file every year and we have to pay a \$250.00 fee every year to California even if we aren't raised a single penny from California. If you've got any questions, I will try to answer them. But that brings us to another place. Effective July 1 this law had been passed quite a while ago and those of you who are CPA's know that the I.R.S. has been registering CPA's and you have to have a license from them in order to do tax work. Effective July 1, as I have been told, the I.R.S. now prohibits anyone who is not an attorney or a CPA registered

with the I.R.S. to give tax advice. It is a violation of federal law. Therefore, I can no longer legally give you any advice in dealing with the I.R.S. I will answer your questions as best I can. But I am not putting myself or the organization in jeopardy of more fines and personally potential jail time. Brother Henry Shaw says that's highly unlikely. The possibility still exists by providing you with tax advice. I can answer your questions about what you need to do. I will give you an opinion. it's your best bet to contact your own attorney if you need advice or contact a CPA and get the information off of them. Unfortunately, I know this is all part of at least in my opinion, the I.R.S.'s drive to get rid of small non-profit organizations. There is one recommendation in my report and that deals with long term planning. There was a proposal to the Council Administration eighteen months ago now to develop a fund development plan and long term financial planning. And the recommendation is that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee for the purpose of examining that proposed fund raising plan, consider other options and recommend a plan be implemented within twelve months. I think that's also part of your strategic planning effort as well so it would fall under one committee or another. But unless there's questions on the financial reports that's everything I have.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any questions? A lot of meat there so I want to give people the opportunity to ask.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. The report from our National Quartermaster.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

I have nothing more to add. I just want to thank members for their support.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Just to give Brother Wheeler a pat on the back, the Quartermaster's store is continuing to increase revenue so it's becoming more and more of a successful operation, in large part thanks to Danny. I am going to give members of the Council Administration, if they have any additions to their individual reports, I'm giving that opportunity right now. We'll have an official report of the National Council Administration later, after reports of the committees. Okay. Report of the Banner Editor.

**Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner**

I have nothing to add, sir.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Would you like to make an announcement?

**Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner**

Thank you, Brother Commander. I would. As was alluded to earlier, Wisconsin will be holding the 2013 National Encampment and in preparation of that we're holding a fundraiser this weekend. We have loyalty bonds, taking after our Brothers in the fine state of Missouri (sic). Brother Tom Brown in the back will have these loyalty bonds available to you. What that means is you can buy a loyalty bond in any denomination \$10.00 and on up. And you'll get this fine certificate signed by a Past Commander-in-Chief and a Department Commander from Wisconsin and suitable for framing in your home or office. And assuming we will be successful and we have no doubt that we will be successful you will get your money back and with the same amount of interest at your local bank gives you.

**Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner**

Or you may simply consider that a donation to the betterment of the Order and not collect on the loyalty bond. So Tom Brown at the registration table will have these at break time and he'll be happy to provide those to you. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That wasn't the announcement I was wanting. (laughing)

**Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner**

I take every opportunity I can.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, I'll do it for you. Brother Michaels has been reappointed by the Council Administration to serve as BANNER Editor for another three year term.

**Encampment**

(cheers and applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Just for your information, there is a report of the Executive Director in there. Typically the Executive Director reports directly to the Council Administration. But if you are interested in his report you can see it in the package. Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Brother Mellor.

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

Nothing further to add.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay Rich. You want to make that announcement?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Brothers, in addition to the original report, but I do want to emphasize it. The post office box will be closed when the current rental period expires the end of October. If you send mail to it, it's going to come back to you. You need to start using the 1 Lincoln Circle address that's in the report of the Executive Director. It's already on the website and the forms that have addresses on them are being changed. In fact, I think most of them have already been changed

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you Brother Orr. Report of the Camp at Large and Department Organizer. I know Brother Peterson is not here. His report is on page thirty-five if you'd like to see that. And then the next report, Liaison to MOLLUS, Brother Harrison is also not in attendance. His report is on page thirty-five through thirty-nine. It goes into a fair amount of detail on the event in Mexico. And I will ask, any Brother who was in attendance at that event, if they want to add anything to Past Commander-in Chief Harrison's report.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

I'll add one little thing about that. The TSA took my whiskey on the way back.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

He was able to substitute it with tequila so it was okay.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. A report of the National Chaplain.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Commander, there is one I would like to add to my report. For the sake of the Encampment here. You may have noticed conspicuous by his absence is Brother Ken Freshley. I don't know if you know it but he was bitten by an insect. It developed into MERSA and he had a very difficult time. He will not be returning to work until the end of this month. He wishes he could be here, but he is not. When I first found out about it thanks to past Commander-in-Chief Kennedy, I contacted him and then I asked those people on the mailing list of the Council Administration to start thanking God for the solution he had worked out to Brother Ken's problem. Brother Ken was dismissed from the hospital at the end of last month, the place where they had taken the skin that was diseased out had reduced to twenty centimeters down to three centimeters. He is healing. There's a vacuum over it. In the past, he would have been dead but the modern miracle of medicine and a lot of prayers, I think, have brought him to a place where recovery is possible and he will be able to resume as an officer in this order.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Chaplain. The report of the Member at Large Coordinator. I know Brother Russ is not in attendance. If you want to see his report, it's on page forty(40). There was a surplus based on the membership dues of the National members at large, there was a \$500.00 donation to National Organization as a result of that. The check was received by our National Treasurer, so a round of applause for Brother Russ.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Report of the National Chief of Staff.

**Donald W. Shaw, National Chief of Staff**

The problem with me and microphones is I always have to adjust down. Commander, I do have one recommendation. It is one that was covered to some extent by the recommendation that you made. And that is that we have several department websites that don't keep themselves up to date very well. And when that happens, I find out about them. It makes it hard for us as an organization to communicate with one another if we have outdated names and outdated email addresses. Worse, it makes us look bad to the public. And if we are trying to encourage someone to join this organization to have them try to contact us and then simply be told oh I'm sorry that person hasn't been with us for years or have their email come back saying that no this is a disconnected address. It makes us look bad and it is going to be something that will actually wind up driving people away. So, in keeping with the recommendation that you made, I would recommend that the departments update their websites at least once a year, preferably right after they've installed officers because then those addresses will be good all year. That's my recommendation. Thank you, sir.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Okay, the report of the National Patriotic Instructor Brother Bates is not in attendance but his report can be found on page forty-two. It looks like those items numbered one through five ...those are being referred as recommendations, so I am going to refer that to the Officer's Report Committee as recommendations. Civil War Memorials Officer, Brother Busch.

**Walter E. Busch, Civil War Memorials**

Brother Walt Busch. Commander, the only update I have to my report is that my report says that we do not have a Civil Wars Monuments webpage. Ken Freshley did put one up now so we do. And that's part of what my projected plans and recommendations are that are attached to the report. That's all I have.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you very much. And thanks for your hard work this year. Okay. Report from the Signals Officer, that's Brother Freshley again. He has provided his report on page forty-eight and forty-nine and he has no recommendations. Now the report from our esteemed Washington D.C. representative, past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson.

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Washington D. C. Representative**

Thank you very much. Andy Johnson from Chesapeake Department. Page fifty is my report and I have nothing further to add.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much. We'll have the report from the National Counselor.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief and National Counselor**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. My report starts on page fifty-one. There were six formal opinions issued. I have two items to report as to those opinions. The first is opinion number two, the rights of non-voting members of the National Council Administration. My conclusion was not what allowed people assumed the rights were and I made recommendations to the National Committee on Constitutional Regulations to amend the regulations to return the rights of non-voting members back to what we thought they were. So the proposal that will be in the C&R Committee report right now what I believe to be the case is my opinion that non-voting members still have the right to attend, the right to speak, the right to be heard, the right to make and second motions, and to be counted towards a quorum. The amendment proposed would be that non-voting members have the right to attend and speak, but they not be counted towards quorum; they do not have the right to make or second motions. And so that will come before the encampment later on. As to my opinion on must you be present to win, is what I call it. Which is number six. There's been a General Order issued that modifies my opinion number six that National Candidates for Elected National Office do not have to be present at the encampment to be elected. And our Commander-in-Chief has by General Order modified that to require that to be elected the office of Commander-in-Chief you must be present at the encampment. So those are the two changes from my report.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Questions on the Counselor's opinions? All right. Thank you very much. The report of the National Secretary for Proceedings. So there's several recommendations from the National Secretary for Proceedings. Actually, no, there's one. We need to replace the current encampment recording device. The current one is very old and outdated. It's used cassette tapes and cumbersome to

transport. We recommend the Bose KR800 digital recorder. It is two pounds in weight. The dimensions are, as you can see there, about the size of a normal hard cover book. It has four inputs just like the current recorder and have both factory standard XLR and ¼ inch TRS input connectors that use SDHD memory cards for recordings. We respectfully request the expenditure of a max of \$750.00. This will include all accessories or required extra memory cards. So, very technical but a request is there and it's a recommendation that will be forwarded to the Committee and Officer's Reports. Okay. Let's see. Assistant Secretary Department at Large, Secretary Treasurer, James Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant Secretary Department at Large**

James Pahl again. My report starts on page fifty-eight. The Order has six Camps-at-Large which are organized into the Department at Large. last year's National Encampment saw the first time in a long time that any representative of a camp at large attended National Encampment and that's because he lives in Virginia and was from the Baker Camp. This year the Arizona Camp and we have four delegates from our Camp-at-Large in Arizona, three are attending for the very first time and I would like those Brothers to stand.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**James B. Pahl, Assistant Secretary Department-at-Large**

Welcome. I have nothing further to report.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pahl and I had some communications before the encampment trying to determine if this was the first meeting of the Department at Large to elect delegates. I guess no one in recent memory can remember that happening so this may be the first in a long, long time so, welcome Brothers. Okay. We'll have the report of the Eagle Scout Coordinator, Brother Petrovic.

**Robert M. Petrovic, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator**

Nothing to report.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Actually his report is on page fifty-nine if you'd like to see that. Okay. Let's do the report of G.A.R. Highway Officer. That would be Brother Gary Parrott. I don't believe he's in attendance but his report is on page sixty, if you'd like to see that. And it does not look like he has any recommendations. Okay, report from our National Webmaster, that being Brother Freshley again. He's a busy guy, you know that? Again he is not in attendance. He does have a report there on page sixty-one and sixty-two. And he has no recommendations. The report of the Graves Registration Officer, that would be Brother Bruce Frail. He also is not in attendance. He was going to be here but that was kind of a last minute cancellation. But his report is on pages sixty-two through sixty-four and he does have several recommendations. They're fairly lengthy but you can see them on pages sixty-three and sixty-four. Those will be referred to the Committee on Officer's Reports. Let's see, G.A.R. Records Officer. That would be Brother Dean Enderlin with nothing to add. Report of our National Historian, Bob Wolz.

**Robert Wolz, National Historian**

Nothing new to add.



**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Do you want to discuss or bring forward the recommendation?

**Robert Wolz, National Historian**

In as much as we are preparing for the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War as well as the Sesquicentennial of the Grand Army, several Brothers contacted me and asked why don't we have more things on the Website. I heard that they have a problem getting names and addresses. I understand that. One of my suggestions to all of the camps and to all the departments, is to work backwards. Start recording your history now. Post it on the website and then as you get information, work backwards. Keep adding. You know, eventually you'll have all of it there. I commend the Department of Colorado who several years ago went through and found all their Past Department Commanders and put their bios up. I think that's absolutely fabulous. And I'd like to see all of our departments do it. Especially those of us that are still living. It's a little harder to get those dead pictures. But anyway, that's the suggestion and the proposal is that we, the Department Historians and National Historian have permission from the Webmaster to post things online simply lessen their burden because we don't want to give them more work than they've already got.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you, Brother Wolz. Are there any officers that I did not call that have reports to present? Going once, twice. Okay. Great. That concludes the reports of the National Officers. And let's see... Brother Gene, are there any other communications above and beyond what you presented in your Secretary's Report that need to be brought forward? We're going to have you read the resolutions after lunch, but we don't have enough time to do that.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

No, Commander-in-Chief, I do not.

**George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, Commander-in-Chief, one thing if I might...George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania luncheon will be taking place tomorrow at noon. We have the \$10.00 special that the Department of California has so graciously arranged for us. So, if anybody's interested in attending, please let me know. I have to give them a count by the end of lunch today. Thank you, sir.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, George. For the host committee, are there any other announcements that you need to make that have not been made yet that the Brothers should be aware of? Okay, I'll take that as a no. Any announcements that anyone of the Encampment would like to make at this point?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Brother, Commander-in-Chief. Don't throw rocks yet. When the Department of Illinois had an Encampment many, many years ago, the success of the Encampment was so great that each camp in the department received a \$1,000.00 check and the Department of Illinois had \$3,000.00 in its Department Treasury after the Springfield Encampment. I am going to have one of those \$50.00 certificates, if ten other Brothers will come up with another \$50.00. If you don't, I won't. But if you do, I will. Got that picture? It's a challenge. If your money's in your pocket? You don't want to support the Wisconsin Encampment? Perfectly okay. But if you do, like I do, then come up with the bread. Thank you.

### **Encampment**

(chatter & chuckling)

### **Glen L. Roosevelt, Department Commander of California**

Brother, Commander, Glen Roosevelt host committee. I have just a couple of reminders because we did have a few problems per se. If you didn't get your yellow encampment ribbon already, you can still get those at the registration booth. If you didn't get the small gold delegate medal, those are also available at the registration booth. And if you ordered the larger commemorative medal for pick up here, you can get them at the registration booth.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Can you still buy those if you had not pre-ordered?

### **Glen L. Roosevelt, Department Commander of California**

Yes, you can except in certain instances, which we won't talk about right now.

### **Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

To legally cover us, we are required to pay California sales tax on everything that Danny sells. We do have a California sales tax license. Danny has it displayed back there and I have one up here. So, this is primarily for anybody on the host committee. If an agent of the Board of Equalization, and I don't know how that becomes tax collecting, but that's what they call it in California, comes calling to check if we are collecting the tax we don't really collect the tax. We just pay the 8% out of the established prices for the merchandise.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much. Any other announcements? We'll break for lunch. Be back at 1:30.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[break for lunch]

[three raps, \*\*\*]

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brothers, I guess the first item on the agenda as we come back, we're going to have a visitation right now. We do have a guest from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War that I would like to present for greetings. After that, we're going to have a few announcements. And then right after that we are going to close the Bible for a short period of time as the National Chaplain and I will be accompanying the Committee to visit the Auxiliary as they would like to have our visit at this time as well. We're going to do a little bit of jumping back and forth so bear with us. Okay. You have a guest to present.

### **Encampment**

(clapping)

### **Barbara W. Stone, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

My Brothers, it is a great honor to be here and give greetings from our organization, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. It is a privilege to stand here as the National President of our organization to greet our Brothers. I was told by my Sisters, that if I couldn't come to give

greetings, that I could send a representative. And I thought there is no way I'm going to do that, I want to do that myself. I saw a lot of you gentlemen last year in Richmond, Virginia and enjoyed my visitation to that encampment and with the other Allied Orders. Maybe one of these days, if I have anything to do with it, our organizations can meet at one time in one location. I think it benefits all of us. We all have the same common goal as we remember our Civil War Veterans and all Veterans. I do appreciate your hospitality. Brother Don was in our meeting last night and I didn't have his gift with me. And so I'm going to give him his gift now. Thank you, Brother Don, for your gift last night.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Do we have the response from Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson?

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. Dear Sister President, we welcome your gracious visit to our 131<sup>st</sup> Encampment here in California. We are truly Brothers and Sisters, children of the G.A.R., sired by the same men who sacrificed so much to preserve our blessed Union. We've been united in good works throughout this year now ending, as we congratulate you on your accomplishments during the year and earnestly wish you a most productive and harmonious encampment under your outstanding leadership and trust that you will elect most worthy successors when the time comes, when your work is finished. We look forward to working together in coming years as long as the memory of the Boys in Blue shall remain. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Andy. And thank you for coming Sister Barbara

**Barbara W. Stone, National President of the DUVCW**

Thank you, Don.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brothers, would you please remain standing. I would ask that a Chaplain to close the Bible as we and ask that the Chaplain, Brother Powell, and Brother Sosnowski accompany me to the Auxiliary meeting.

[one rap, \*]

[Ten Minute Recess]

[three raps\*\*\*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We're going to continue with the reference of communications ... Yes, Brother Darby?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, are you about to go into committee reports?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We're going into reading of the resolutions.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Can I make a statement based on the officer reports?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

You may.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I believe that in the past, we have been told that if the National Encampment makes an assessment or ruling that the CofA cannot overturn that ruling. Is that correct?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That's correct.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Then I move that motion seven that was passed by the CofA be ruled out of order in that the motion was made by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Schall, amended by consent by Brother Martin, that the annual per capita dues by those Brothers currently serving in an active combat zone in the United States Department of Defense for the period 1-31 December, new application fees and reinstatement fees are waived. What I would suggest in the...

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Could you tell us what page you are looking at?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm sorry. Page twelve, mid page it's right there. Anyway, this is an annual vote by the CofA that says Brothers in a combat zone do not have to pay per capita tax. Okay? Before everybody jumps up, I spent twenty-three years in the military and anything that a military guy can get, good on him. However, the CofA cannot change the per capita because Chapter 3, National Organization, Article 6, Finance, Section 1 which is on page forty-three of the C&R annotated states the National Encampment shall, and it's misspelled. It says "access." It should be "assess." A per capita dues for each Brother reported in good standing at the end of the calendar year. Such tax will be payable in one annual payment from the Department Treasurer to the Executive Director on or before May 31<sup>st</sup>. What I would ask is that this encampment make a change that states that the annual per capita tax of Brothers serving in an active combat zone in the United States Department of Defense...that their per capita tax be waived every year from now on. That is my motion because this is out of order. Thank you.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Brother Don, would you take a friendly amendment to that?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Well, it depends on what the amendment is.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

The friendly amendment I'm offering is to change the wording United States Department of Defense to the United States Armed Forces.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's fine.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

There are words missing in this motion, I can tell you that. Because what's here is worded right. There are words missing in this motion as it's in the report. For example, we're not excluding it just from the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. It should be 1 January through 31 December 2013 because we've already excluded it for 2012. And it this should be a combat zone as defined by the United States Department of Defense.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Acting as National Parliamentarian. First of all, I think Brother Darby placed two different items out there and did not allow the first to be resolved before he made his motion. And the first item was, he's asking the Commander-in-Chief to rule the motion of the CofA out of order for violation of the C&R and I think that has to be ruled upon first before we can move on to the motion. And then I have a question on the motion.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. I will officially rule that motion out of order.

[one rap, \*]

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Secondly, I have a question for clarification purposes. You're not asking to amend the regulations, are you? Because you didn't submit that in advance?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-In-Chief**

No, I'm not.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

So you're asking this body just merely to approve and take action similar to what the CofA could not do.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's correct. And if we do it, just do it now, infinitely rather than go through this every year, because we'll forget. God help us.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the National Counselor, I will read, the National Encampment shall assess a per capita dues on each Brother. Changing this is a change to regulations. If it's done here at the encampment, if they insist that the CofA does not have the authority to do so as a change to the regulations, then because prior notice was not given to change the regulations, it cannot be taken up.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

If this is ruled out of order, then the Brothers in the combat zone now owe per capita.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Unless you retract your objection to the motion adopted by the CofA.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It's wrong. It's in violation of C&R.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Except that ... Jim why aren't you doing this? Where's the Articles of Incorporation? The fact of the matter is that the Articles of Incorporation place the financial well-being of the order in the hands of the CofA. And anything to do with finances for the CofA can act on during the year except raising the per capita because the per capita is set. Waiving the per capita is not. It's waiver of payment. It's not assessing the payment. Jim's trying to find the Articles of Incorporation and the description of that.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, would you like to move along and address this at a later time.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Can we table it for now?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

We have a ruling right now.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Well, he's already ruled it out of order. It's just the second portion of what we're going to do with it.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Yea, but as long as that's out of order, then they can't take it. They have to take it ...

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yea, but we can take this back up. Okay, Let's move on. Let's bring this back under unfinished business. I'd like to get through the resolutions first that way it gives the National Counselor time to research this. Moving on the resolutions. I would ask the National Secretary to read the resolutions that have been presented for the National Encampment.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

From the Department of New Jersey. We have resolved that Chapter 1 – Camps, Article 2 – Memberships, Section 6 of our regulations be amended to read as follows: Applicants who are Brothers of the Order or are Member-at-Large may become a dual member of another camp. The applicant need not pay the applications fee and is not subject to the national or capita assessment for camps in which he is a dual member. Dual members shall not be counted towards the required number of members required to establish a camp.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So, that needs to be referred to the C&R.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

That's a C&R Committee. So, at least the one from member William Leonard concerning badges and decorations, even though it was in the form of a resolution, that's a change to the C&R. So is the one of the recognition of the flag from Pennsylvania.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The resolution from New Jersey, that goes to C&R. The next one, resolution on badges and decorations, that goes to C&R.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

That came from an individual. That did not come from a department. Then from the Department of Pennsylvania, the proposed change to the rituals for the Flag Code goes to the C&R. And they had a second one concerning application fees.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Also to the C&R.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina resolve that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will have only one version of form three. Again, I believe that a C&R also.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yep.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Next, Communications and Technology. Electronic and non-electronic transmittal conference we already dealt with that. That was done at the last CofA or that we did that online, electronically. Uh...delegation (indistinguishable) to change their preamble. The National Constitution Regulations so the Department of Rhode Island one also. Okay...look here, number seven, resolutions. Here we go. Resolution to change 2 to 1 ratio of members to associates to a 1 to 1. That's also resolutions. Alright, here we go. Proposed resolution, Department of Michigan, whereas the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War is upon us and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the G.A.R. is fast approaching, 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 public access to books in the public domain or for which they have received a copyright release statement. Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic, the publisher and copyright holder of numerous publications no longer exists and the Grand Army of the Republic through the deed of conveyance transfer all records and property to the Commander-in-Chief, 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. We, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 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. Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the National Secretary of the Sons of Union Veterans to be placed on the agenda for affirmative action for 2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles, California, and that this resolution be forwarded to all departments and camps at large, National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That would go to the resolutions committee.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

The next one from Brother Ed Norris. Resolution for formation of a permanent Battle Flag Preservation Committee. Whereas as the Battle Flag Preservation Special Committee has been appointed over the past four years by Commander-in-Chief, David Medert, Leo Kennedy, and Brad Schall, and Don Palmer. Whereas the Battle Flag Preservation Special Committee has brought increased awareness to the Brothers of our Order and the general public about the importance of preserving our ancestors flags which are being lost due to environmental deterioration and lack of government or private funds. Once a flag is lost, it can never be recovered. Whereas the Battle Flag Preservation Special Committee has been actively communicating with government officials in the pursuit of their support in maintaining or increasing budgets to cover Battle Flag Preservation Programs. Whereas the preservation of our ancestor's Flags will never end as preservation of cloth, be it silk, wool, or bunting, it is never permanent and it only prolongs the life of the Flag. Preservation efforts from 1865 through the 1970's are being reversed and new techniques are being utilized and someday current techniques will be replaced with even better methods. The Battle Flag Preservation Special Committee resolves that the committee become a permanent under the orders and constitution regulations. The Battle Flags Preservation Special Committee resolves that Article 7 Committees, Section 1 of the Constitution and Regulations be modified, changed to bold italics, the standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Americanization and Education, Civil Wars Memorials and Monuments, Communications and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History Legislation, Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials and Monuments, Military Affairs, Remembrance Day, Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, eBay Surveillance, Scholarships, and Battle Flag Preservation. A standing committee on policy program and policy shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. The chairman of this committee shall be the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. Each year, one member shall be appointed for a term of four years and the purpose of this committee shall be the promotion of the Order and the creation and guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment. The modified Preservation Special Committee resolves that the job descriptions document must be modified to include the following: job description for National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation; purpose, the purpose of the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation of the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War is to keep the Order appraised of information about Union Battle Flags and communicate with federal, state, and local government officials concerning preservation of the Flags; activities, the activities of the National Committee on Battle Flag Preservation should include the responsibilities listed below: bring awareness to the Brothers of the Order and the general public about the importance of preserving our ancestors' Flags; identify and evaluate proposed federal and state legislation which may negatively or positively impact the preservation of Union Battle Flags; identify and evaluate proposed private efforts which may negatively or positively impact the preservation of Union Battle Flags; submit periodic reports to the Commander-in-Chief on the nature and status of such legislation; prepare and submit periodic progress to the Commander-in-Chief on the activities of the committee; perform other related responsibilities as assigned by the National Encampment or Commander-in-Chief; and to prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment on the activities of the committee.



**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

This one is clearly Constitution and Regulations. But I guess the question is whether or not this committee should become a standing committee. It goes to the C&R Committee.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

From the Department of Pennsylvania. Be it resolved whereas the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg will occur on the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2013. Whereas the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last reunion of the Blue and Gray will occur on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013. Whereas the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the eternal peace light dedication at Gettysburg by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance will occur at the same time. Whereas the Battle of Gettysburg is considered by most historians as the turning point of the American Civil War. Whereas the Battle of Gettysburg was the bloodiest battle of the American Civil War. Whereas the Battle of Gettysburg was a decisive Union victory. Whereas we are charged with remembering the deeds of the boys who wore the blue. Whereas the Department of Pennsylvania is planning a major commemoration and remembrance ceremony of this venerable battle on the weekend preceding the actual dates. Whereas this event will be considered the kick all event for the observance of the Sesquicentennial events taking place over the actual dates. Whereas the Gettysburg National Military Park has approved our application to perform such an event at the peace light memorial and requiring several costly items such as off-site parking with bus shuttle, portable restroom facilities with handicap access with a minimum number of facilities available. Whereas the Pennsylvania Department has established a \$5,000.00 budget for this event, be it resolved that the Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department seated at the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Encampment requests that the National Organization provide a one time line item in its 2013 budget of \$5,000.00 to assist with the commemoration of this venerable event.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That's Resolutions. Okay. So, let's see going back to page Seventeen. The Department of Pennsylvania on the Ritual and Ceremonies, that should go to the Ritual and Ceremonies Committee for the Encampment here, not the C&R Committee. The C&R Committee's actually going to be pretty busy. Let's see, is Don Darby on that one? Anything else? Is that it?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Let me look in one more place, just to just to double check.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr. The communications from Pennsylvania is in two parts. The first part is the change to the ritual. And the second part is a change to the constitution and regulations dealing with the National Membership at Large application fees.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And even though it's from my own Department, since you have not declared that in a General Order, as far as I know. And that's a change to the Constitution and therefore I would move we can't take it up at this encampment because you did not issue a General Order saying we were going to amend the Constitution.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So ruled. Let's now go back to unfinished business and bring back the issue of the per capita for the Brothers in...serving... Oh, you may have taken care of it but what's left of the rest of the encampment to know?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor and Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl as National Counselor and Parliamentarian. Commander-in-Chief has ruled out-of-order the motion and action of the Council Administration to waive per capita tax for military members in active combat zones. I concur that the motion and action did indeed violate the regulations. The proposal by Brother Darby does require an amendment to the regulations, because in effect, the encampment were to act it would amend the regulations. The problem is that such has to come before this encampment with at least thirty days' notice to the National Counselor and others. And the National Counselor has certainly not received that notice. There are two cures for that. Either first, this encampment can vote to over-rule that thirty day notice which requires 3/4 vote. Or secondly, the Committee on Constitutions and Regulations can take that up because they are exempt from the thirty day rule. It's my information that Constitution and Regulations Committee will make that as part of their report and that will waive the thirty day requirements so this body can consider that during committee work.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. That will be brought out tomorrow and then the encampment can deal with it as they see fit. Is there any other unfinished business?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

I just wanted to tell the Brothers that during the lunch break, I called Brother Ken Freshley to see how he was doing and tell him what we were doing here in his absence. His kidneys are getting better and the wound is getting better but he's not healed. And he'd like to be healed instantly but he's not being healed instantly. So please keep him in your prayers. And he sends his regards. Wants you all to know he would much rather be here than there. So far, six individuals have taken up my challenge. If we don't get four more, than the challenge goes unheeded and guess everybody can get their money back. That's it.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Chaplain. We will now move on if there is any more unfinished business? Going once. Twice. Great. Okay, we're going to move on to the reports of committees. Beginning on page sixty-six in your packet. The first standing committee report from the Committee on Americanization and Education. Brother Bates is not here. And no report was submitted. So we will note that and move on. Civil War Memorials Committee. Brother Busch reported made his report as National Civil War Memorials Officer. The Committee on Communications and Technology. This Brother Freshley. And he does have one recommendation as part of his report. It begins on page sixty-six and carries over into page sixty-seven.

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, since we're on committees I would move you that where there are recommendations from standing committees, they be taken up ad seriatim and approved at the sound of the gavel where there is no objection.

**Several**

Second.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Brother James Pahl as Parliamentarian. I want to remind you that this motion would not impact any amendment to the National Regulations. That would still have to come for a separate affirmative vote so this would only apply to items that do not amend the regulations.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Secretary, could you read the motion on the floor.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

where there are recommendations from standing committees that do not affect the Constitution and Regulations, they be taken up ad seriatim and approved at the sound of the gavel where there is no objection.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

(chuckle) Okay. You've heard the motion and it's been seconded. All in favor of the motion, please raise your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. So now, will the National Secretary please read the recommendation. Page sixty-seven.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Add the following amendment to the National Policy Communications and Technology. Electronic and non-electronic transmittal of SUVCW confidential information. SUVCW/Sons of Veterans reserve membership lists data bases and other such confidential information shall not be shared with any non-SUVCW individuals, organizations, or enterprises without the express permission of the Commander-in-Chief or the concurrence of a majority of the Council Administration of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is recognized that periodically, it becomes necessary to share full or partial membership information with others within the order in order for camp, department, and certain national officers to be able to perform their official duties. In all cases, each such officer so entrusted with membership or other confidential information of the order shall use due diligence in execution of their duties in order to avoid the accidental sharing of such confidential information with non-Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War individuals, organizations, and/or enterprises. I have a question. Doesn't this also fall on the decision we just made under motion twenty-four I think it was of personal information being disclosed electronically? They're very close.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania. There is a difference. The difference being that what was adopted was by the Council of Administration and the Council of Administration is free to change anything that it does. If this is adopted by the encampment, the Council of Administration cannot change this. It would have to come back to an encampment to be changed. That's the difference between who approves it. So I think you still need do the Brothers want to approve it or do they just want to accept what the Council of Administration did?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I'll put that to the floor. It's already been acted on by the Council of Administration. Yes, Brother Busch.

**Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri**

Walter Busch, Department of Missouri(sic). I think this is very broadly written. In the State of Missouri(sic) we have an archiving program that's set up with the various state historical societies, of a lot of our records. This would basically eliminate that entire program the way it's currently written. I think it needs to address certain concerns or membership lists with names only on it. Something that we want to eliminate from other people having records or is it the dates of births and addresses and that? I would recommend against this as currently written.

**Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Brian Pierson, Georgia/South Carolina. I concur with my good colleague Busch there. This does not define what constitutes personal identifiable information. As written, it could prohibit publication of your Department Officers on our Websites. So I agree and trust me, I'm all for protecting P.I.I., but I think we need to tighten this up a bit and protect the information that needs to be protected while at the same time not overly constraining ourselves. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Jim, did you want to add something?

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. I'm going to call for a point or order. The last two comments I believe were not in order. The-the issue is not whether to adopt this but whether to affirm the action of the Council of Administration who's already adopted it. This is, at this point, the official policy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The question on the floor is does the National Encampment want to adopt this as a National Encampment policy or not. If the answer is no and you want to recraft it, that would be the time to begin that debate and to do the motion. But the item before the floor is do we approve this as a National body or not.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Tucker.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Thank you for your patience. Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I would make a motion that the Commander-in-Chief rule the Council of Administration's passage of this as out of order. Whose data is this? If it's names and addresses of its membership lists, that belongs to individuals and without their permission you can't pass that information on. There has to be permission from each individual member allowing that to happen.

**Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Oh. Okay. Yes, second time. All I was going to say is, I will amend the verbiage I used to coincide with the Parliamentarians concerns. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So Kevin is putting forward a motion to do that. So then, it's technically not a motion. He's asking me to do it. So, technically you're not making a motion to ask the Commander-in-Chief. You're just asking me to rule that it's out-of-order.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I'm asking you to rule the Council of Administration's passage of this out of order.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Based on the National Counselor's feedback on that it is not out-of-order so I will not rule it so.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Now, back to the item from the committee. Now, correct me if I'm wrong Jim, but if I ask for the objections and there are none, it's basically a ruling from the encampment that it belongs to the encampment now.

**James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian**

Correct.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Are there any objections to the recommendation? Brother Teller.

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. I don't think the encampment should accept this because then we're going to lock it in and make it harder to change. I think we ought to leave it with the Council of Administration as it stands right now where they can change it. Unless, I don't understand the process.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Are you making...

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

...I'm make a motion that we do not accept this at the encampment.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

There's a motion. Do we have a second?

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

There's several seconds back there. Any further discussion? There being no further discussion... If you support the motion by a yes vote basically vacates the recommendation made by the committee and reverts back to the Council of Administration action. A no vote then kicks it back in to motion again. So once again, all in favor of the motion to vacate the committee's recommendation, raise your blue cards. Aye. Thank you. Those opposed. No. Raise your blue cards. All right. Motion passes.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir, Brother Ward.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

James Ward, Department of Florida. Since we're on this topic, it would be helpful for us and perhaps others if we clarified two strains of thought that are running around the various Departments and the National Organization. There's a 2002 or so dated policy that says thou shalt not email mailing lists. And we have some Brothers who adhere and expect adherence to that and there are others who have said that that is no longer the policy of National that the email system has gotten itself secure enough so we can do that. Is there somebody that can answer for me what is the real policy now? Can I, for example, email a directory to another Department Officer or am I not allowed to do that?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I was going to say that's a Ken Freshley thing. If Ken were here he could answer it off the top of his head so maybe it's time to rule him out-of-order for being absent. That'll teach him. I'll be happy to direct a directive to him.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

I'm going to have to take a minute and research National Policy. I can't answer that question right now.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Based on the things that Brother Tucker brought up and where the other Brother was. I think he was from South Carolina there he is. I would make a motion that this encampment have the incoming Commander-in-Chief have the CofA rethink or reword taking into consideration what Brother Tucker has said and what this Brother has said, and to rewrite this section so that we're not screwing ourselves.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I'm having the Secretary read it back. You can tell him if he's wrong.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

A motion based on Brother Tucker's and other members that this encampment have the incoming Commander-in-Chief have the Council of Administration rethink or rewrite this section based upon the comments that were made earlier. Is that okay with you?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir Brother Rich.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

I would offer you an amendment because the Council of Administration simply adopted the report from the Communications and Technology Committee. And rather than sending it back to the Council of Administration, be sent back to the Communications and Technology Committee with instruction to revise it and then send it to the Council of Administration for adoption.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, I'm good with that.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Okay. A motion by Brother Darby based on Brother Tucker's and others move that this encampment have the incoming Commander-in-Chief have the Communications and Technology Committee rewrite and send back to the Council of Administration.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. You've heard the motion. It has been seconded. All in favor of the motion, please raise your blue cards. Opposed.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. Okay. Now we have the Constitution and Regulations Committee. Brother Grim, would you like to come forward?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, may I have a moment?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, Parliamentarian. November 2008, the Council of Administration wrote the National policy on electronic communications. The answer to the Brother's question about e-mailing lists. I've given it a cursory reading and I don't see anything that specifically prohibits that but I would invite you to read in detail. It's on the webpage under National Policies. It's the National Policy on Electronic Communications. That's where the answer would be. I don't see anything that says you can't email between each other lists of members. I can't say it's not there. It does have things about soliciting. It does have things about posting member information on the internet. But the question was can you include a list in an e-mail communication. I don't think it's there, but I invite you to read that. That's where the answer would be.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Thank you.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, from the Department of Ohio, Chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee. And our report contained several proposals that begun on page sixty-seven. I'm not going to read word for word each proposal. You can look at the proposals. The first one deals with an amendment to the constitution. The changes that have been proposed are in the bold type or you'll see a line through. The committee recommends approval of proposal number one.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Motion's been made. Brother Beard.

**Mike Beard, Department of Chesapeake**

Commander, Mike Beard, Department Chesapeake. I just take exception to Marine being capitalized and soldier not.

**Michael Paquette, Department of Chesapeake**

Commander, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake. Marines capitalized is how the word is spelled in Marine Corps tradition.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That's the motion. So do a debate and then vote. Okay. Any other comments? All in favor of the recommendation, raise your blue cards. Opposed, raise your blue cards.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Passes.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

All right. On page sixty-eight we have proposal number two which is a change to the constitution. The C&R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposed change. This is a change requested by the Department of Pennsylvania.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any debate?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. I believe you've ruled this out-of-order because it was not included in any of your General Orders.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Out-of-order.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Can I make a comment on proposal one?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

It's already passed.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Brothers, James Pahl, back again as Parliamentarian. I want to point out that because with proposal one being passed, it does not automatically amend the Constitution. This will now be forwarded to the Departments for ratification. And if the requisite number of Departments approve that then the Commander-in-Chief would publish in General Orders and at that point the Constitution would be amended. So just for your reference, proposal one being passed does not automatically amend the Constitution.



**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

On page sixty-eight, we have proposal number three which is also a change to the Constitution. And this proposal, the committee does not recommend approval. This is a proposal from the Department of Rhode Island.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Duquette.

**Henry C. Duquette, Department of Rhode Island**

Commander, Henry Duquette, Commander of Department of Rhode Island. The Department of Rhode Island did not take this proposal lightly by any means. We understand and appreciate the hereditary nature of our organization. But in our experience by maintaining the 2 to 1 ratio, we have ultimately not allowed in to our organization some very hard working and dedicated people that is Associate members. I think we all recognize that Associates are the people who usually come to us because they support our mission. Not often go out and recruit Associates as much as we would recruit our Lineal Members. So, we think this proposal in no way weakens the organization. It maintains all of the other ratios that is the 51% to 49% ratio required to conduct business. We're simply opening up the door to people who really support our positions help in many, many ways. I'm sure you know that our experiences many of our lineal members pay their dues every year, but then that's the last time we see them. I know on several of our rosters, we have lineal descendants who are far flung relatives who we sign up ourselves to boost up the numbers for no other reason than to bring in Associates who we know and again are dedicated and helping us achieve our mission. So, we really think this is an important way to strengthen our organization in the long term and would appreciate this being brought to the floor for a vote. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Orr.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Brothers, I am adamantly opposed to this motion and this proposal. This does harm this organization. It changes the complete characterization. If you adopt this you're basically changing this from a hereditary organization of descendants of those who fought to preserve this Union to a historical society. That's what it amounts to. You are saying 50% of our members do not have to have the blood of our forefathers who shed their blood to preserve this country. That is a major change. It is an insult to everyone who belonged to this organization prior to us. It's an insult to members of the Grand Army of the Republic who authorized and accepted this organization as their heirs. You are slapping the law in the face if you adopt this. There is absolutely no need for this. There is no reason we cannot go out and recruit lineal descendants if the question is membership. If you take the latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau and calculate how many people are in this country, living in the North, there should be ninety million members in this organization. All we need to do is seek them out. You don't need to go seeking out those who do not have the blood of our forefathers in them and the blood of those who spilled their blood to preserve this nation and their own veins. This is absolutely ludicrous.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion?

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I agree with our Brothers in Rhode Island. Why we were formed was to carry on the work of the G.A.R. People who are carrying on that work should not be excluded. I'm sure in perhaps Brother Orr's experience, recruiting is not an issue. In Massachusetts, it certainly is. I'm sure in New England it is and the rest of the country. You don't have to have the blood of our ancestors to assess a monument and get it repaired and make sure it is taken care of. You don't have to have the blood. We have a member that goes to the soldier's home every month and puts on a program in the name of the of the organization. He has no lineage. He knows more about the Civil War history than any of us do. How can we say that he's not good enough to be at least an equal member. I don't want to change the organization into a non-hereditary organization. That's why fifty percent (50%) should certainly be the limit. But I can't see throwing away people who will do the work of the organization simply because we're just told we're too lazy to recruit. That's not true. We can use all hands that we can get. The work of this organization is sorely behind. We're not in front of it. We're behind it. So I would support the motion from Rhode Island. Thank you.

**Chuck Wright, Department of Illinois**

My name is Chuck Wright and I am with the Sheridan Camp #2 of Darian, Illinois, and I came in with Steve Westlake. I came in as an Associate with the Sons. I'll tell you my reasons. First off is I've always had a genuine interest in history. And I am a very competent artist that paints Civil War battle scenes. I met Steve basically at a church function and I became acquainted with this organization. And I feel a great fulfillment and believe in the fulfillment of what you folks are about. How you handle everybody in a genuine fashion and you have a God fearing respect for this nation. And the continued heritage of this nation. And I definitely believe that as an Associate, even though I've had no ancestors in this country that have served in the Civil War or the Revolutionary War, that I think those like myself, there are many, that have a deep interest and respect to continue this kind of relationship and memory for the American Civil War and those who served this country.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Brother Martin.

**Don Martin, Department of Ohio**

Commander, Don Martin, Past Department Commander, Department of Ohio. I disagree with this and I understand the reason for it. I understand the need for Associates. But I do disagree in the fact we are a hereditary organization. The G.A.R. itself had very stringent requirements to be a member of the G.A.R. And so there are still opportunities for others to do the work, to recognize those who served outside our Order. And we do have again Associates can belong to this Order but I think to remove the bloodline from that is taking away part of what we are.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pierson.

**Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Brian Pierson Georgia/South Carolina. I find myself in agreement with Don there. We are a hereditary organization. We love the Associates. We're happy to have them with us. But I think it's essential that we keep that character of the organization. We can't lose it. And it's a slippery slope. We've had the debate when we saw this come forth. Georgia/South Carolina you would think of all places that would have trouble recruiting Union descendants, it would be down South. But we have not

experienced problem's finding interested Members and Associates but also a lot of people who have had...are descended from Union Veterans. I think the comments I've seen have hit a side aspect of this that's coming through. And I know it's one, sir, that you're going to address in your Vision 2020, and that's recruiting. Okay. We can't get lazy on the recruiting. Okay? We need to keep getting out there and going for that. So in this one here I cast my vote with the Committee's recommendation to disapprove this motion. Thank you, sir.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brian. Let's see, Brother Wheeler, then Brother Teller, then back to Brother Tucker.

**Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York. Gentlemen, I've been a member almost thirty years. And this really bothers me. And the reason it bothers me is that we need to have numbers, but we can't short change the Grand Army of the Republic. That's who we stand for. And I can guarantee you, if it passed to have 50%, gentlemen, they'll all turn in their graves today. Thank you.

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. I'm currently the secretary of the Department. I can tell you there's seven camps in Indiana, only two of them don't have Associates. We all have Associates. And the Associates are a big part. We're not changing the fact that there's still 1/3 of our members are allowed to be Associates. We just don't want to raise it to 50% of our members that are Associates. Some of our Associates are some of the best members we have and we look for some of the best members hopefully still come from those Associates. And we allow 1/3 of them to be there. Let's leave it where it's at 1/3.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tucker.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. Hearing all the discussion, I just want to say that I'd like everybody keep in mind this is a service organization. There are other opportunities for people who are not direct descendants to participate in the community but as a service organization that's what we do. We're not a social we're not an exclusive social club. We're not, you know, Boston blue bloods or, you know, California high living beautiful people. We're a service organization and we need to find ways to provide service. We are not doing that now. This is a no brainer. We have people who believe in what we do that are willing to pay dues and take oaths and be part of this organization. I'm not saying we need to make 51%. I'm saying 49% would be fine.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. If we pass this, then I think maybe we should just change the Order's name to "the Friends of the Veterans of the Civil War." Okay? You just got through passing a thing that added Revenue Cutter Service to the people we would allow in. Is that correct? The G.A.R. would not have done that. They did not do that. No one in the Revenue Cutter Service was allowed in the G.A.R. I mean, they had running battles with blockades. They didn't get to play. We have associates that do wonders. But if we don't need to lessen the word

“Sons” to make it “friends” of veterans. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Martin. Second time.

**Don Martin, Department of Ohio**

Again, this is not a matter of a blue blood or trying to exclude people. Again, the G.A.R. had specific guidelines and there were many who were not, as Brother Darby brought up. We are descendants of that organization. So to change this anymore, I think would be a disservice to them. I have friends that help me work on projects, one I think could be a member has no interest in it. But he enjoys doing the research. He enjoys working on the project. Another friend probably couldn't be a member, definitely has no interest in belonging. But he does enjoy doing the work. So I don't think we should allow an increase in Associates.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any other comments? The committee's recommendation is not to approve the resolution from the Department of Rhode Island. So, a yes vote supports the committee's recommendation. A no vote goes against the committee's recommendation. All in favor of the committee's recommendation, please raise your blue cards. Okay, thank you. All those opposed, please raise your blue cards. Committee's recommendation passes.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

Okay, on page sixty-nine you find proposed changes to the regulations and the committee divided these in to two groups. Group A, these are proposals that the committee supports. And when you get down toward the end of the report you'll find group B, which are proposals the committee does not recommend adoption of. Proposal number four is a change that deals with the majority vote and the committee of course is recommending approval of this.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on the committee's recommendation? There being no discussion, all in favor of the committee's recommendation, raise your blue card. Opposed, please do the same.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The recommendation passes.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

On page sixty-nine you'll find proposal number five which is a recommendation from the Department of New Jersey. And this change eliminates the requirement that dual members pay National dues for each camp that they belong to. Dual members would only have to pay for National dues in one camps. The committee recommends approval.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Orr.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief and National Treasurer, Pennsylvania. I object to this. This comes up every year from the same Department. We turn it down every year because it's a nightmare to keep track of who's a dual member where. Trying to say that you've paid your dues here but you don't have to pay your dues there. Other organizations have done this. Most of them have eliminated it. Most notably, the Boy Scouts. Because people made a habit of never paying their dues. They would be dual members in a half a dozen different Boy Scout Troops and make sure that their charters didn't all expire at the same time, saying well I'm registered here, no I'm registered here. And never pay their dues. And that's what you're setting this up to do as well. Because it's just a nightmare keeping track of the dual members and what camp, particularly when you start dealing with a dual member who's a dual member in multiple Departments. I therefore move non-concurrence with the with the committee.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

Commander-in-Chief, Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois. I'm in concurrence with Brother Orr. We hadn't got that much money. We need more. To say somebody doesn't have to pay it because they choose to belong to two camps, makes no sense. You don't want to pay double dues, then only belong to one camp. If you don't mind paying double dues, or triple dues, you can go right ahead and do so. You can join fifteen camps if you can afford it. So, I think we should kill it.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Chaplain, are you seconding Brother Orr's motion?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois**

Definitely.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, we have a motion and a second. Any more discussion on non-concurrence. The motion is non-concurrence of the committee's recommendation.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

No, I live far away. So we have a motion and a second. The motion is not recommending non-concurrence with the committee's recommendation. Any discussion? Brother Mabie.

**Charles W. Mabie, Department of California Pacific**

Charlie Mabie, California Pacific

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And you don't need the mike.

**Charles W. Mabie, Department of California Pacific**

But I will play by the rules. I understand it might be a logistical nightmare for the few people that decide to not pay their dues and then try to bilk things. Being a scout leader and understanding how Boy Scouts of America allow people to pay dues for one organization and join as many Venture Crews as they want and so on. For the one or two that slip through, is that really an issue? I know in my own Department, we've had camps that have gotten down to two or three members, four members, that can't operate. We had contingency plans even though we go to their events and help them, to have the actual

names and numbers on the book to receive a few more dollars to carry on the good work. within the organization, I think that we hurt ourselves more by having camps fold. People lose interest, not having the funding and the legitimacy to go forward. We can't afford to lose any more people. A few extra dollars out of some of our pockets to help out the camps that are smaller that need that extra help only goes to further and continue. Just try to start up a camp in an area after it folds. I will tell you as a scout leader, that once we lose a troop in an area and people get disheartened and bummed out, it's hard to get them motivated to join again and open up their wallets. So, I would not agree with any amendment or anything that would take away the option of people joining more than one camp and not paying their National especially since paying the National almost doubles what you have to pay and may limit people from actually participating in joining other camps. I know that was one of the talks in my own Department with people wanting to join one of the camps says, I can't afford. I can afford the extra camp dues but to pay National again and again and again. They're not getting three copies of the *Banner* because you join three different camps. What are you getting extra for paying National for that when we really want to keep it on the local level and help the camps. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Mabie.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, I'm just curious. If this passes, could this be retroactive, because I was a member of four camps at one point. And I would vote for it if I could get all that cash back.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I would say it was as of this day forward. Brother Ward.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Commander-in-Chief. We've been talking about Brothers who make choices and that's correct. We also have Brothers whose life's presents them with the challenge that they need to spend part of the year in the territory of one Department and another part of the year, either because of work or family, or their choice, and another Department area and we don't want to lose the good works of that Brother because he feels he's taxed out of participating in a second camp.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr. In response to several of these. First of all, you do not need to be a member of a camp to participate with another camp. You as a dues paid member in good standing are entitled to attend any camp meeting in the country. I have members in my camp who live in Pittsburg during the summer and go to Florida in the winter. And at least one of them participates with the camp in Florida, and he doesn't register in both. He simply goes over with his paid dues card and when he gets his dues card again in January for having paid his dues again, he's got that to present. And he participates in their activities. In the summer he participates in what we are doing in Pittsburg. You do not need to be a dual member to go and help another camp. We have done this with several camps. Again, in Pennsylvania, we've also taken the position that the Department will pay the per capita tax for anybody who goes to a sister camp if they are under the five Members. Dual membership is a phenomena that came about in the sixties and seventies because we were so low on numbers. Prior to that, you were required by the regulations to belong to the camp in the city in which

you resided. And you could not belong to more than one camp. It was prohibited. So, the whole issue of dual membership is one of relatively recent development in the history of the Order. As I said, it makes it very difficult for the executive director and it makes it very difficult for myself to keep track of who had paid and who hasn't paid. By requiring those who desire to be a dual member and pay the per capita in both places, does not prohibit other Brothers from helping other camps. If they want to go to that another time and help a camp struggling, participating in activities, you are free to do that, unless you do something that the Camp Commander exercises his authority to tell you to get out. Because if you go there and you start causing trouble ... And there was a camp that happened to during the past year this Brother went to the camp and basically was telling them that he didn't like what they were doing and that they weren't following the regulations and everything else. The one who was complaining was dead wrong. And the camp disinvited him to not come back. And they refused to allow him in to the meetings which was their right. But unless you do something to cause that camp to keep you out, you have the right to go to any camp anywhere in this country. As far as that goes, you have a right to attend any Department Encampment; you just can't vote. What you get by paying your dues in a second camp is the right to vote in that camp. If you are participating and you don't belong to the camp, you don't have the right to vote. So, basically you're buying the right to vote in that camp for your dues for the year.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

National Secretary, Gene Mortorff, I agree with what Rich said but there are other reasons why one might become a dual member. I joined one because we wanted to start a camp in a location and they needed help to organize the thing at the time. We started out with just the minimum number and it's now one of the...one of the strongest camps in our Department. I was kidding a little bit earlier about the retroactive thing. Right now I'm only a member of two again. But when I pay for that extra one, I mean, I do it gladly. I do it without any problems. I'm a member of the Pennsylvania Department because of it now and also the Department of Chesapeake. But I consciously made that decision knowing that I was going to have to pay the extra per capita. I think that's the price you pay if you want to be a dual member.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion? Brother Beard.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Graff.

**Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin**

Eric Graff, Guide 2013, C.K. Pier, Camp one, Wisconsin. Coming to numerous National Encampments I've noticed that our budget continues to stay the same if not increase in expenditures. Our inflow is dwindling and our reserves are also going down year by year. I think that this would be another blow to the bottom line and continue us spending in the red, which is never good.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, I ask you allow me to step out of the role of Parliamentarian and be allowed to comment.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Brothers I'm going to speak as a Brother and I'm going to speak as a former National Treasurer. The accounting nightmare, the record keeping nightmare that Rich was talking about earlier, I can only affirm. As National Treasurer, I'd get home from work, eat dinner, and sit down and spend the next five to six hours every single night as National Treasurer keeping track of the financial records of the order. Making sure everything was properly accounted for. If you add this on, it's just an additional burden to the office of National Treasurer and he looks frazzled enough as it is. As Assistant National Treasurer, I can only presume that more and more responsibilities are going to come my way. We're adding already to the burden, if we're moving from (c)(4) to (c)(3) and the additional filings and accountings and everything else that takes place there. This would be, as he said, an accounting nightmare and I can't imagine the reaction of the auditors if we allowed this. They will throw a fit.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Teller.

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. I don't know how many here have ever served as the Camp or Department Secretary. But when you try to balance that form twenty-seven or that form thirty-five and you're trying to add your Members, your Associates, your Juniors. Your trying to subtract those Life Members out, et. Cetera, and you don't have to worry about dual members. And now you're going to have to start worrying about dual members, you'll create problems for those secretaries. And if you've never had that experience, I'd be glad to let you try to balance Indiana sometime.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. All right. I'm going to halt debate there. I think we've got a pretty good idea of both sides of the story. So, I'm going to call for the vote. I am going to ask Brother Mortorff to read the motion as stated and then we will go for the vote.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

It was a very simple motion. Brother Orr moves non-concurrence with the committee's recommendation. Seconded by our Chaplain.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, a yes vote is concurrence with Brother Orr's motion. A no vote is going against Brother Orr's motion. So, all in favor of Brother's Orr motion, please raise your blue card. All those opposed, please raise your blue card.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Robert Grimm, Constitution and Regulations**

Okay. On page sixty-nine, you'll also find proposal number six. This is a proposal that would limit service on the Council of Administration to two terms. The committee recommends adoption of



the proposal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, I stand in strong opposition to this proposal. I think we have a pretty good way to determine whether a person gets a second, third, fourth term on the Council of Administration. It's simply because we don't vote him in. I also believe that on the way this is worded, it says that the Council of Administration is not an elective National Officer. I don't think that's right cause I think every year we get to stand up here. The National Encampment elects a National Council of Administration so he is a National Officer. If you're going to curtail the CofA members to two terms, then you need to curtail the Treasurer, the Quartermaster, Danny, sit down. My point is you guys determine whether the guy runs for two terms or three terms or four terms. Why should we take that away from you? If someone else wants to run, stand up here. Say I want to run. Go against the guy that's been there twice. You shouldn't have this guy punished for doing a good job for two terms and say hey, we used you up. We're done. Okay? That's my two cents, from the cheap seats.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Is that a motion?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You bet.

**Don Martin, Department of Ohio**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We have a motion by Darby and second by Martin.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Schall.

**D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief. I just walked in and I heard the last of his...whatever it was. I was the one that wrote it, if we're talking about the one I wrote. The reason for that is the year that I was Commander-in-Chief, I visited many Departments, I had two things that were said to me consistently. One, you know some day I would like to go to the Council of Administration. Well, I have a Brother in my Department that's already on the Council of Administration and two of us can't serve at the same time. In essence, if you have somebody that's been...ten years on the Council of Administration, any potential new members from that Department are blocked from that position. Just not blocking from other positions. They can always run for Commander-in-Chief without any experience, which might not have been a bad idea. The second thing that I heard when I was out traveling around aren't you frightened of the Council of Administration sometimes, when you have five voting members, if they're all on there for a long period of time, you get no originality. They're all going to think the same way after a period of time. I don't think that's healthy. From that communication is where I came back on that, Don. It was not that I didn't think somebody was qualified to be more than two terms. It just is, I believe, that the people felt that they were blocked from

some of the positions. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby. Second time.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

My second time, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I don't believe there's a regulation that says that. It says no more than two members from a Department can be on the Council. All you have to do is run. If you want to be on the Council of Administration, stand up and be counted. I understand them going well, I'd like to run but there's another Brother. Stand up and run. Maybe, we want someone else. But this Order should be determining the length of how someone stays on there, not this.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tucker.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. Brother Commander, I think the reality is Departments that have larger membership will of course have the most Offices at National. There are people will then move up and they'll have most of the commanders. It's the nature of what we do. If Pennsylvania has twice as many as Massachusetts there are obviously going to be twice as many running, twice as many chances and twice as many votes. I would oppose Brother Darby's motion. I think this is a good equalizer to get some of the Departments that maybe are not as powerful a chance to get in there and it doesn't exclude Ohio or Pennsylvania or California or one of the larger Departments from running. It just limits how much they can have consecutive control. We have people on committees for years and years and years. We have people on the CofA for many many terms. The seats going up to Commander are 1 year at a time but some of these others are becoming entrenched, I think that you may even lose perspective sometimes. Once you are settled in you have a point of view that doesn't change very much. There is nothing really to make it change. I oppose Brother Darby's motion.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Brother Martin.

**Don Martin, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Martin, Department of Ohio. I support Brother Darby's motion. I think the point he makes is very good. We are talking five people on the CofA. They are not the only people that are on the Council. We have the other elected officers. Of the five elected CofA members now only one is serving a third term. If you want to run then run.

**Donald W. Shaw, National Chief of Staff**

Brother Commander, Don Shaw Department Commander, Department of Michigan. I rise in support of Brother Darby's motion. I note that we are not an organization of large departments and small, we are an organization of individuals. We pick the best individual for the job. I've noted that we've had Commanders, we've had elected officials from the large departments. But, at the same time we've had Commanders from smaller departments, and recently. I would suggest to you therefore that we don't really need to worry about the large department small department division. That we have a history of picking the man. And I think that we should continue that. I don't think we should limit our Council of Administration, our National Encampments by saying you can't pick the man. I think we

should give our National Encampments the ability to do that each and every year. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Brother Tucker, second time.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. What I would ask Brother Darby is why are department commanders only allowed to serve three terms? There was a reason that that was enacted. And maybe the same reason. Why can't those elections be whoever runs, somebody wants to knock 'em off, they can do it.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief. If you would like, I can respond to that question since it was my amendment for the Regulations. **It was costing us membership within that Department.\*** We had to have a way to get him out of office and that was why the amendment was adopted.

(\*Language change by motion passage on page52)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brother Martin.

**Don Martin, Department of Ohio**

Don Martin, Department of Ohio. Having just finished being the department commander for Ohio, I have to question the insanity or sanity of anyone who would want to run for more than three terms as department commander. I believe in Department of Ohio history, we've only have one individual that did it twice. But again, we're talking Department Commander versus Council of Administration. And I would venture to say having been on the Council and then Department Commander, there's a big difference. And we don't have National Commanders running more than once. And again, that's probably by tradition but also by the sanity rule.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

There's reason for that. Let's see. Brother, please state your name.

**Robert May, Department of Michigan**

Robert May from the Department of Michigan. Having a problem with the wording. The wording as I'm reading it in bold, it says "Council members who are not elected " Who is not elected? And then it says, "shall have a limit of two terms." So what we are limiting is Council members who are not elected. Are council members elected or not elected?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Council members are elected. Except for the Past Commander-in-Chief.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

May I address that?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl as National Counselor. The way this is worded is that Council members who are not elected National Officers, that three words would be one phrase. Elected National Officers are Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster. They are elected National Officers. The other Council Members are not elected National Officers. They are elected Council Members, but they are not serving on the Council of Administration by virtue of being an elected officer. I believe that was the intent and that's the way I read it. This language would apply to those members of the Council of Administration who are not serving there by virtue of elected National Office.

**Robert May, Department of Michigan**

Are there any Council members who are not elected?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No, they're all elected.

**Robert May, Department of Michigan**

Is this limiting everybody on the Council of Administration?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No, only those who are not elected National Officers.

**Robert May, Department of Michigan**

Okay.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

That's the way I read it. Five at large members.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jerry.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Chaplain Jerry Kowalski. How does it apply to appointed National Officers?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

It does not.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Okay.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, we're going end discussion there. I think that once again we've got strong opinions on both sides and we understand the positions. I'm going to ask Brother Mortorff to read the original motion which I think is pretty simple once again.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

A motion by Brother Darby, seconded by Brother Martin to not concur with the committee's recommendation.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So, a yes vote would support Brother Darby's motion and go against the recommendation of the committee. A no vote would go against Brother Darby's motion and support the committee's recommendations. All in favor of Brother Darby's motion please raise your blue card. Thank you. All opposed to Brother Darby's motion raise your blue card. I believe that motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert Grimm, Constitution and Regulations**

On page seventy, you'll find proposal number seven. This is a change that will simply clarify the non-voting rights of members of the Council of Administration. And the committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

This one I was thinking is going to generate some discussion, so, any discussion? You know, I thought there was sure things before and I've been wrong so you know. Okay, here it comes.

**Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. If nothing more, I'm up here 'cause it'll just send Gene Mortorff through the ceiling.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

You're right.

**Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

As a non-voting member of the Council of Administration, the only thing that this does is stop us from making motions; me, Brad, these two, well one of the two up here. So making motions or seconding it. It's nothing...we're not asking to vote on it. We're not asking that. And that shouldn't be a problem. We are non-voting members, so we can make motions 'till the cows come home, it no one seconds it, nothing happens. If it gets seconded and it gets voted down, we don't get to vote on our own motion. So, what does it hurt to allow the past Commanders-in-Chiefs to make motions and seconds?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Can I have the floor?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

You may.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Brother Darby, I have the floor. Here we go. Back in 1974, when I joined the Coast Guard we were especially proud of our forty-four foot motored surf boats. Because, regardless of the sea state, if you capsized and were in danger, this would, you know, it would self-right itself. And it was fun to do. Of course, this story is analogy of a recent danger that now faces our organization. The question is, should Past Commanders-in-Chief, as non-voting members of the Council of Administration, it's going to be a while, Brad, be allowed to make motions and seconds. At least two and maybe more Past Commanders-in-Chief want that power. In response to this the Commanders-in-Chief requested our esteemed National Counselor, to look in to it and provide him with an opinion, which he did. He

centered on his opinion on the concept of ex-officio status of the members and came to the opinion that our regulations specifically forbid past Commanders-in-Chief from voting, but they should have the other rights, such as motions and seconds. I am not aware of any action taken by the Commander-in-Chief, now this is before we did last night, either to adopt the opinion or reject it. The key of this encampment however, does not. It will become part of the orders of the blue book and therefore become a regulation which would be very difficult in the future to change. This, Brothers, is like your lifeboat I mentioned earlier. This boat's capsized and it's in danger and it is not self-righting itself. We need to bring a crane to upright this boat. I disagree with the National Counselor's opinion. Course, I don't believe the Past Commander-in-Chiefs are ex-officio members. I believe the National Counselor misinterpreted that part of Robert's Rules. Based on his opinions, then anyone who would have held an official office and elected voting seat on the CofA would also qualify as ex-officio members and they too would be allowed to make motions and seconds. Ex-officio means that a person holds a specific position in an organization automatically becomes a full privileged member based solely on that position. Examples would be the Treasurer and Secretary of an organization who was hired for that position and not voted on it. That position has to also be specifically identified in the organization's by-laws. Granting ex-officio status can be granted to individual people. Normally as a reward for one's service, a significant contribution. Again this must also be stipulated in the organization's by-laws. I have myself seen this done on the board of directors of colleges where a long serving president will become an ex-officio for life. I am urging this body to specifically not agree with or adopt the National Counselor's position. In other words, I am totally against having seconds and motions. You may say, what can it hurt? They won't be able to vote. The power to make motions is very powerful. Any seconded motion must be dealt with, often this can be time consuming affairs. And more importantly, they must be also voted on. Past Commanders-in-Chief will now be able to control the process and agenda of the Council of Administration regardless of how much I do not believe this should be allowed. They will hold this power for the rest of their lives. They will be immune to any accountability. Past Commanders-in-Chief cannot be voted out if they displease the encampment. Only by disciplinary measures can their privileges be reduced. There would also be too many of them. I would submit that if they receive parliamentary powers, then they too would fall under the rule. Here's my reasons...now this is just my reasons against it. There are too many of them. You know, we have twenty-three Past Commanders-in-Chief or so. There is no freshness. I think this is a crazy idea. If a Past Commander-in-Chief wants to be able to make motions and seconds, they can, like anyone else in this room, run for office and get full privileges again. So, I mean, that's how I feel about it and I really don't believe that we should allow them to do it.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Yes.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. First of all, I have a question for Brother Darby. Did you make a motion? Or were you just making a statement?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, I did.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

What was your motion, sir?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That we allow the Past Commanders-in-Chief to make motions and seconds.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

If I understand correctly, what you're motion would be to not concur with the committee's recommendation and the committee is recommending adopting this language. If we don't adopt this language, then the opinion of the National Counselor stands.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Correct.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Okay. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl as National Counselor. I'm the one that issued the opinion because I believe that's what Robert's Rules of Order calls for. I respectfully disagree with our National Secretary. I think he's confusing emeritus status and ex-officio status. There's a distinction there. But I also propose this language. Because I think as Past Commanders-in-Chief, we always presumed we did not have the right to make motions and I think that's the way we've operated for years. That we were there. We could speak to issues as an advisory capacity. We are members because we can't be excluded even during executive session, but we did not have the right we definitely do not have the right to vote. We did not have the right to make motions. And that's why I proposed this language, to return that status quo and clearly define what a non-voting member ... This does not apply just to Past Commanders-in-Chief. There are other non-voting members of the Council. But to return that status quo to keep the ability to make motions to the elected members of the Council. So I'm the one that proposed the solution while I created the problem also.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Schall, you've been standing there a long while.

**D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You know, I've changed my mind three times after listening to the arguments. I'm going to rise and support this implication that twenty-two Past Commanders-in-Chiefs should not be able to make a motion or second a motion or control, which making a motion and seconding does, the conversation during the council meetings. I think it is imperative that Council take the advice of Past Commanders-in-Chief. Their experienced in what's going on. But I don't think they should be able to make motions and I don't think they should be able to make seconds. And God tear down the house of Lords.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, before we have any more discussion. Brother Darby, did you make a motion?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

There is no second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So that's the thing. Let's resolve it. Motion's been made, the motion non-concurrence of the committee's recommendations. Are there any seconds?

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Did we not hear that if we don't do this, then his what his ruling, which said basically says the same thing stands as the policy? Is that what we were told?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

So either way, we're going to get this policy.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

No.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Can I answer Brother Teller's question?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

The opinion is that the way the regulations are currently worded in conjunction with Robert's Rules of Order, non-voting members of the Council can make and second motions.

**Alan Teller, Department of Indiana**

Okay.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

That's the opinion. And I rendered that opinion and I'm asking that be over-turned.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Paquette.

**Michael Paquette, Department of Chesapeake**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department of Chesapeake. For my benefit, Brothers, I would like an explanation on what is dysfunctional, what is not functioning correctly on the Council of Administration that this proposal is trying to address. Operationally why do we need Past Commanders-in-Chief to have this privilege now? Is there a standing problem?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The way regulations right now basically state that the Past Commanders-in-Chief, as members non-voting members of the Council of Administration do not have a vote. It says nothing about whether they can advance the order of business by making motions and seconding motions. That opinion was, you know, was requested to basically fill that void. The National Counselor rendered an opinion and then obviously didn't like the opinions and recommended this language to amendment to the regulations to basically stipulate that in addition Past Commanders-in-Chief not having the ability to vote. They do not have the ability to make motions and advance the order of business.



**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Chaplain Jerry, Department of Illinois. We study history so that we don't keep making the same mistakes over and over again. The Civil War Roundtable Chicago is the very first Civil War Roundtable. It's sixty-five almost seventy years old now. It has allowed its Past Presidents to make motions and vote. It has turned into an "old boys" network. They appoint their own people. They do their own things. You cannot get in there. I'm a Past President and I no longer go to the meetings because it's an "old boy" network. And I think the great fear is that it will become this very thing. If the motions and the seconds come from the Past Presidents and not from the elected and fresh blood, that...that the thing will go down. We don't need any more going down. We need more coming up. Not that Don wouldn't do a great job. He should run for office.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, we do have a second to Brother Darby's motion.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, yadda, yadda, yadda. When I made the decision as National Counselor, I don't get to choose what I think it should be, I have to render an opinion on what is. Uh...I do this every day as a Magistrate in a district court, in a courtroom, and every hearing I conduct someone walks out with not happy with what I've done. If I'm real good, everyone walks out mad at me. So I don't worry about that part. But I have to look at what is it. I happen to disagree with my finding personally. I would rather see it be that we don't have the right to make motions. So as National Counselor, I had to issue a ruling of what it is. But then that is why I proposed this solution to make what it should be. Let the power stay in the elected members> The Past Commanders-in-Chief, the other non-voting members remain in an advisory capacity, and move forward, because it worked. If we feel strongly enough, we recommend motions and other Brothers listen to that wise Counsel and will usually make the motion. But it's worked and I don't see any reason to change it. That's my opinion.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion? Brother Hammond.

**Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake**

Steve Hammond, Department of the Chesapeake. I'd like to ask the National Counselor your last statement you said it works. Are you then saying that the system that we have now works or that the system that you are proposing and what was? What I understand what was traditionally done in the past and has now been questioned it was working.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Right. I think the way we traditionally operated has worked. We always presumed we did not have that right. I stumbled across something that led me to believe otherwise. I discussed that with our Commander-in-Chief and he asked for a formal ruling. Because I discovered we do have that right. And I don't agree that we should. So I want to return us to the way we had been working because we all thought it was that way and it has worked for years that way. It's just recently that this has come out and I think all of us as Past Commanders-in-Chief pledge not to make motions until this was decided here. So, none of us has done so since this opinion was rendered. We've been tempted a couple of times.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pollock.

**Robert Pollock, Department of Chesapeake**

Brother Commander, I think we've had vibrant discussion on the topic and I'd like to call the question.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. The question's been called.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, what the Brother did was make a motion to move the previous question.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

And I will second it. Now, you have to vote on whether or not you're going to move the previous question. Then you have to vote on the question. It's a motion to terminate debate is what it is.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We have a motion to terminate debate. It has been seconded. All in favor of Brother Pollock's motion, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed, raise your blue cards.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. We shall now call the question on the original motion. And the original motion is...Brother Gene.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

The original motion is by Brother Darby seconded by Brother Dean to not concur with the recommendation.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So, if you vote in favor of Brother Darby's motion, you're voting against the committee's recommendation as stated.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And they will have motions and seconds.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

If you vote against Brother Darby's motion, then the language is adopted as stated.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And we'd do things the way we've been doing them in the past.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All in favor of Brother Darby's motion, please raise your blue cards. All opposed to Brother Darby's motion, raise your blue cards. Well, I guess that one's an easy one.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion failed.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I do have a question for Brother Pahl. When you did your little research that you said that we...that the Past Commanders-in-Chiefs at that time did have a the ability to make a motion. Where did you find that right to do so?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl, acting as National Counselor. The term member in a National Regulations that Past Commanders-in-Chief and others are non-voting members. By Robert's Rules of Order, the term member has specific meaning. There are two ways to become a member of a committee. One is direct election. The second is by virtue of office or previous office held. And Past Commanders-in-Chief are quote "members of the National Council" by virtue of previous office held ex-officio. The other thing that our National Secretary's referring to was emeritus status where you award someone with a title member of a board of directors emeritus but that does not give them any rights even to attend meetings or to be heard. It's an honorary status. So by using the term member, that has specific meaning in Robert's Rules of Order.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I just wanted to know where you got it from. And you said Robert's Rules of Order. Is that correct?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Yes, sir.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, now we have decided that we are only going to follow Robert's Rules of Order on a case by case basis.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

No, sir. That's not the case.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, it is.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Robert's Rules says that the regulations of the body define. But in the absence of regulations, this is what it is.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

And so we've now amended the regulations to define what it is.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

National Secretary Gene Mortorff to Brother Pahl through Commander-in-Chief, I still disagree with your ruling on what an ex-officio is under Robert's Rules.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, so let's not generate another debate. Brother Kennedy.

**Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

Commander-in-Chief, Brother Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would ask you and I meant to get up earlier though there was a lot of interesting debate going on and I had to put this off for a few moments. A comments earlier by Brother Orr, the National Treasurer, **about Department Commanders being limited to three terms,\*** I would ask that while the comments could remain that they may be stricken from the records of the Encampment. Just not to be detrimental. (\*Language change by motion passage this page)

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Actually, if you make a motion I will support that.

**Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island**

I would make that motion, sir

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, this ought to be an easy one. All in favor of the motion to strike **\*\*\*\*\*** from the 131<sup>st</sup> Encampment proceedings, raise your blue cards.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. All opposed, raise your blue cards.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Kennedy, motion passes.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, it is now ten after 4:00 and we're kind of in the middle of the regulations. I think we have one visitation to do. I think the agenda is published in the program book has us ending at 4:00 so I am going to...Brother Bob.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri**

Bob Petrovic, Department of Missouri. We've been talking about Brother Freshley all day and how he's been sick. Danny came over to me at the foundation and asked if I had any get well cards. I have five get well cards here. I'm going to put them on the tables up here in front. I would like everybody to sign them so we can send them to Brother Freshley.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. one more announcement. I know Brother Kennedy asked me to announce that those on the Officer's Reports Committee meet with him in the back where he is back corner. Brother Hammond noted that those on the Resolutions Committee meet up in the Northwest corner. Leo's in the Southeast corner.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Bob.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

On page seventy, proposal number eight. This is a simple one. This is a change that would allow the National Treasurer to pay our routine bills from the close of the fiscal year on June 30<sup>th</sup> until the meeting of the National Encampment which is generally in August. And the committee recommends the adoption of this proposal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion?

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I have a point of clarification. The National Encampment does not approve the budget. The Council of Administration approves at the post Encampment meeting. Because if it's necessary to amend the budget, the Council could not amend it if it's adopted by the National Encampment. So therefore I would suggest that the language on this should be until the approval of the budget by the Council of Administration rather than at the National Encampment.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Is that a motion to amend?

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

The committee can simply accept that.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay...

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

Yes, the committee accepts that.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Any more discussion? All in favor of the committee's recommendation as amended by Brother Orr, please raise your blue cards. Opposed, raise your blue cards.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, the Ladies of the G.A.R. are here. Brother Helmantoler, how many ladies do we have out there?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, while we're waiting for the ladies, just for the benefit of the transcriptionist, if you could identify the ladies before they speak, it's going to make life a lot easier when she has to write down who's talking or when Ed has to figure out who it is.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Great.

**Thomas Helmantoler, Guard**

Four.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Four. Could we have four Brothers serve as escorts for the ladies? Maybe some of those good looking California guys...

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Clapping**

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Welcome ladies. Please, state your name for our transcriptionist here to make sure we get it in the books.

**Judy Rock, National President, Ladies GAR**

I'm Judy Rock from Michigan. I'm National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army. I bring greetings from the ladies to your convention. I hope everything is going well for you and I hope it continues to improve. How's that?

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Janice Corfman, Past National President, Ladies GAR**

I'm Janice Corfman, Past National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. It's a joy to come in here and see all these wonderful gentlemen. I appreciate you having us in here and it's always a pleasure to have this many men here. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Lynn Bury, Past National President, Ladies GAR**

I'm Lynn Bury, National President, 1986, '87, also 2003, '04, and '05. I'm currently serving as historian and this year I was appointed belatedly chairman of arrangements for the Ladies. And with that said, I want to extend our gratitude to Brother Glen Roosevelt and his cohorts here in California. They have been more than helpful. Very generous with their time and energy. I don't think we have had our flags put out in the proper way by anybody other than our Treasurer for decades. We were most impressed by that. They have made us feel most welcome, solved any and every problem we've had. And this is because in past years, there have been occasions where we've felt kind of like third wheels, or the poor orphan children, or whatever. But, your committee in California has been more than helpful and very gracious hosts and we certainly appreciate in every way. So, thank you, Glen.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Phyllis Houston, Past National President, Ladies GAR**

I'm Phyllis Houston. I'm also a Past National President and this year I'm serving as Junior Vice. And we're glad to have everybody out on the West Coast for a change.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause)

**Judy Rock, National President, Ladies GAR**

And this is a little gift for you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Does it explode?

**Judy Rock, National President, Ladies GAR**

Ask him to explain the frog. That's all I'm going to say. (laughter)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I thought I'd never see those things again.

**Judy Rock, National President, Ladies GAR**

I warned ya'. You have to explain them now.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We need to do those over Boston Coolers is what we need to do.

**Judy Rock, National President, Ladies GAR**

Yea, well, I tried that but I couldn't get the stuff in my suitcase.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Well, thank you very much.

**Judy Rock, National President, Ladies GAR**

Have a good encampment.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, thank you. Thank you, ladies.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson.

**Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. It's a great honor to make the response but let me say that I not only do it as a Member of the Sons of the Union Veterans and now as an honorary Lady of the Grand Army of the Republic. I hope there will be no undue inferences drawn from that. Dear Sisters of the L.G.A.R., we welcome you to our 131<sup>st</sup> Encampment. Thank you for being with us. We are truly brothers and sisters, children of the Grand Army of the Republic, sired by the same men who sacrificed so much to preserve our blessed Union. We've been united also in good works in this year and we congratulate you on your accomplishments during the year, understanding that you will continue and to serve a second term. We earnestly wish you your most productive and harmonious encampment. We look forward to working together in coming years and as long as the memory of the boys in blue remains. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(Applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, ladies.

**Encampment**

(Clapping)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to actually call Brother Grimm back up. We're going to go a few more minutes I have been assured that the next several of these things will go quick so we might as well knock them out today.

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

Of course the ones I thought would go quick before, didn't.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We'll see how that truth holds.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

It's a grim job, but somebody has to do it.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

Okay, on page seventy at the bottom, you'll find proposal number nine. This is a request to eliminate the Remembrance Day Committee from our list of committees. The function of the Remembrance Day Committee is now going to be performed by the Sons of the Veterans Reserve. And the committee recommends adoption of this proposal.



**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All in favor of this motion, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. Opposed, blue cards.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Passed.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

On page seventy-one, you will find proposal number ten. This is the change that removes the Remembrance Day Committee from the list of standing committees and again it's the Sons of Veterans Reserves going to perform this function. Committee recommends the adoption of this proposal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All in favor of the committee's recommendation raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed, raise your blue cards.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Robert Grimm, Constitution and Regulations**

On page seventy-one, we have proposal number eleven. This is a change that will transform the Special Committee on Battle Flag Preservations from a special committee to a permanent standing committee. And the committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All in favor of the recommendation raise your blue cards. Thank you. All those opposed, raise your blue cards.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

Okay. At the bottom of page seventy-one, we have proposal number twelve. This is a change that will transform a special committee to restore Memorial Day from a special committee into a permanent standing committee. And the committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion?

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I have a question. What's the current time limit on the existence of that committee? I thought the committee was created until such time as Memorial Day is changed back to its proper date.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Actually that is correct.

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

So then, it's a special committee that exists until it accomplishes its mission. If you do this, then we're going to have to take action at some time in the future, assuming that Memorial Day reverts back to its proper date, to abolish the committee. Where right now, it's self-abolishing once the Memorial Day is returned to its proper date. The question is first do we really need to do this? And there's no difference in the validity of the of the committee. It's just whether or not it automatically ends.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So, there is still a Memorial Day Committee chaired by PDC Al Peterson and the Battle Flag Preservation Committee were two special committees formed by an act of previous National Encampment by act the 126<sup>th</sup> National Encampment. Any special committee that did not have a specified end date should cease at the 127<sup>th</sup> Encampment 2008. However, due to an oversight, these committees have continued to function. Given the fact that these two committees continue to function they'll be allowed to function for the remainder of this administrative year until 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment this coming office. At that point, the National Encampment will need to determine if these committees have accomplished their goals and should be either disbanded, continue as special committees with specified end dates, or elevated to standing committee status. So that committee never did have a specified end date.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I am suggesting that the proper action is not to make this a standing committee because that means it will be there forever. But to give it an end date of point in time when Memorial Day is returned to May 30th.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Is that a motion?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Yes.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on the motion? Yes, sir.

**Brian McManis, Department of Wisconsin**

Brian McManis, Department of Wisconsin. I think if you turned it into an ad hoc committee with the express purpose of changing it and getting Memorial Day re-established, then once that happens, that ad hoc committee the goal for the committee is accomplished and it goes away.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That's exactly what his motion would do.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Our regulations sets up special committees and standing committees. We don't have ad hoc committees within the regulations. So by making this a special committee with an end date of accomplishing its task, the committee would exist until such time as it does accomplish its task and then it would cease to exist.

**Brian McManis, Department of Wisconsin**

Okay. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Schall.

**D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief**

For all practical purposes, before it is ever passed into Federal law, it will be forever, Richard. The change to it that I see for a standing committee to just has some limitation on the number of members that it does not have now. As a standing committee, we limit them to five members and I think now they've got eight or nine. And so I think from a control point of view, it might be a better thing for the organization to have it as a standing committee.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Brad, you can amend my motion to limit it to five if that's what you so desire. We can make the motion that this is a special committee with an end date of when it accomplished its tasks and then limit it to five members. If you want to amend it, I would accept that as a friendly amendment to my motion.

**D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I would amend it that way.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

If Brother Chaplain, do you concur with the amendment?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Commander-in-Chief, Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain, Department of Illinois. The likelihood of us getting Memorial Day changed back to the original date is just as likely has happening that we move Christmas to the date after the Monday closest to the 25<sup>th</sup> of December. It's simply not going to happen, or that we move Easter Sunday to a Wednesday. It's not going happen. We may want it deeply our hearts. We understand General Logan's Order. But it's not going to happen. I don't think, if we took a vote right now, how many people think it might happen. And no matter how hard we work at it, I don't think it's going to happen.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. I understand your views, but do you concur with the amendment to the motion since you seconded the original motion?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Yes, I do.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you. Okay. We have an amended motion and a second. Is there any more discussion? Okay. Brother Mortorff, would please read the motion?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Okay. This one might need a little bit of ... motion by Brother Orr seconded by the Chaplain Jerry with an amendment by Brother Schall to elevate it to special committee status with maximum of five members with an end date when accomplished.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Does everyone understand the motion? Okay. All in favor of the motion, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed, raise your blue cards. Thank you.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Orr's motion passes. Thank you.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

On page seventy-two, you'll find proposal number thirteen. This will eliminate confusion over whether a person can wear more than one of his past commander badges at the same time. And the committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, any discussion on the recommendation? Okay. All in favor of the recommendation from the committee, please raise your blue cards. All opposed, please raise yours.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

On page seventy-two, we have proposal number fourteen. And this will clarify the meaning of the word "current" for the wearing of temporary badges. And the committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? Dave, I'm going to start yawning here in a second if you keep that up. Okay. There being no discussion, all in favor of the recommendation, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed to the recommendation, raise your blue cards. And guys, thank you.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

On page seventy-three, we have the beginning of group number B. These are proposals that were presented to the committee, but the committee does not recommend adoption of them. Proposal number fifteen, this was a change that would eliminate the investigating and voting on applicants for

membership. And the committee does not recommend adoption of this.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on the recommendation? There being no discussion, all in favor of the committee's recommendation, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed, raise your blue cards. Thank you.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

Page seventy-three, we have proposal number sixteen. This change will allow a member to wear all of his past commander badges at the same time. And of course we just passed a rule that would make this one unnecessary. We just passed a rule that would eliminate this one so it's really not necessary to vote on it. On page seventy-four, we have some proposals for the changes to the Ritual and Ceremonies. C&R Committee recommends approval of these changes.

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, a point of order. This was referred to the Committee on Rituals and Ceremonies.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So ruled.

[one rap, \*]

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

The committee has one other proposal which is not in the program that you have. This was the proposal that we discussed a little bit earlier. This would amend Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 1, which is found on page forty-three of the Regulations. This would add the following language. The National Encampment shall waive all per capita for Brothers serving in the Armed Forces in an active combat zone as defined by the United States Department of Defense. And the committee recommends adoption of that change.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So...any discussion on the recommendation?

**George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief**

George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Pennsylvania. Question. This is National per capita. This does not affect department per capita. Is that a correct statement?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

As National Counselor, the way I read this, this would waive all per capita. That's what it says. All per capita, that I believe would include Department and Camp.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, if there's a problem with it, then I would ask that we just delete the word all and add National per capita. We just add the word, not all but just National per capita.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I was just going to comment that traditionally, we're only waiving the National per capita. We're not forcing Departments, we encourage Departments to waive it on their own. But we don't force the Departments to waive it.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Well, the committee can amend the language.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

If it says National instead of all, we're okay.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Right. So the committee's changing the language to take out the word all and replace it with National. Is that correct, Bob?

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

Yes.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Any more discussion based on the amended language? Okay. There being no more discussion, all in favor of the recommendation, raise your blue card, the recommendation as amended. All opposed, raise yours.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Motion passes.

**Robert Grim, Constitution and Regulations**

Commander, that now concludes the report of the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We are going to recess for the day. We will pick up with the reports of the committees tomorrow starting with the Encampment Site Committee. And then we are going to have a presentation on the survey results as well as the strategic plan by the Division and Planning Committee. That's what this screen is up here for so we're going to break the agenda up and insert that. I know a lot of people are interested in that so we are going to cover that in a fair amount of detail. And then once we get through that and then go back to the main order of business.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

[End of First Day of Encampment]

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment, August 11, 2012**

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Welcome, ladies. I'm glad to see very nice contingent here. I thank the escorts for bringing the ladies in. And I would ask any of the ladies who would like to present greetings, please approach the mike.

**Judy Trepanier, Past National President ASUVCW**

I'm Judy Trepanier, Past National President from Connecticut and I would like to bring greetings from the National. Very happy to be here. This is my first trip to California. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Lucille Coe, Department President of Pennsylvania, ASUVCW**

Good morning. I am Lucille Coe and I'm here to represent National. And it's so nice to meet everyone. I am Department President for Pennsylvania. Good morning.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Anne Sosnowski, National President, ASUVCW**

Good morning. I'm Anne Sosnowski and I'm on my honeymoon. (laughter)

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Anne Sosnowski, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

I'd like to thank Don Palmer for the wonderful travels that we had together and I can truthfully tell you his hair always looked better than mine.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Anne Sosnowski, National President, ASUVCW**

But I have something for him.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much.

**Anne Sosnowski, National President, ASUVCW**

Thank you gentlemen.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That's your logo.

**Anne Sosnowski, National President, ASUVCW**

Yes.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much.

**Anne Sosnowski, National President, ASUVCW**

You're welcome.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Well, thank you for coming. Thank you for the gift. We need to have the response from Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson.

**Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Sisters of the Auxiliary, we welcome you to our 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment. We are the children of the Grand Army, Brothers and Sisters devoted to keeping green the memory of the Boys in Blue. Our mutual histories tell us that the Sons and the Auxiliary are probably the closest companions among the Allied Orders. We congratulate you on another year of service and sisterhood. And trust that your encampment, like our own, will be marked with harmony and achievement. We look forward to working together in the coming year as Brothers and Sisters united in purpose, so long as the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic remains alive in the heart of America. Thank you for being with us.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Well, apparently the Ladies of the Grand Army blocked 9:15 for both the Auxiliary and the Sons and so given that conflict, I think what we'll do is we'll get through some more committee reports and then we'll break to do their visitation. So we will start off with the Encampment Site Committee. Brother Houston, do you have anything to add?

**James Houston, Encampment Site Committee**

Jim Houston Past Department Commander, Department of Ohio, and Chairman of the Site Committee. Just a couple comments to clarify some things. First thing I want to do, on behalf of the National Site Committee is thank the Department of California/Pacific for all the work that they've done to organize this Encampment. I've had the privilege of working with them for over two years now. As you can all see, they've done a fantastic job and I think we ought to give them another hand.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**James Houston, Encampment Site Committee**

In upcoming Encampments you can see from the report, the next year's encampment will be in Milwaukee. If you need to get information, Past Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels has information and see him if you need to find out more details. Actually, they have a website already up so you can



access that find out information on making hotel reservations, etc. The next year are in the final throws of negotiating a contract with the Atlanta Hilton in Marietta, Georgia. That's the Department of Georgia and South Carolina for 2014. We're now on the third draft of the contract. So I think we'll be able to get to conclude that in the next week actually. Beyond that, in 2015, we have interest from the Department of New York, and if any of the other departments would like to submit a proposal, you can do that. We hope to wind that up in terms of valuation by the end of this year for 2015. Beyond that, 2016, we're still starting to work on that. Hopefully, it will be in the state of Illinois. The Department of Illinois is starting to work on that. But if there are other proposals, we certainly can accept those as well. If you have any questions or would like to have further information, please see me. I have some general guidelines which we can give you to tell you what we'd like to see in a proposal. And I think that's the nature of all the commends. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Houston. Fraternal Relations Committee, Brother Sayre.

**Jerry Sayre, Fraternal Relations Committee**

Nothing further to report, sir.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Let's see, the next is the Graves Registration Committee. We saw the report from Brother Frail, in his Graves Registration Officer Report, so that was covered there. Committee on History, Brother Wolz. Anything above your National Historian Report? Okay. Nothing there. G.A.R. Records Committee, Brother Enderlin.

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

Commander, Dean Enderlin, G.A.R. Records Officer Chair of the Committee. We do have two recommendations this year. My report appears on page seventy-seven. First recommendation is on page seventy-eight of our packet. Our first recommendation is we are proposing a plan for the upcoming year and for the next five years, to sort of firm up our direction as a committee. We're at a point where we're actually ready to take the next step as far as moving forward with our goal to place online a G.A.R. Records catalog in electronic form. We've made great progress this year. And so this plan basically outlines our proposal for how to proceed. So our recommendation number one is that a G.A.R. Records project plan be approved as outlined below.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on the recommendation?

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

Our next recommendation appears on page seventy-nine and it is sort of a matter of housekeeping, I guess you could say. And that is that a job description for the National G.A.R. Records Officer be amended as follows. This would be a total amendment, by the way. There is a job description. It never got published so we decided let's start from scratch and put one together in a final polished form.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Does that have to go to the C&R Committee?

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, National Counselor. This in effect changes the regulations. The job descriptions are part of the National Regulations by reference. Notice was not provided to the office and National Counselor, I don't believe at least thirty days in advance. Or was it?

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

Yes, Brother Pahl. I have an email from you.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Brother, I will take your word for it. I apologize. I don't recall it. Course it is before 10:00 a.m. But it cannot be done at the sound of the gavel. It does require an affirmative vote.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So we have a motion to recommend the changes to the job description of the National G.A.R. Records Officer.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We have a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed, please do the same.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Dean A. Enderlin, GAR Records Committee**

Thank you, Commander. That completes our report.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Enderlin.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, I would ask that the National Secretary be instructed to inform him of the G.A.R. Records project plan, item 2, sub-item 4, because he will have to acquire the domain name and set that up on our server.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, referred to the National Secretary.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

So received.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The Committee on Legislation, Brother Earl.

**Daniel R. Earl, Legislation Committee**

I have nothing further to report.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you. Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee, Brother Petrovic.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee**

We have one recommendation. Every year it rains up there at the Lincoln Tomb for about the last ten that I've been attending. And our officers are always standing up by the podium getting wet. Everybody else has umbrellas and that...they have no covering. The tomb has been very good to us. They work with me 100%. They're setting up the chairs. They're setting up the whole benefit for us. They call me if they have a problem. They're writing newspaper articles for us. They're putting it on their Website. So I would like to buy one of these pop-up tents for the tomb. I would like to have it donated to the Monument Association. If it's donated to the Monument Association, it stays at the tomb. If we donate it to the tomb, it's a state entity and they can move it to any of the other parks and it might never come back. It will cost us approximately \$230.00. And I think it is well worth it for the good will that we have with them.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

This is not really an objection. But I object that you didn't think of this in 2006.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Robert M. Petrovic, Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee**

I just thought you needed to get a little wet for a change.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I was all washed up.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I'm not objecting, but this is for the record. The Lincoln Tomb Fund is jointly administered with MOLLUS and since I am the chairman of the event for MOLLUS then unless Commander-in-Chief Jeffrey Burden objects, MOLLUS concurs with this expense.

**Jeffrey Burden, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS**

No objection.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections to the recommendation?

**[one rap, \*]**

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Approved.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee**

Thank you, Brothers. I appreciate it.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Committee on Membership. That would be Brother Freshley, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. Refer back to his report. Military Affairs Committee, Brother Atkinson. No additional comments. Program and Policy Committee, Brother Perley Mellor.

**Perley Mellor, Program and Policy Committee**

No additions.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

No additions. Remembrance Day Committee, Brothers Petrovic and Shaw.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Co-Chair Remembrance Day Committee**

Nothing further.

**Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, before we move off Remembrance Day we need to do this and it doesn't really matter when we do it. The responsibility for the ball on Remembrance Day has been transferred to the SVR, we now have an existence of a fund with zero balance. All the money in the Blue/Gray Ball Fund has been transferred to the SVR. I therefore move you that we dissolve the Blue/Gray Ball Fund officially.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We had a couple seconds there. Any discussion on the motion? All in favor of the motion, please raise your blue card. Opposed, please do the same. Thank you.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. Committee on Scholarships, I don't believe Brother Ertell is here, but he does identify the scholarship winners for the year. And he has no recommendations. Civil War Heritage Defense, Brother Kirchner is not here. And you see he had nothing to report. Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Brother Petrovic. Anything to add to your report?

**Robert M. Petrovic, Civil War Memorials Grant Fund**

Nothing to add to the report.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Can I say a couple of things.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. Backing up on to the Civil War Heritage Defense report, I don't know if Brothers recall a couple of years ago the fund had to retained an attorney in order to fight the city of Detroit over the G.A.R. Hall in Detroit. It's a wonderful castle-like building right downtown. We had to go into Federal Court and prohibit the City of Detroit from taking off some deed restrictions that required them to preserve the building as a memorial to the Grand Army. I have a little follow-up report to that. The city sold the building to two private investors who happen to be descendants of Civil War veterans. They are not members of the Order, but they are very mindful of the history of that building. They are totally restoring it. It should be open for their business within a year. It will include a museum to the G.A.R. on the first floor of that building. And they've retained the services of Past Department Commander Bruce Butgereit to be their advisor to make sure it's done right. Bruce is a Past National Patriotic Instructor of this organization. Several of you know him. So I can assure you that it's going to be done correctly. As you walk into the front door in the tile is a huge G.A.R. badge. And their preserving that also. It's just a wonderful outcome of some of the things we've done in the past and I wanted the Brothers to be aware of that.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**D. Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Will the Allied Orders be able to meet in that building.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I don't know. They're very receptive to being co-operative with the Sons. Like I said, they retained Bruce. They're descendants themselves and they're very interested in our organization so there's a possibility.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Commander-in-Chief, Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Department of Illinois. I received an email at 4:00 o'clock in the morning from Brother Bruce Butgereit indicating the fact that for the first time on November 11<sup>th</sup> of this year, the American flag will be raised over that G.A.R. Hall and no one has a recollection of that having happened in recent memory. And that next year, the goal is to have the building restored and open to the public with great ceremony in 2013.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Chaplain.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. eBay Surveillance Committee. That would be Brother Meehan who I know is not here. And he does not have any recommendations that I can tell. We've made it through the standing committees. I think we're going make an attempt to go visit the Ladies of the Grand Army so we're going to take about a ten minute break and then we'll complete the Special Committees. And then when

we come back, we'll have a number of announcements from the host committee as well as the National Chaplain.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**[Recess]**

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. I think there's several announcements, I know one that the host committee would like to make. Is Brother Mabie in? There he is.

**Charles W. Mabie, Department of California Pacific**

Gentlemen, every one of you out there would love to go back home and have free beer. Or perhaps, if you're not a imbibing gentlemen, you'd like to have a free cup of tea Starbucks or a nice cup of coffee. And I can tell you, one way that you can do that. What's going to happen after this Encampment you're going to go back home and you're going go to your camp meeting. They're going to say what did you get at the National Encampment, and you're going to say I got this medal. Look at this most beautiful medal I ever seen at a Brother's function. Can you believe that? And they're \$30.00. They'll go, wow, how do I get one? You're going to tell them they'll have to write to Brother Roosevelt or someone and then it's like a \$5.00 fee for postage and all that. Instantaneous gratification. Just give me back my \$30.00. Wow, hey, I wonder, \$35.00 if you send for it. I'd save you \$5.00. Hey, you're the greatest guy they would say to you. Let me buy you a beer. Get 'em while you can get 'em. Be the hero of your camp when you get back. They're available right out there. And then we have the other ones. Daddy, Daddy what'd you bring me? We have the other medals available too. Thank you very much.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Mabie. Another colorful advertisement. Yes. Brother Chaplain, you had some announcements.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

I can do that. The challenge for the Wisconsin Encampment has been met. Thank you. They informed me any donations, \$10.00 on up, I know is cheerfully accepted. There's no challenge. If you'd like to be part of next year's encampment with the possibility of getting your \$10.00 back. That's number one. Number two, the Masonic luncheon is taking place inside the East room inside the larger room. Because Pennsylvania is now in the West.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, thank you, Brother Jerry.

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, at the Spring COA meeting, there was action taken to provide twenty free wooden nickels to each department, not each camp, each department for promoting of the order. National Quartermaster has a sufficient supply. Whenever we break we're going to need one representative per department that is here. It'll save us the postage of shipping them. And we will provide you with your twenty free wooden nickels for the purpose of promoting the Order. Use them however you want. They're not to go into your collection. They're things that when you go

somewhere, you hand them to someone. For those of you who haven't seen it, on one side there's a buffalo. On the other side is the Coat-of-Arms of the Sons and it says Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and it has our website address on it. It's purely a promotional item to help you with recruiting and getting the Sons' name out there. So, they will be available from the Quartermaster in the back. These are free of charge and we would ask that, don't cause confusion and don't have more than one representative from a department go try and claim the twenty free ones. They're not that expensive but they do still cost us 11.3 cents apiece. When we start passing out that many, I mean, it'll add up.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. I was handed a sheet with an announcement. Is there a Jim Keiger here?

**Unknown**

No, he's not here.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So apparently he had ordered a shirt and a commemorative medal and I guess they're going to close up the store.

**Charles W. Mabie, Department of California Pacific**

Commander, just for clarification, the reason why they're going to close at noon is because they'd like to be in here to vote. They'll be open again after that, you can check with someone from our department if you have the desire to get that free beer when you get back home.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you. Now we move on to special committees. And we will start with the Encampment Credentials Committee. Brother Busch, any additions to your report or recommendations? Now this is not asking for the official credentials report.

**Walter E. Busch, Encampment Credentials Committee**

Walt Busch, Department of Missouri. there's not changes, just an update of 142 Brothers were pre-registered. A hundred and thirty have shown up. Nine more registered at the Encampment. We now have 139 Brothers registered. That's it.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Real Sons and Daughters Committee, Brother Letzring, who is not here. His report's on page eighty-nine. He does not have any recommendations. Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, Brother Beard.

**Michael Beard, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee**

Commander, Mike Beard, Chesapeake. Since we've started this, we've had fifty-three events. We started with Texas and the Department of Missouri leads with eight events, followed by the Department of California Pacific with seven events, Chesapeake with six, At-Large has one, Connecticut one, Kentucky two, Massachusetts two, New Hampshire one, New Jersey one, Ohio five, Pennsylvania two, Rhode Island two, Florida three, Georgia and South Carolina three, Indiana one, Iowa one, Michigan two, New York two, SVR one, and MOLLUS one. The one item in my report that I would like to point out is that Brother James McGuire, who is excellent at the computer, has given us a Facebook page where there's a lot of artwork and links and that sort of stuff. And that's at Facebook.com/SUVCW150.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Beard. G.A.R. Sesquicentennial Committee, Brother Orr.

**Richard L. Orr, GAR Sesquicentennial Committee**

It was short and there is no additions.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you. Canadian Union Vets Recognition Monument, Brother Lamb.

**David M. Lamb, Canadian Union Vets Recognition Monument**

Nothing further to report, sir.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you. Restore Memorial Day Committee, Brother Peterson, who is apparently is not here. Let's see if he had any recommendations. Apparently not. Okay. His report is on page ninety-three, ninety-four, and goes into ninety-five. Battle Flag Preservation Committee, Brother Norris.

**Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation Committee**

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts. there's no changes to my report. I do want to thank everybody for making our committee a standing committee.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Vision and Planning Committee, Brother LaBrot. Any additions?

**David K. LaBrot, Vision and Planning Committee**

Commander, David LaBrot, Department of Texas. The committee made two recommendations. The plan is rather lengthy and it was kind of prohibitive to try and print it. We were running in to around forty pages. We're going to present that through a PowerPoint presentation that you have and we made two recommendations that we'd begin immediately implanting the plan. There are things that are already being done that were part of that plan and then the other thing is because this really needs to be a focus of our organization, to plan every year so we recommended that this committee be made a standing committee.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Now, the recommendation number two is actually a recommendation in my Commander-in-Chief's report so that one is already in the Officer's Reports Committee's hands. Recommendation one, I would recommend that this be deferred until after the presentation such that the Brothers can observe it, ask questions, comments, and everything else.

**David K. LaBrot, Division and Planning Committee**

We'll accept that.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. The Committee on Juniors. Looks like no report was submitted. Brother Shaw, did Brother Bennett submit a report?



**Donald W. Shaw, National Chief of Staff**

I have not received anything from Brother Bennett.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

There is a recommendation on the Juniors Committee in my officer's report. That is in the Officer's Reports Committee hands right now. But, I was thinking Brother Bennett would've given some information on the accomplishments this year. Okay. The Committee on Promotion and Marketing. Brother Mellor.

**Perley E. Mellor, Promotion and Marketing Committee**

No additions.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We have a couple of additional reports in here, but I guess before we go into those, I'm going to ask, did I miss any committee reports? Either standing or special? Or appointed this year? Okay. There's a report from the Charitable Foundation. Any additions to the report, Brother Bob? None. Then the Sesquicentennial the Battle of Gettysburg was submitted by Past Commander-in-Chief Kuhn.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, that's the same as the request in the resolution submitted from Pennsylvania, so you can either do it under resolutions or you can take it up now.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We'll do it under resolutions. That concludes the committee reports. It was brought to my attention that the next step we need to take here is to look at the Life Membership issue. And so I'm going to ask that a member of that sub-committee discuss what the recommendations are from the Life Membership program's standpoint.

**D. Brad Schall, Department of California**

Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief Schall, Department of California. A committee was set up by the Council of Administration a year ago to study the Life Membership program. Brother Martin, Brother Campbell, and myself were that committee. Brother Orr was the input on much of the information about the program. We had had five Life Membership programs. The report in the supplement that you had there was actually not a report designed for this meeting but was designed for the Council of Administration meeting which gave a little bit of background information of why we were making some recommendations. But let me just briefly go through what the problem is. One we're losing because of low amount of money we're gaining on investments, we're having to come up with \$8,000.00 or \$9,000.00 a year of Life Memberships. That's a direct result of a number of years, this Encampment put the Life Membership funding into a dedicated fund and basically that said we could only use the interest investment income to take care of the Life Memberships. That money has never been touched. Every year we get a little bit that 3/4 of 1% that we're earning on it right now is not doing it. So, we took that into consideration. We can't solve that problem. Someday when we all go broke and we have inflation and we're making 10% on all those investments again, we won't be able to afford to come to the Encampment but the life membership fund will have plenty of money. So, we acknowledge the fact that we can't really stop what it is, but we can do something for the future. The first that we have is effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year all future Life Memberships go into a fund that is not restricted and that fund can not only use the investment amount of money to balance our books, but we can also draw from the principal of that. That's the first recommendation. We decided to put it into

brackets and we came out with five brackets. We had a beautiful presentation we could've made to you that was about forty-four pages that had all the Life Insurance charts that we had. And we decided that that was not going to be practical. We had, by the way, two memberships in the Life Membership Fund, that were bought for Juniors. Am I saying this now correct? Richard, go ahead.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, what they are, for a short period of eighteen months, we had a Life Membership program for basically newborns and we have two members and that was a project of Past Commander-in-Chief, Frank Heacock, and it quickly became apparent that it was not going to be viable. So it was ended. But anyway, we do have two there currently full members. They are in their mid and early twenties that became Life Members when they were infants twenty plus years ago. And so we do have those with a life expectancy of probably another sixty years that we will be paying reimbursement to them.

**D. Brad Schall, Department of California**

So, our second recommendation's is go to a bracket system that we have outlined. Third recommendation is that in addition to the principal and the interest that we can use that we take for the first ten years that a member comes into the Life Membership program we take whatever the amount of the National fee is. In this case it's \$23.00. I don't know what it's going to be in ten years from now, I hope that it will be ten, but I doubt that will happen. So, we're going to take from the principal for the next ten years, \$23.00 out of that or whatever the current amount is. So, from this time on for the next ten years, we'll never have a loss with new members going in to this fund. But at the same time you'll hear in the Treasurer's Report. There are some new messes of which a possibility of going through this 1%...3% or 4%. So the fund in itself will be generating income during this period of time. We've also added that in the case of people who have a Life Membership and would like to donate to that fund you can do that in the case of I will send \$23.00 next year to that fund to pay for what my annual dues would be. I never joined the Life Membership fund to pay my dues or reduce it. I did it in the case that someday if I happen to be ninety years old, still here, and weigh 145 pounds that somebody might pay my fees. So, we've opened up another avenue for that fund itself for the National Treasury. If people wanted to donate to that they can do that. Our last recommendation is that at the discretion of the National Treasurer and the approval of Council of Administration, the National Treasurer can use the principal in those funds to make it even if it and that would be a case for if all of a sudden these funds drew more money and interest and dividends then what we needed to pay for the fund, then that would be possible over the next five or ten years that that could be the case. We're not restricting the National Treasurer from using that money. The last three years, 2010, we had nineteen new Life Members. 2011 we had sixteen new Life Members. And 2012 we had twelve new Life Members. We have basically on the books right now 363. We have 171 members that we pay out of that fund \$4.00 and we have forty-three members that we pay \$10.00 out of that. I present to the Encampment my recommendations of those five points.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I move adoption of the Committee's recommended program. And that we adopt it immediately and also forward it to the C&R Committee for codification because the Life Membership program is included in the C&R.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second. And I see we got some discussion coming. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, Department of Ohio. I just have one question to Brother Schall, which means you get another five minutes. The question is on your first recommendation, you said effective 1 July of this year that the new members would be placed in a separate fund.

**D. Brad Schall, Department of California**

Yes, sir.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Then my question is, what happens to the old members and that money? Does it still stay in the Permanent Fund. So the old ones remain in the Permanent Fund rather than all the money shifting to a separate Life Membership fund that's not tied to the Permanent Fund?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

That is correct. And we will continue to pay the reimbursement for those who are Life Members prior to 1 July. We will continue to pay their reimbursement out of the proceeds of the Permanent Fund. For those that don't know, we can never touch the principal. We can only spend the earnings during the year. The only way that money can ever be touched is if we dissolve the organization. That is the way it's written. The proceeds, the earnings, the interest, whatever you want to call it, during the year, are not restricted in an accounting sense and we can use those. If they are not expended during the year, they become part of the principal and they are untouchable. Right now, there's about \$200,000.00 in the Permanent Fund and it's generating well short of the \$9,000.00 in interest that it needs to generate to meet the reimbursement in per capita expenses.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So that is the reason why we're not taking all the old money that's currently in the Life Membership fund and putting it in with the new funding?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

To be honest, the reason we're not doing it and Brother Brad and I discussed this through an email exchange, is that it would probably take a year or two to go back through records and determine how much of the money that's in the Permanent Fund is actually from Life Memberships because it all isn't. There are bequests in there. There was money in there long before we started putting the Life Membership money in there. Then you would have to go each year and calculate what was the interest earned on the Life Membership money versus the interest earned on the other money that was in the fund and how much of it was paid out each year to determine how much actually would be transferred to a Life Membership Fund. And we want to convert to 501(c)(3) at the same time. This is going already be a fulltime job. You want to make it two fulltime jobs.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I was just asking and I wanted the clarification that it was just new members. In that regard, new members what's the definition of that? Is that a person who has not yet accumulated whatever he's doing his three year payoff and hasn't reached that yet. Is he considered a new member? Or is this the person who 1 July starts his three year payment?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Well, you got a couple different situations there. If he's a Life Member and if his Life Membership fee was paid entirely before June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, he would be under one of the four original programs. We have one that Brother Demmy sent me who came in July. We're going to have to accept that at the old rate because we can't increase the rate until this is actually adopted. So, the increase in rates would be effective today if this is approved today. The fund is effective the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. That Membership Application would be under program five and that would go into the new Life Membership Fund. Contractually, we are obligated to accept the rate of the four or five people that are on the payment plan, but personally, and it's not contained in this motion, as the National Treasurer, when they make their additional payments, I would put them into this fund.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, I understand, if you have not completed your payment, then your monies will go into this thing that starts 1 July.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Right.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Now, if this encampment does accept your motion, will the people who have paid 2/3 of what the amount was required at 8:00 o'clock this morning, will their payment have to increase.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

We can't because we are contractually obligated to accept the previous rate. Jim can correct me if I'm wrong. But when they completed the application, we are proffering something in exchange for something and we both agreed and payment has already exchanged hands, at least partial payment, so we are contractually obligated to that Brother to accept the amount that he was to pay under the old plan.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. That just answered my question. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Any more discussion on the motion? Brother Ward.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Commander-in-Chief, this touches on recommendation five a through d of the Florida report and I think under the circumstances, we'll withdraw our recommendation. However, I should note, that one of the aspects of the Life Membership program is that there's a problem at the Department and the Camp level because Life Membership is recognized at the National level. And we certainly don't want to be having people at the Department and Camp level not recognizing it. It's just a problem because the Departments and Camps aren't being reimbursed as well. But I understand all the issues. I understand it's been looked at closely. I'm just noting it for the record.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

May I, point of clarification.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

James Pahl as National Counselor, point of clarification on your statement there, Brother. The Departments and Camps are not bound by the Life Membership. That's only National per capita. The Department can still charge per capita of a Life Member. The Camp can still charge per capita of a Life Member. It's not binding upon them. That's only an agreement with the National Organization as to their National portion. So Camp or Department can still assess a Life Member per capita. Many choose not to, but they can.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Second time, James Ward, Department of Florida. Yes sir, and I appreciate that. However, and the mechanics of it are going to be all right. A department Member-at-Large or Camp member says well, we're a Life Member with National and we're not paying dues. I don't care. At which point we would then, I guess initiate that they would become National Members-at-Large because they are in fact Life Members?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

No they do not because, by the regulations, if you reside within a geo-political location that is organized as a Department, you must belong to that Department. You cannot be a National Member-at-Large. Let me try to explain this. The Life Membership fee only excuses a Brother from paying the National per capita tax. The National Organization levies a per capita tax on the Department. The Departments, in turn, levy per capita tax on Camps. The camps, in turn, levy their per capita, on the individual Brother. What is hoped happens is, for example, if your department dues is \$40.00, the department doesn't need to pay National the \$23.00 so a Life Member only has to pay \$17.00 to the Department. So, ideally that's the way some Departments completely waive the Life Member the dues for a Life Member because they just say that we've got enough money and we don't need to worry about it. Some camps waive it. Some camps charge the whole dues and they just say it's a donation to the camp.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

I accept that clarification, I didn't realize there was that variety in ways that we were treating it.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any other discussion? All right. Brother Gene, you want to reread the motion, please?

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Motion by Brother Orr with multiple seconds to adopt the proposed Life Membership plan immediately and send details to the C&R Committee for codification and proper placement into the Constitution and Regulations.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All in favor of the motion, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed, raise yours.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. Could we have the report from the Council Administration? Or is there a report from the Council Administration? Okay. Very good.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

We skipped the Department reports. There's recommendations in two of them.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

at least Florida, and Georgia/South Carolina.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Florida just withdrew theirs.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

It's got seven. They withdrew one.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Seven?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Yea. And the other is Georgia/South Carolina and they have four.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Let's see.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

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**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Were any of these submitted as resolutions? Well, let's just go through them. Department of Florida. Their report starts at the bottom of 109 and goes all the way through 112. And they have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven...no, they got more than that. All right. Let's go through these recommendations.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Commander-in-Chief, Sir, I can assist.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Please.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Recommendation one a through b has already been dealt with in this National Encampment so we'll withdraw that. Recommendation two has been dealt with directly with the individual concerned. Recommendation three is informative, invitation for the States to partner with us, in raising a monument at the Battlefield of Olustee. I'll come back to four. Recommendation five is dealt with already. Recommendation seven a and b have been dealt with directly with the Site Encampment Committee. Eight is an invitation to the Brothers that they should always feel welcome, which I know they do. So I think the best thing for the Department of Florida to do is say we withdraw all our recommendations, sir.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, he skipped over six and I'm not sure what the Department of Florida wants in updating the Camp Timeline Guide.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Right. As I looked at it, it appeared to me and from the feedback I'd been getting from camps, is that not everything is on there. And we've had a number of changes recently which I know, we're scrambling to make sure is in there. I know there's been an updated one that was put out, I believe, earlier this year or last year that included EIN, IRS items. But it seems to me there are some other things there. And I think what would be a better thing for us to do is for the Department of Florida to look at this and come up with a proposal or what an updated Camp Timeline Guide would be. We'll forward it to whoever the new C-in-C says we should forward it to. And that will be dealt with later.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Ward and all the Brothers here, Brother Demmy and I put that list together so if you think there's something missing, you can either email Brother Demmy or myself with what you think is missing. I know there was some issues raised about saying that the Form Thirty's being filed in January, February, March. The regulations do require that the Form Thirty's be filed and not wait until you file your annual report for new members because what you're going to do is cause that new member to miss at least 1 issue of *The Banner* if you don't file them on time.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Point taken.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Wish they could all go like that. So, there were some recommendations from Georgia/South Carolina and their report is starting on page 113.

**Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Our recommendations are on 115.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And it goes on to 115. There four recommendations there. Brother Pierson.

**Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Sir, the first one, would go to the Lincoln Tomb Observance. We know 2015 is coming up, the 150<sup>th</sup> of the President's assassination and burial. This was more of an encouragement or suggestion that we make this extra special. Make it a showcase event. I think it's a great opportunity for the Order to show what we can do. Maybe there are plans already that are being worked on. I had no knowledge of them or none of us did down there. The second one is looking at a National Awards Coordinator or Committee just to supervise how we and the Order here manages and provides governance over our awards programs. We've got Eagle Certificate Award. We've got Junior ROTC Awards. There is no National Junior ROTC coordinator to liaise with the various military services' ROTC programs. I think that would help make that very effective. Just in terms of outreach and providing that consistent branding message. Air Force Association has got a person dedicated to doing nothing but awards going out to the various ROTC detachments National level awards, Air Force wide that they give every year. I think it would help us to do that and be more efficient and consistent in how we manage those programs.

The third recommendation is to establish a Patriotic Award, not to members, but to outreach. I seen that the S.A.R. recently established an aware to that effect that they give to a great American who does something good. Recommend that we do that too. Again, this gets back into marketing, promotion, and branding as well and getting our name out there. We are not going to say how we should do it or what we should do. We'll leave that up to if you want to appoint a committee or somebody to look at that. And then the second is really not a recommendation but an encouragement, something that we have found very successful down South. With the number of National Cemeteries we have in our Department to assign the closest Camp the responsibility for coordinating any of the Memorial Day services there, they take lead for it. It's a just a lesson learned that we got that we wanted to pass on.

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would move you that recommendation three and four be forwarded to the Program and Policy Committee. And I would comment on recommendation three, that when the ROTC program was established, it was made the responsibility of the Patriotic Instructor and he is the person that should be doing everything that is mentioned that was mentioned regarding ROTC program. I think it's in his job description, but I'm not positive. Brother Darby wasn't that what...cause you created this whole thing.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

What am I getting blamed for now?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The ROTC matter. Originally the Patriotic Instructor was the person that handled them and he was the one that collected the money for the for the badges and mailed them out. And then we moved that to the Quartermaster. When it was created, it was the Patriotic Instructor's responsibility to administer that program.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I do have one question with regard to the award for the American Citizen. Is that not the Founder's Award?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The Founder's Award is restricted to one person per year. I think the intent here is to make this more widely available and perhaps even something that the departments or camps could present. Which is why I made a motion to refer it to Program and Policy because it would be an entirely new program.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So let's take care of the motion here for items three and four. A motion's been made to refer these to the Program and Policy Committee. Is there a second?

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We have a motion and a second. All in favor of the motion, raise your blue cards. Opposed, do the same.

[one rap, \*]



**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

Sir, I would like to commend the National Quartermaster for the outstanding job that he has been doing selling those awards. Going back to the first bullet on the Lincoln Commemoration for clarification purposes, you are referring to the commemoration at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, So in this case, we just refer that to the Lincoln Tomb Committee.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee**

Bob Petrovic Department of Missouri in charge of Lincoln Tomb Commemoration. This weekend I have been in contact with my committee and we have already started working on a program for 2015. And the only thing we are going to be asking for is we're going to need a lot of troops for a parade. We have other things in place, but we haven't got everything down like we want yet.

**Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina**

With that said then, we respectfully withdraw that recommendation and...

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Did we come to a resolution on the second item on the ROTC Program?

**Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It's already part of the job description of the Patriotic Instructor.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Patriotic Instructor. Okay.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

I probably should just make a comment on the last recommendation, recommendation four. I see this happening a lot where there's a request that the National or even at the department level, placing a requirement on the camps. I think you have to tread pretty lightly in that area. Camps, as long as they meet the requirements for membership and for organization and for chartering camps exist for their own purposes, basically. Every camp out there is so different. If you travel around the nation, which I've been able to do and I go to the different departments and the camps, and I see a lot of camps have their own purposes and their own reasons for existence. I think we need to be very careful if we start deciding that we think we know better what their purpose is and requirements should be. So, I don't think National should really be telling them if you got the cemetery within your area, you are now responsible for dealing with that or taking care of or insuring it's well-being.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That item has been referred to the Program and Policy Committee. Brother Wheeler.

**Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster**

Commander, Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York. Gentlemen, I just wanted to fill you in on the ROTC Program just a little bit. It has been very successful. I'm hearing back from a lot of ROTC people who received it really was proud to get it and for the reasons that we wanted it to

be. And we are now serving the ROTC Program with 1,000 medals a year.

### **Encampment**

(Applause)

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Wheeler. Okay. I think there were a couple of recommendations from the Department of Iowa on page 118, and then there's a second one on 119. Brother Braden.

### **James Braden, Department of Iowa**

Jim Braden, PDC Iowa. I believe the intent of the recommendation is our current Department Commander, Commander Carr, having just had a stint of several years as Department Secretary was just simply expounding upon the fact that we, from his point of view, we have duplication of information coming in from several sources and gathering that and putting it together and sending it, that there seemed to be some duplications. So, his intent was just to maybe have that revisited as to what we have to send in. He wasn't expecting any specific action here, but he would just like to see if that could be reviewed by the proper committee as far as what actually has to be compiled and sent in each year. That was the intent. Thank you.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. We're going to refer those to the Program and Policy Committee as well. Okay. I did not see any more that had recommendations. Yes, Jerry.

### **Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Captain Jerry Kowalski, as National Chaplain, I seek your permission to submit to the proper committee and the request that a National Chaplain Award, specifically called Cory Moody Award for Chaplains with your permission. Basically, I would like to award at the suggestion of the Camp or Department Commander to a Chaplain who's done an outstanding job, above and beyond the call of duty. An award, some simple thing without a medal, possibly a book, possibly something from my own collection of stuff. But an acknowledgement that this person has done an extraordinary job. The first person I had in mind to do this the Florida Department Chaplain. And every day he put a Chaplain's Corner on the Florida Page in the Sons Website. That type of extraordinary activity, visiting people in the hospital, doing more than the minimum requirements should be acknowledged. It would be sent to the National Chaplain. It would just simply be done by the National Chaplain. I am asking this be sent to the Program and Policy Committee for the purpose of being properly written up in the Regulations. And I seek your permission to do that.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

It is hereby referred to Program and Policy. Before we move on to new business, we have to go through the Encampment Committees. We had set up a presentation and we'd like to do before lunch that they've got the screen set up and I'll ask Commander Roosevelt to get that going. There's two things and I'm going to suspend the five minute rule here because this is for informational purposes, and I think it's information that needs to be passed along, seeing as a lot of the Brothers took time to supply the information to us. First will be a short presentation on the survey results that you guys submitted over the past year. Then the second presentation from the Chair of the Vision and Planning Committee on the structure of the strategic plan. After that point, then we can go back to the recommendation from that committee and take action on it.

So the survey, we were looking at several things; member demographics, views on the National Organization was a key tenet of this whole thing. Then the views on the Department and then views on the Camp. We're just going to talk about the demographics in the National Organization. There were 300 responses which constitutes about 5% of the membership. There were about 100 submitted at the National Encampment last year. Between August and November of last Fall the camps and departments contributed about 200. So, we cranked through those numbers and you can see that the age demographics by far we're an older organization. If you calculated the average age is about 63 of our organization. Most of those responded have been members over 10 years. Most of them, 60% have had at least a bachelor's degree or greater. Veterans, about 46%, so almost half. About half of those that responded joined the organization to represent their ancestor as opposed to the other questions, such as additional opportunities for re-enacting, and a couple of other options. But you can see the bulk of our organization are not re-enactors. Views on the National Organization. The way we did this was we basically said, what are your thoughts, either positive or very positive, and then asked for some written feedback. And what I did was I basically took the most colorful response and then categorized them and lumped all like responses on them. And you can see the emphasis where and read through those comments. We're basically looking at the response was, that we tend to focus on a lot of near term things and really don't think longer term and we really may be deviating from what we're really supposed to do, at least that's the perception out there. So, that captures some of the written feedback from the Brothers. We try to use some of that feedback to structure into our plan. Interest in holding a National Office. I broke this one out between those that attended the National Encampment and those that responded in the distribution at camps and departments. You can see a difference there. Those that regularly attend National Encampment obviously had more interest in holding a National office versus those that do not regularly attend National Encampment obviously don't.

Is National doing enough to maintain member Interest. Well, the answer is yes, but we got a lot of feedback there. Allot of responses were linked to advertising. And if you want to see what the Marketing and Promotion Committee has been doing, there's some examples of some of the advertising. There is material over on the wall this side. If you have some time at the break, you can go over and look at some of those things. So, you can see some of the comments related to that. Interesting.

News on *The Banner*. Very positive. But even in positive comments, there's some feedback to say hey, you know, things can be improved and allot of the comments were tied to comparisons to other organizations journals, like *SAR Magazine*, or the *Confederate Veteran*. Well, the difference is those organizations are far stronger from membership standpoint and have a lot more money than we do. If that's a model we want to pursue, then obviously, we need to work towards that. But, that's what the bulk of the feedback was. I think in general people are really happy with *The Banner*.

News on the National Website. Again, very positive but the bulk of the comments came back where it's pretty old architecture and the Website really needs to be updated to modern standards. I think the basic structure of that Website was setup in the late '90's, early 2000's. So, the technology advanced quite a bit since then.

Views on Graves Registration Program. Again, very positive. You can see the comments there. That has been addressed this year as far as updating the database. We have a 3 phase program going on there and I believe phase 1 has been completed. That is the near term fix that we're trying to work to address some of those comments.

Civil War Memorials Program. Still pretty positive. But you can see the numbers who don't know what that program is, largely because there's really no information or at least up until this point, there's no information on the Website. You can see some of the comments on there. I know Brother Busch has been working hard on that this year. There is information now on the Website on the structure of the new program for Civil War Memorials.

G.A.R. Post Records Program. This is the one it's by far the most unknown of the projects. You can see the positive responses. The bulk of the responses were neutral. But there is a fairly high percentage that didn't know what it was. I think the work that that Committee has done this year is going to change that. But it basically points to the fact that it's one needs to be marketed internally.

Views on the Charitable Foundation. And I broke this one out between those that responded at the National Encampment versus those that responded and mailed it in afterwards. Pretty positive. But, you can see there's a fair percentage, at least those that attend National Encampments, don't know what that is. But you go to the general membership and it's a very high percentage. So that program is really one that needs to be marketed internally.

Need better relationship with the Allied Orders. A very strong yes. There are some comments to that effect. That's another thing that we've worked pretty hard this year to address in our formal collaborations with the ladies' organizations. And hopefully that continues.

Should the SUVCW have separate Headquarters? That answer was pretty strong no. And obviously funding is needed to do that. As a 501(c)(4) organization, that probably would never happen. Organizations that are 501(c)(3) have had success in the past but that's a long term initiative, even with a 501(c)(3) designation. It took the SAR many years to build up their funding level to be able to establish their own headquarters. It took a lot more corporate donations this last time to modernize and update their library. That's something that within this plan range is not going to happen. It may be something for the next 10 year plan in the 2020's.

Should the SUVCW pursue a 501(c)(3) status? The answer is yes. The National Encampment attendees that had the 88% and it was the general membership that was 97%. And I think the difference there being, Brother Orr presented some of the detailed information on what it's going to take to transition to that and I think there was more information there. There was some more negative responses to that from those that attended the National Encampment. But it's still pretty high. It's obviously based on the membership that needs to happen, so we are pursuing that.

This is an interesting question. Membership dues. We asked the question, what are your membership dues because that varies from camp to camp. You have to see the break out there. The bulk of them are on that \$31.00 to \$40.00 range per year. You do have some that are still under \$30.00, which I don't know how they're getting by but they include the opinion for their dues are too high or about right or too low. And if you add them up, it's almost 90% of them think that their either about right or too low. So there's not that many that think they're too high any more. So we're probably doing okay as far as our due structure. And I think that's probably the last one. Thank you.

Now go to the Strategic Plan. I think I'm going to go through this just for the sake of time, if you're okay with that. So, just the basic foundation of the Strategic Plan had a number of categories that we had factored in to it. Obviously, one of them, a key thing, is membership growth. If you look at the membership date from 1940 to 2010, you can see the steep decline. And then an increase in the '90's. Then we kicked over again. Well, a large reason for that increase in the '90's had to do with advertising campaign that we had then. Obviously, that's one thing that we were doing then, that we haven't been doing for a number of years. So you can make the argument that it's a big part of it. There are other reasons there. There's reasons out of our control. I know, back in the late '80's and early '90's the Ken Burns Civil War series came out. And there was several epic films related to the Civil War that came out about that time that drew people's interest in that period in history again. But, if we looked at the variables involved, it was the advertising thing that is something that we can control. I asked Brother Demmy to pass along some data as far as the growth each year. And this is recent data over the past three years. You can see new members gained, members that have dropped, members deaths, and then a total of drops and deaths. You can see modest gains in '09 and '10 and then a negative in 2011. But those drops are the ones that are really high. And that's one of the things. We can gain new members by advertising. But really we need to also work the attrition side of it. And there's some things that we

can do there just more or less trying to understand why do members join and then what they expect out of their membership. We never really talk to them about that because a lot of the feedback I have from people that have dropped their membership has been, well, it wasn't what I expected. So, you need to ask them that question and structure...factor their feedback into a structured program. That's the data from the membership side. From a growth standpoint, part of the strategic plan for the membership side is we want to set a goal for 2020 to have a 10,000 member organization. Grow it to that point. That's going to require 30% increase in new members. We've been averaging 600 or so a year. We need to bump that up. But in addition to that, we need to knock the attrition down by about 30%. And if we do that, we'll get to that point.

Organization Expansion. Well, the bulk of our membership are still in the East, Northeast, the Mid-West, and then you have a big gap, and then you've got California. But we do have a growing organization in the South as experienced by two departments established about 4 years ago. That's still an area that is ripe for our organization. Also, in the Western States, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, you know, we really don't have a presence. But we really need to and I've talked to Brother Peterson about this and ways that we can get information into those areas. Because we do have members in most of the states and utilizing that advantage to try to get increased visibility to our organization.

Youth programs. We had a committee appointed this year to establish a Juniors, a more comprehensive Juniors program. We're hoping by at least 2014 that we have an approved program in place. But then we've been talking with the ladies organizations about a broader youth program, more or less utilizing the model of the Children of the American Revolution or the Children of the Confederacy where the boys and girls are together. It's administered by the parent organizations. And it's a much stronger program. And it allows the youth to develop leadership skills, learn parliamentary procedure, and get involved with activities that are more age related. So that's a longer term goal. Again, in that case, you need more money and that's something that's more of a longer term initiative. But at least we can keep the discussions going along those lines.

Research Graves Registration, Database Redesign. As I say, we are going through that now. We hope to have everything completed it will probably be 2013. I'm just giving a little flexibility there. We are at about 550,000 data entries now. By 2020, we'd like to have that up to a 1,000,000. And usually it's one of those things that you set a goal and a number of people start giving more attention to it versus just kind of coasting along, so if you throw the number out there I know it worked in Missouri when we set a goal for our 2010 plan as far as graves registration and we exceeded it because people paid attention to the number.

Explore collaboration with National Parks Service. Now this ties in with our strategy of establishing ourselves a leading research outfit. If we establish credibility with the National Park Service and may be able to link some of our data with theirs, I think that lends credibility to achieving our vision.

G.A.R. Post Records Research Plan Tool complete. I think that's pretty much there. Brother Enderlin can correct me if I'm wrong, I know this was discussed the other night at the Council meeting, I think that one's pretty close. But the G.A.R. Records for states encompasses in twenty-eight departments. You know, once they recognize what the program is, what Brother Enderlin's laid out, they can be more aggressive in setting up their own Department level programs and try to fill in the data. Yes, we wanted a 2016 goal. As Brother Orr pointed out in the Council meeting that the Sesquicentennial of the G.A.R. is that year, we really want that information to be complete.

Education. I had this on there so it might perk some ears. But, to promote greater awareness of Civil War history in schools. I received a lot of feedback this year from various departments and camps, that the school districts in those areas are pretty much wiping the Civil War out of their curriculum, even at the secondary school level, though there's some pretty lame reasons for it. I've had discussions with Commander-in-Chief Givens from the S.C.V. We have a completely different perspective on the

historical standpoints of the Civil War. But it's one of the problems we have in schools now is we really don't teach kids critical thinking skills. Present them multiple perspectives on any subject and let them sort that out. In my case, my ancestors were all on the Union side. My wife's were Confederates so I've got a son that's eligible to be an S.O.B. if you want to use that terminology. I want him to learn both perspectives. I think that's an element that in order to keep the Civil War history alive, I don't know how, with the way the educational systems are going, they have their own perspectives on things. It's organizations like ours that can at least develop educational opportunities to present to kids that age so that doesn't fall by the wayside. Patriotism and Citizenship. Establish credibility as a source of information related to those two. It's in our mission. But if you did a Google search on patriotism or citizenship, our organization doesn't come up. Maybe you'd find it buried on page twenty-five or something like that. We really need to work those areas and at least gain credibility in those areas and there are ways to do that.

Preservation of Civil War Memorials and Monuments. That's one of our data gathering programs but I think that it is linked to preservation. Just maintain an awareness of those monuments that are out there and the states of those. It does provide some information on them that I know Brother Busch has done a great job getting that set up this year.

Battle Flag Preservation. You've seen the information from Brother Norris. The State and Federal grant pursuit. There's preservation grants out there, at both the Federal and State level. We can't pursue them unless we're 501(c)(3). But once we are, I think we have some more flexibility and developing programs to do that. Same thing with battlefield preservation. There's preservation grants out there for that. One of the things we ought to look at is ways that we can collaborate more with the Civil War Preservation Trust as they are the most active out there in battlefield land preservation. What can we do to collaborate with them to get some visibility in to what we do?

G.A.R. Highway. We want to expand that program. Right now, we talk about signs. But there's so many more things we can do along that highway to present some information so that the G.A.R is remembered. I know in Iowa they've gone a step beyond just having signs on the highway. They've actually named bridges after Civil War generals. And they have signs out there. That's a new and innovative approach for that highway. Think of things innovative like that.

The Canadian Veterans Monument. Well, first thing that has to be done is securing land for that and that's not obviously not an easy task. This was discussed at the Council meeting the other night as well. But, that's the first step. That's going to take some doing. But that's the area that has to be worked. And that should be the goal, at least to get to that first step.

Marketing and Promotion. We had a committee appointed this year to work that. And one of the first things was branding. And we pretty much established a brand strategy and you can see the four key tenets of that brand are over there on the side of the wall if you want to go look at it. There's a poster set up for each of the key tenets. Now we need to identify the target markets looking beyond the standard Civil War periodicals. Genealogical societies, retirement journals, youth journals, *Boy's Life*, the Boy Scouts. And then advertising. We've done some work this year to develop, display, and periodical ads so that we can launch our advertising campaign. The next step for this committee, especially if it's approved as a Standing Committee, is to look at the multi-media aspects. Looking beyond the standard advertising and journals or public displays. How do we utilize the different social media? How do we utilize radio and television, things like that. Maximizing our efforts there.

Communication. Expand *The Banner*. That goes back to some of the comments on the survey thinking long term. If we do grow as an organization, we have more resources to put in to *The Banner*. the National website. Overhaul. Clearly we need to do that. It's simply old technology and a lot of the comments came back to that effect. But that's not really going to happen until we get beyond our Webmaster serving in other National offices. There needs to be a dedicated timeframe in order for that to work and that's going to take a few years to get to that point. Unless we have someone else step up as

National Webmaster while this Brother is serving his National offices. From that survey, it was discovered that only about half of the camps in this organization have Websites. Now, we're really not getting the message out there and I think we ought to work with these camps to help them develop the web technology to get their message out, to get their pages set up so that people can access the information on a local level. Set ourselves a goal to get that 75% level by 2015 or 2016. And then social media. Some camps have Facebook pages set up. I tell you, a lot of the feedback I get from these camps is that the Facebook page gets them more attention and they get more information passed along than the Websites themselves. And so, you know, we need to look at working with broader use of social media technology because that seems to be working for organizations that are maximizing their use.

Technology. Electronic forms. There was some feedback that we ought to be going electronic. Well, I agree with that. I know we tend to work to the least common denominator on some things. You still have Brothers that don't use computers that are at least in the offices that require form submittal. But at some point, we have to look at the most common denominator, and that's really if you use that as an excuse to hold yourself back, you're not going to move forward. So, I think at some point, we ought to set ourselves a time line to become completely electronic. Increase business operation efficiency. Everything we do is face to face. If you're starting to bring Generation Y into things, they don't want to sit in meetings. They want to utilize other technology. They use their iPhones for just about everything now so, you know, we got to think of innovative ways and how we can use that technology to draw interest from Generation Y, because ultimately that's going to be the group that's going to be the target for keeping this organization going 20 years from now. Rapid information transfer. Investigate innovative uses of QR code technology. I know when I was in California, there was a Brother, I think it was Brother Henry. He gave me a business card that had a QR code on it. Interesting thing is you can take your phone, scan that QR code, and pull up a lot of information, like contact info about the camp, or anything else you'd want. That's all on the business card. That's pretty powerful. You don't have to access a website or anything else. That's an example of innovations we need to take advantage of. And kudos to you, Brother. That information needs to be passed along so that all the Brothers understand that there's some potential uses out there that we can capture. Can we develop apps to access graves registration database? Can we develop apps to pull out some other historical information that we have on our Website? There's a lot of capability now in these things that you can, pull information up. You can develop games for kids in that manner that they can learn. A lot of technology there that's evolving that we really need to capture.

So from the financial side, and I know we had some discussions about this at the Council meeting and these numbers are a little off, so don't look at the numbers verbatim. Just look at the relative slices, because I know Brother Orr corrected some of the information that we had based on the 2012 data. What we really want to develop a more diverse portfolio from a financial standpoint. If you look at us right now on that top pie, we basically generate most of our revenue from per capita dues. We'd like to reduce our dependency on per capita dues. We do get a good chunk from the Quartermaster's Store and Danny's done a great job building that store up. Each year we generate more revenue from that store. But it's still constitutes a basic part of our operational fund. But as long as we are 501 (c)(4), it's basically that pie that we're going to see. To move to 501 (c)(3), it opens up other funding opportunities, like corporate donations and grant opportunities. If we go to 501 (c)(3), we'd like to be moving what I call the Vision 2020 revenue balance, which shows some movement on those fronts. It's not going to be like turning out a light switch, guys. It's not like we get that tax determination and all of a sudden we're flush. No. It's going to take work and it's going to be a slow process to build that up, especially in light of State and Federal funding cuts especially in the areas of historical preservation. So, we have to just be patient, work to it and build it. And boy if there's anyone here that has experience in writing up grants, we really need you to step forward. And then the ideal revenue slice is where you have a larger balance between the revenue sources. We're not going to

completely get rid of per capita but obviously we can build those portfolios up so we have other slices in building from that standpoint. So, next please. So the whole financial strategy is based on moving to 501(c)(3) transition. And as was discussed earlier, we're going to try to have that application filed in the near term. But it's going to be at least 9 months before we hear from the IRS and whether that has come to fruition. So we have that 2013 standpoint. We're produced dependency on per capita dues. You saw how we want to do that. Generate seed capital. Especially if we're 501(c)(3), we will want to be able start new projects. And those projects need to have some foundation. If we're going to get interest in grants, we really have to come up with some projects that really advance historical education and it really draws attention to preservation efforts. But you really can't do that unless you have some seed capital to start these things. We don't have a lot of cash available right now to move into funds to do this. One avenue to do that, especially if we generate the revenues so we become less dependent on per capita, we can open up the revenue gain from the Quartermaster Store. But again that's a long term process.

Investments. I left this one open ended because there we had a CofA sub-committee, on developing investment strategy. I think it was 2 years ago. And there was some information put forth. I don't have a copy of that at the time but I think we're re-generating that to try to look at the whole investment strategy again. How do we want to invest resources, especially if we start building up revenue where we can do that. That's it, short and sweet.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That's the key foundation of the strategic plan. There's a document going together that Brother LaBrot and the committee that's basically the what's, the how's, and the why's are going to be in this document to add more detail on how we're going to get there. That's being finished up right now. And that would be available very shortly. We did want to pass along the key elements of the strategic plan and what we're trying to do on a number of fronts, largely based on the feedback from the survey. Are there any questions? Yes, Brother Ward.

### **James Ward, Department of Florida**

Commander-in-Chief, first of all, outstanding job on that inspiring talk. I think we all have a lot to think about and work towards together. Just a note on the 501(c)(3) determination, which I am completely and 100% behind, it might be a good idea to have as just a side letter at the end of that retroactive recognition of the initial determination letter so we don't lose that window of time when people were making donations just because we've converted to 501(c)(3).

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Right. I also want to point out that any corporation developed strategic plan, gets reviewed annually and it changes with internal and external environments. So this is not etched in stone. This was one of the reasons we wanted a Standing Committee on Vision and Planning, so that this can be reviewed each year and that the key metrics established can be tracked each year to see how we're doing. This could change based on annual review of the organization. Any other questions? So if there are none, I want to go back to the recommendation put forth by the Vision and Planning Committee to adopt the strategic plan as presented subject to periodic and/or annual review. Yes, Brother LaBrot.



**David K. LaBrot, Department of Texas**

Commander, I'd like to add one thing to that recommendation, just an amendment. I'm going to credit Brother Brian Pierson with this. This is a rough plan we're just editing right now and completing it. But he did a front page cover on this that I think would be a great idea for a theme for this campaign. And it's got a picture of a cannon, I guess hoped maybe you all could see it. But what he has at the bottom is "Honoring our Heritage and Aiming at our Future." And I think that's just an absolute great thing that we ought to use for this Vision 2020 plan.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother LaBrot. So, we went back. So it's the second recommendation, it's the first recommendation on page ninety-seven to refer back from the committee. Ninety-seven. So, are there any objections to this recommendation?

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. If we approve the recommendation or accepting everything that was in the slide presentation. We don't have a document on this. I'm just wondering, I just want to be clear about what we're accepting.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Just stating those are the key goals of the strategic plan. So, that's what you're accepting.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I see. One of those goals had to do with 501(c)(3) that I have a lot of questions about. So before we proceed, can I ask some questions concerning that?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

If you look at the back page of the Treasurer's supplemental financial report, there's a spreadsheet or a chart with by state of what each state is going to be responsible for as we move into the 501(c)(3). You can see my concern with Massachusetts. It looks like it's going to be about a \$1,000.00 start up and then \$500.00 per year in fees plus they are I'm not sure, looks like plus we're going to have to do audits. And there some restrictions if we make a mistake, we could be considered a foreign corporation in our own State. My first question is for the chart that's here, is this the Department level? Or does the same fees apply to each camp? Cause we have camps that will be out of business very quickly.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That one's to you, Rich.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Tucker. This chart applies to the National organization in its entirety. This has nothing to do with the conversion to 501(c)(3) other than the fact that if you are going to solicit funds and that's the if, then you must register with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations in the thirty-nine States listed here if you're soliciting in that State. First off, the Department of Massachusetts and any Camp in Massachusetts is not a foreign corporation. They are wholly within the geo-political boundaries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and therefore are a

domestic corporation treated as a domestic corporation. They will not need to register as a foreign corporation. As far as registering with the Massachusetts Bureau of Charitable Organizations, if you go out and ask for donations, yes, the Department and the Camp will have to register and unfortunately Massachusetts has the second highest fees only to Washington D.C. Technically, even as a 501(c)(4), under Massachusetts law, you should be registered right now. You don't get caught because the IRS doesn't send a list of 501(c)(4) organizations to the State. They do advise the State to all the 501(c)(3) organizations and therefore their State Bureau of Charitable Organizations is going to be looking at those entities which are seeking donations and particularly when they're domestic or their domiciled within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I just want to be clear. So, no matter what the National Organization does with the 501(c)(3), the States are not affected or they are affected?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Oh, they are affected.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

So, if we wanted to try to pick up any donations at all, we have to follow the rules and pay these fees. Is that correct? And that's both at a Camp level and a Department level?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

That's correct.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

That's going to put most of our camps out of business. We talked about camps wanting to do their own thing or camps being able to do their own thing for different purposes. Will that not change them into now money seeking organizations so that they can at least cover what those charges are now? You have to be actively trying to pick up donations so you can just cover what the fees are at a minimum. So, I'm not sure how much time everyone spends on fundraising but it seems like it's quite onerous. Would it not?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Within Massachusetts, it's probably going to be a financial burden.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Is it only Massachusetts? How many of these states are similar?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Massachusetts, as I said, has the second highest fees. This is how this affects the National organization. As I stated when I first introduced this chart was developed by Maher Duessel, who is an accounting firm that does the auditing for Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburg where I sit on the board cause I also serve on their finance committee. Some of these States are based on your income. They have different thresholds. For example, this is what would apply to us in Massachusetts based on how much you've raised in money within Massachusetts. As soon as you raise more than \$2,000,000.00 in Massachusetts, that fee jumps to \$10,000.00. So, I say that because one of the one of the questions that the accounting firm was asking was how much in respect to Soldiers and Sailors, do we anticipate raising within Massachusetts because once you start raising large sums of money, they are the most

onerous of all the States.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

All right. The other question I had is that this will also cause every Camp or Department to have to file a form 991. Right?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

No. They just have to file their 990, as long as their income's not more than \$50,000.00 a year.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Is that every State. Is that correct?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

No. That's every Camp, no matter where they're located, that has less than \$50,000.00 a year is required to file a 990N. What they're going to file with the State Bureau of Charitable Organizations in their home State and any other state where they may solicit funds, is simply a printout of the receipt that the filed in 990N and that's how low their income is. As far as whether they are going to require an audit or not for somebody under \$50,000.00, I don't know. Because this was based on our threshold with a \$200,000.00 a year income in the general fund.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

The other thing is if a Camp or Department solicits funds outside of that State that you're in, They would have to file with the other State. And how does that apply if somebody tries to solicit funds over the Internet.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

The only safe thing to do is register in all thirty-nine States if you're soliciting over the Internet. And the other thing you have to remember is your Website. Every one of these States has specified language of where you are registered and who to contact. So on our National Website, we're going to have literally pages of this. There's going to be a separate page and it's going to have to link to them to say Bureau of Charitable Organizations statements and we have to list thirty-nine different statements. There are no two of them that are alike.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

So, in addition, you have to pay thirty-nine fees.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

If you're going to just blanket solicit over the internet, yes.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

If you just put it on a website, does that not count? You just said to be safe, you'd have to do it.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

What you can do is, you can say we do not accept donations from...and then list what States you don't accept them from. And if anybody sends you a donation from that State, you will have to return it. That's the only way out.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Another question I have. I'm sorry I have so many. We were Congressional chartered in 1954. Does this change that? Will we be unchartered?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

No. The only effect the Congressional Charter has on this is that the State of Hawaii, once we register exempts us from filing again. Because they exempt Congressionally chartered organizations.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Since there's obviously some questions that Brother Tucker has, I would also ask how does this apply to advertising for items that a Camp is selling that appear in *The Banner*? Is there somewhere that we put those thirty-nine pages of whatever if we're selling something to get funds for a camp. Well, you're soliciting funds.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

No. If, as we do with the Challenge Coins where we're saying for a donation of \$12.50, we'll give you this coin. That's soliciting a donation. On the other hand, if the camp says we're selling these hats and this what they're going to cost you, you're selling that merchandise. You're not asking for a donation. If you're selling it, then that's a sale of a product. That's not soliciting a donation. If you have a spaghetti dinner and you say you're asking for a donation, let's just say it costs \$7.00 to put the dinner together and you're asking for a \$25.00 donation and then let's say they can write off the difference between the \$7.00 and the \$25.00, they can write off \$18.00 as a donation. Anybody you're selling those tickets to, whether in your State or if they're in another State, you would have to register with every State where you were selling those because you are requesting a donation.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. If we become 501(c)(3) which we're going to be and we have the Monuments and Memorials Fund. Which go to camps and departments and if a Camp cannot be for monetary purposes they can't come up with the two hundred and some dollars whatever it is for in Massachusetts, does this keep them from getting a 501(c)(3) Monument Fund from us? In other words what I'm saying is, for them to get us to give them money, do they have to be 501(c)(3) or are they just totally excluded because they can't afford to do that?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

They're going to be 501(c)(3) anyway because it will be covered by the group exemption letter. For the instance that you're mentioning, since our National Headquarters and our nexus presence as far as the IRS concerned is Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Anyone requesting money from the Civil War Grant Fund will need to register with Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations. Anyone requesting money from the Foundation, will need to register with the Ohio Bureau of Charitable Organizations.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Will they have to register as a foreign corporation?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Pennsylvania doesn't require foreign corporation registration and neither does Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. I just want to clarify something here. I think the decision to go 501(c)(3) been made a while back. All that plan is reflecting the fact that that decision has been made. We can go into all the details on how that's going to happen and everything but I think we need to move on here and so I respectfully request that any questions regarding some of the details be referred to Brother Orr outside so that we can continue with the Order of Business.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Brother Commander, I'd like to make a motion that the organization change their mind. That the organization instructs its leadership to stop trying to pursue a 501(3)(c) designation for the organization.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

...Point of order...

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

...from...from the...sorry.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. There's a motion already on the floor to approve the plan.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That's correct. So let's take care of that first. And we can do that based on objections, since it's a committee recommendation. Any objections to the recommendations of the Vision and Planning Committee? Rick? No objections.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So moved. Now, Brother Tucker.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I make a motion that \this Encampment instruct the leadership to cease pursuing a 501(3)(c) designation effective immediately.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion to rescind the task of pursuing 501(c)(3) designation. Is there a second?

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And then second by Jim Houston. Okay. We have a motion and a second. Now, discussion. Brother Ward.

**James Ward, Department of Florida**

Commander-in-Chief, I've seen this through other organizations and it strikes me that one of the big challenges here is keeping straight two different sets of rules. One set of rules is the Federal government tax any revenues that we get. And that's what the 501(c)(3) designation addresses. I'm saying this not as a tax attorney or anything. But the other thing that is going on, for example in the

state of Florida, and by the way, the state of Florida simply looks to the IRS to say is this outfit a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), and the IRS says yes, and they say great. You register one time with them. Give them a copy every year of your 990 and that's it. There's another group that is for Florida in the Department of Agriculture and they're trying to protect fellow citizens from unscrupulous fundraisers. So they have a different reporting requirement and they are the ones who are asking for registration if you're soliciting funds. That is regardless of whether you're a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), whatever. If you're raising funds as I understand it, it doesn't matter what the IRS thinks you are, if you're in Florida, you need to register with the Department of Agriculture. And having said that, it's still very fuzzy as to exactly how it works in Florida. Now I don't know about the other States. But I believe there's misunderstanding here that is developing between the two questions.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother in the back first and then Brother Wolz.

**Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts**

Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts. I just wanted to bring to the forefront some information as far as Massachusetts is concerned. Yes, we would be considered a domestic corporation. But the Department of Revenue there would then be assessing a minimum tax of, I believe it's around \$500.00 or \$600.00 a year that you would send with a zero on your tax return. You still have to pay that so I think one of the issues that are out here is for the National Organization 501(c)(3) is a great idea. However, at the individual State levels, we need to sort out what's happening in those States because every State has a little different twist on how they handle it. You can go to our State and say we want to be a non-profit corporation. They will send a form to us and register us as non-profit. We then have to yearly send information in to our Attorney General's office and to the Secretary of State's office. They are monitoring the non-profit status from that point. But when you are a 501(c)(3) as we've heard the Revenue Department is going to say to IRS, IRS is going to say yes, and then it's a whole new ballgame. Plus the fact that we have to be a domestic corporation. That opens us also as soon as we register for that, the requirements for all the other taxes that we have in Massachusetts. A lot of States are lucky, we have besides your withholding, we have meal sales and it just goes on and on, becomes a real quagmire. So I hope if this goes through there's got to be some way that at the National level, they got to help us out for some of those States. Otherwise, they'll go broke just paying the fees. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Wolz.

**Robert Wolz, National Historian**

I hate to say it. I guess I'm one of the only people that runs a not for profit corporation. For those of you that don't know, I'm a professional historian. I run a presidential museum in Key West, Florida. Several years ago we were hit for the first time with this Department of Agriculture certification. And you're absolutely right, it's to protect people from fraud. As a domestic corporation we pay \$75.00 a year. I have a feeling that you're being fearful of this Pennsylvania corporation has said this is what we believe an out-of-State, a foreign corporation, will pay. That's what Rich has reported. You don't have a clue what you're going to pay. You may not pay hardly anything or nothing. The problem is it is based on the volume of donations you receive. In our case it's a \$100,000.00 threshold. Under a \$100,000.00, it's \$75.00. To \$250,000.00, it's \$125.00. It's not a big deal if you're getting \$125,000.00. The advantage of being a 501(C)(3) means that you do have the opportunity to receive grants. You do have the opportunity to solicit planned giving. Yes. And as far as fear of oh well, we've posted our Website. I have a Website. I'm not actively sending letters out to

California, to someplace else asking for money. If somebody happens to live in California and sends me a check, I didn't solicit it. It's not a request for donations. It's a donation that was freely given. I don't have to register with those States. So I have a feeling that it's a big bug-a-boo about all these levels of legislation which are never going to affect you. As I say, my corporation has raised a million and half dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in the last seven years. I'm not afraid of this at all. In fact, I'd say go with it at 100%. We have been too long dragging our feet. For years, we were a 501(c)(3), or at least we thought we were. I mean honestly, I listed on my taxes for the last forty-nine years that I give donations to the Sons. No one has ever audited me. I'm lucky, maybe. But like I said, I think we're throwing up smokescreens and red herrings and fearing something. You need to talk to your own State. You need to talk to the Bureau of Consumer Affairs, Department of Agriculture. Whoever protects against fraud and find out if you even have to be registered. You probably will. But again it's going to be a minimal charge. It's not a big deal. I would hate to see us go backwards as opposed to moving forward. For too long, I've heard this argument about we can't, we can't, we can't. We use to ride on the Grand Army's coattails. I remember when \$5.00 dues was a big bitch at the National Encampment. I was very polite and didn't get in to the argument on Life Membership today. I'll save that for another year.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Wolz.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tucker. Second time.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. Respectfully the Brother has a corporation which means he has people working for him, accountants. What camp has that? What camp has that? You know, we're late in the game and I can understand people being surprised that we're discussing this. When we were sold this originally a couple three encampments ago, none of these fees, none of this paperwork came up. Can you see a Camp Secretary trying to get this paperwork together. We had such a hard time getting the EIN numbers, then the 990 forms. Now you're asking him to register as a corporation. You're asking him to check with the, whatever governmental that fund department, whatever governmental regulation. You're opening up a can of worms. I agree that a 501(c)(3) designation for the National organization, it would be a wonderful thing if it didn't impact the camps. But it feels that we're sacrificing our camps for the good of the National organization. I think that's the wrong way to go. I think we'll bankrupt our camps. It's going to be a paperwork quagmire. People are not going to have the right things in, camps are going to be fined to death, literally to death. The camps will go out of business because they didn't put the proper paperwork in at the proper time. The National organization has a Treasurer and two assistants. Camps don't have the manpower or even the knowledge or the wherewithal. I'm not only talking about Massachusetts. Each of you should take a look at this. There are some that there's no requirements. But each of you should take a look and see if your Department is included in this. And this doesn't include all those other things, having to register as a corporation, all of those kind of things. I think this is just bad news for our camps. The people that do the work of this Order. We can become a foundation. But we're not going be the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We're not going be a service organization with this implemented. At least until we find some answers, some better answers than we have right now. Right now, this looks like a death sentence.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jeffrey.

**Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York**

Jeff Albanese, Department Commander, Department of New York. I also operate a not-for-profit museum in the state of New York. I agree with the Brother from Florida that this is really a big bug-a-boo. First of all, as I understand it, if you don't solicit funds either on the camp level or the department level, you're not going to have to do any of this stuff. So, it's on each of us as a Department Commander or Camp Commander's obligation to make that inquiry. If we want to raise those funds and solicit funds and accept the 501(c)(3) designation, then if there's expenses, we'll have to make that decision. Do we want to do it or not want to do it? But on a National level, which is what we're talking about here, this is the only way we're going to survive. If we don't have this income, the ability to solicit from organizations and foundations and provide them with a tax deduction, we're not going to make any money here. And we're going as you saw in that pie chart, we're going to be stuck forever at our revenue being simply from dues and whatever Danny Wheeler can generate out of the store. That's a death sentence for this place. So we can't be short sighted. We can't be just concerned about our Department because it might cost us money if we want to solicit money that we can't be short sighted. We have to have a vision. And I agree with Commander-in-Chief Palmer that we need to do this. Obviously, most of our Brothers believe we need to do this. And if as a Department Commander, if we do it, I'm going to go back and see how it impacts our Department as to whether or not we want to solicit funds, also, or the camps. But we do need to do this and I oppose strongly this motion.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Albanese.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Gene.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

National Secretary, Gene Mortorff, to Brother Tucker via the Commander-in-Chief. I've been at these Encampments for a long time. And I've been at every moment we've had this discussion on 501(c)(3) and I've been a part of those, as a matter of fact. The idea that this was being sold to an Encampment is complete inaccurate. As a matter of fact, it's the other way around. We were demanded to do this via the discussions that was held in here. And this isn't something that's happening right away. This has been a three year process maybe even a little bit more. This will not impact nearly every camp in the order if they do business as they have been doing business because they haven't been doing the things. Why? Because they haven't been able to do those things before. If you're a camp in Maryland and you don't ask Pennsylvania for donations, then don't worry about Pennsylvania. If you're a camp in Massachusetts and you're not going to solicit funds from any place else, then it doesn't affect you. Now, if you want some big bucks, if you want to go to IBM, I don't even know if they exist anymore. If you want to go to Apple and ask them for money and you're asking and then they may possibly give you a few thousand? Then you have the money to pay the fees too. So it's your decision if you want to play the big money game. But, don't take that right away from a camp if they want to do it. This is Brother Tucker's wanting to do. He's going to take away your opportunity to solicit funds.



Now if they don't want to in Massachusetts, solicit funds, fine. This won't affect them at all. Just so it's your choice. Now this certainly has not been thrown down people's throats at all. That's it.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tucker you've had the mike twice now.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

The first was the motion. I didn't speak on it.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Brother Tucker has spoken twice on the floor since the motion's been made. So he's been speaking of the motion. However, Brother Tucker does get a final two minutes at the end of debate. So if he speaks again, that's cutting off debate. If other Brothers have something to say, then Brother Tucker would be out of order at this time. However, he does have two final minutes as the maker of the motion before there is a vote should he choose to do so.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I would not limit anybody's right to debate, so I'll wait until all debate's finished. If that's okay. That's what I understood. Right?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to suspend debate here because we've a couple of opinions both ways and that's probably good enough to end debate and go to a vote. So, have your two minutes.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Thank you. To the Secretary, I didn't say it was crammed down anyone's throat. I said it the idea was sold to us. This is the first time I've seen this chart. This was the first time I've heard that each camp is going to have to pay. Again, it's not just Massachusetts. Take a look. They're trying to be framed as a Massachusetts issue because of course we're Massachusetts and we have to be among the wars. But even the other states there's plenty of fees and taxes in this that your camps are going to have to pay. When the Brother said if in Massachusetts you don't want to solicit money, you don't have to, I think that Brother Orr established that if I want to repair a memorial and I want to apply for the funds to that, then I do have to. So, I hope everybody understands what's going on here. I agree. If we could find a way for the National organization to be separate from us, accept as many donations as they could and then donate that money, it would be great. But under the rules of this, it's going to be a camp killer. Everybody needs to understand. If you just live off your dues and don't do any work, like monument restoration, then it might be okay. But if you wanted to do what we're here for, if you want to do monument restoration, you can't even ask the National organization for funds, unless you register as Brother Orr just told us a few minutes ago. I understand that the fellows that are on non-profits say it's no problem. It's easy. Think about the smallest camp in your Department. Think about the Secretary of that Camp trying to understand what he has to go through to make things right. Think about what happens if he gets audited by the IRS and he has to go back and pay the funds because he's messed it up. Again, I say it's sacrificing the camps at the expense... It's a great idea...

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

...Okay, Brother Tucker. That's two minutes. Thank you.

**Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Thank you, Commander.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We will now move to a vote. All those in favor of Brother Tucker's motion to revoke our pursuit of 501(c)(3), please raise your blue cards. All those opposed, please raise yours. Thank you. Motion fails.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brothers, we've reached noon. We're going to break for lunch. However, I will point out that we still have three Encampment Committees to go through. So, we will limit the discussion on those issues that come about. Okay. Commander.

**Glen Roosevelt, Commander**

Gentlemen, for Department of Pennsylvania and the Masonic luncheon, just a clarification on your luncheon arrangements. Department of Pennsylvania, you will be in Latitude West. That's the left hand side room at the back of the restaurant. They have said that they can get twenty people in there, But that's the max. They can't get more than that in there. Masonic luncheon Chaplain Jerome, you'll be in Latitude East. That's the right hand side room. They're expecting twenty people for you there. And then relative to everybody else, remember what Charlie said about that free beer, free water from your friends if you bring them a badge.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

[Break for lunch]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. As I mentioned before the break, we're a little behind and so we're going to try to keep things moving along. So, the encampment committee reports. And we're going to start off with the Ritual and Ceremonials Committee.

**Michael Paquette, Ceremonials and Rituals Committee**

Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette, Past Department Commander, Chesapeake. The committee has looked at the proposed change to the Rituals and Ceremonies, the verbiage is on page Eighteen in the handout. And our recommendation is to approve the change. It was from the Department of Pennsylvania recognition of the Flag.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

They recommended approval. Any discussion on the recommendation? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. Opposed, please raise them.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Passes. That next one has been withdrawn. Thank you, Brother Paquette and the committee. We will now have the report from the Resolutions Committee.

**Steve Hammond, Resolutions Committee**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. I'm Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake, Past Department Commander. We had two resolutions that we were asked to review. The first one came from the Department of New York. It was concerning the taking by eminent domain by the City of New York the space that is the Greenpoint Navy yard, where the *Monitor* was built. The resolution which was read yesterday, we do approve. We feel that the this is concerning significant Civil War history and we do agree with it and recommend that the Encampment approve this resolution.

**Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York**

Commander, Jeff Albanese, Department Commander, Department of New York. The property that's in question was the site where the *Monitor* was launched. It's in its Greenpoint section of Brooklyn. It was donated to the Greenpoint Monitor Museum for purposes of building a museum there to honor it. Shortly thereafter, in about 2005, the City of New York indicated that they wanted to take the property by eminent domain and the purpose of this is to support resisting that effort. The City of New York is still talking about this. They had a hearing two months ago about this. The Department of New York, as a committee, to oppose it and we're asking that the National Encampment also indicate that they oppose that this property be taken by eminent domain. That's what the resolutions asks.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

So, if the Encampment approves, then we can make a motion to send our own proclamation.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes. Everyone understand the recommendation? All in favor, please raise your cards. Thank you. All those opposed, please raise.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

It passes.

**Steve Hammond, Resolutions Committee**

The second resolution we have is from the Department of Michigan which is asking for us as the descendants of the G.A.R. to allow The HathiTrust Digital Library to digitize and put online all of the G.A.R. documents. We, as a committee had some misgivings. First of all, we attempted to log on to their site which you have to log in as a member. But, in further research, they are in the midst of a massive Copyright violation lawsuit. My only feeling is we need to step back from this for a year or so before we allow them to do it. Jim Pahl says that they have actually done all of the work, it's merely allowing it to be released to the public and you can actually look at those documents on their Intranet. Several well-known Universities are fairly heavily in that. We're just bothered by the ongoing lawsuit. That that may be an issue. The committee's recommendation is not to approve this at this time.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Not to approve this.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Objection. James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I object to the committee's recommendation and I move the encampment non-concurrence with the committee's recommendation and to approve the copyright permission. The HathiTrust does require that you log on. It's free, to get a password. You just have to register it. Well, I guess I should wait for a second to the motion.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

You got one.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Okay. For purposes of discussion then, it's just merely asking you to provide an e-mail address and a password to gain access to this. If the lawsuit prevails, how does it hurt the Sons of Union Veterans? I don't see how it hurts us at all. The Writer's Guild has filed legal action very recently because they're saying that Google has provided the Trust and the Universities with several documents in violation of copyright. Not that the organization violated copyright but that Google has violated copyright. The organizations have been brought in to the lawsuit as kind of a don't put this out in the public domain and don't make it available. The work has already been done. The works are already digitized. If you go into one of their facilities, you can see it. This only allows them to put it out on the Internet so everyone can have access to these records. I would suggest that is exactly why we are here, to make sure that those kind of things happen. If you read our National Charter, that's one of our charges.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We have a motion and a second.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I want to address this from a different point. I speak in support since I seconded it, I also speak in support of the motion to not concur with the committee. These are G.A.R. records. They're not ours. It is in actuality we don't even own the copyright their asking us to give up. All those records are in the public domain. Because of the Deed of Conveyance so that which they research, the Trust is asking us to give them permission to cover themselves. They are taking every step they can so that they are doing this legally and so that no one in the future can come and say you don't have the right to put this out there. They can say yes, the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War gave us permission and if anyone is entitled to any... The battery just died.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We have a motion of non-concurrence with the committee's recommendation and we have a second. Is there any further discussion? Brother Beard.

**Michael Beard, Department of Chesapeake**

Commander, Mike Beard, Department of Chesapeake. I just have a question. What kind of records are these?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. These are Encampment Proceedings, primarily Encampment Proceedings of the National organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. There may be some other documents in addition to Encampment Proceedings. But it puts those things online.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I stand in non-support of Brother Pahl's recommendation. If this organization becomes 501(c)(3) which is going to happen, the CD's that

I produced, the G.A.R. Blue Book and everything like that, you can go get a little code and the Charitable Foundation is going to use it for those. The Federal government will pay up to \$35,000.00 for what's on one of those CD's in a fund. Why do we want to give something away? The only caveat I would have to allowing this corporation to do this, is if they make one dime, we get a nickel. I don't think we should give anything away when we can be in a position to recreate the same documents and get a stipend from the Federal government.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I would like a final comment.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Well, you've got two minutes. Then we end debate.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

To address Brother Darby's concern, our Department Archivist assures me that that position is not correct. The government will not pay anything to put those out there. That's not true. Secondly, it's not really ours and they're not going to make a dime from it. They make it available. So there is no money. The Trust is going to make nothing in making these available online. There's no income to them either. If there were money coming from the government, they would be out there grabbing it if they could. But, there's not money from the government to do this.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We're going to end debate. He had his two minutes to wrap it up. We're going to vote. All in favor of the motion of non-concurrence of the recommendation from the committee, please raise your blue card. Thank you. All those opposed to the motion, please raise your blue card. I think we'll take a count on this one. Guard and Guide, please help out with the count. All in favor of the motion of non-concurrence, please raise your blue cards and hold them up until you are told to lower you hand.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Fifty-Nine.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All those opposed to the motion, please now raise your cards.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Twenty-seven. Ooh, the numbers changed a little bit. Okay.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Steve Hammond, Resolutions Committee**

That's all I have to report.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you very much and thanks to the committee. We will have the report of the committee on Officer's Reports. Past Commander-in-Chief Kennedy, you may come up.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Rhode Island. The first one will be from the Commander-in-Chief. The Vision and Planning Committee be elevated to a standing committee. We concur.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, point of order, objection. James Pahl, acting as National Counselor and Parliamentarian. This requires an amendment to the National Regulations, the Office of National Counselor was not notified of this proposal thirty days prior to the encampment so it cannot be considered here on the floor of this encampment. And I believe it would be appropriate to refer to C&R Committee to report back next year.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Referred to C&R Committee.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Number two. The Marketing and Promotion Committee be elevated to a standing committee. We concur.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Refer to the C&R Committee.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Number three. The appointed committee on Juniors be elevated to a special committee status with the requirement to set at a point where comprehensive program for Juniors is defined and approved. We concur.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Regulations require an end date on any special committee and there's no end dates specified. If the Commander-in-Chief wishes to specify an end date, then we can proceed.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We will say at the 2014 National Encampment.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Okay. You just have to make sure the recommendation is amended to say that.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We picked an end date. Any objections to the recommendation?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The Fraternal Relations Committee add to its responsibilities serving as a repository for information: dates, times, contacts, hotel information, reach, protocol, etc. related to events each year, especially those that are less publicized such as Lincoln's Birthday events in D.C., observed the traditional Memorial Day event at Arlington, etc. This information be shared with our other Allied Order leaders so that the Allied Orders are operating with same information. We concur.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, same objection. No notice to the Office of National Counselor. This requires a basically you're modifying a job description. It's basically a regulation. So that should be referred to, I would suggest Program and Policy or C&R.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The job description is program so I'm going to refer that to Program and Policy.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Another of the Commander-in-Chief's is that the Communications and Technology Committee draft a policy for the SUVCW camp and departments Websites to provide details on minimum standards for acceptable Websites. While we concur with that sentence and I think that the departments and camps should have some artistic latitude however.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I will agree to that. Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I just wanted to know is there specifics about what those standards will be? Will that come out in a General Order How will that work?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

It's been going through the Program and Policy Committee to draft a policy for that. So, it'll appear as a Policy.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I see. Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Now any objections? All right.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The next is the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. Recommendation, from this point forward any and all forms that are created, updated, or revised for the SUVCW be sent to the Webmaster in a WORD or PDF format to store for future use by Brothers for the purpose of updating or revising, etc. This is to include any and all forms that have been created, revised, or updated during the 2011-2012 administration. We concur.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I don't really want to object, but, by specifying WORD and PDF, we are limiting the flexibility of the Communication and Technology Committee to use future developed software. There is no guarantee that these two software formats will be available forever. And it's highly unlikely that they will be. That there will be vast improvements in them. To say that we will forever use these formats is very restrictive and needlessly restrictive with the changes in technology.

**Perley E. Mellor, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief**

Perley Mellor, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. Since I wrote it, I'll amend that to any future software developments in any electronic format, At least the wording for the time being WORD and PDF is what Ken and I have discussed on this already. He has already set aside a space in the Website in the background to put these documents so they can be used later on. How would you like that worded then, Rich?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief through you to the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. I would suggest that you word it in a format approved by the Communications and Technology Committee and leave it open for whatever we need to use based on the server capabilities that we're using.

**Perley E. Mellor, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief**

So done. Do we add that in.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, Okay.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

I withdraw my objection and you can hit the gavel.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Any objections to the recommendation as amended?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The next one is on page twenty-six from the Treasurer. Recommendation. The incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee for the purpose of examining the proposed fund raising plan, consider other options, and recommend a plan to be implanted within twelve months. We concur.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The next one we find on page forty-one, Chief of Staff. Recommendation. My duties require me on several occasions consult departmentally maintained Websites. Each Department should update their Department Website at least once a year. Preferably this should be done immediately after the Department Encampment so as to list the new officer names and contact information for the use of persons at all levels of the order but most importantly for the public at large. And we concur.



**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections to that recommendation?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The next is on page forty-two. We have four from the Patriotic Instructor. Before I read the summaries, he states I would recommend to whomever serves this office next, that we develop a semi-annual or annual PowerPoint presentation to be sent to camps and departments to have them show and tell to make our mission visibly seen and heard. Number one. Develop a visual/audio program for camps and departments. We concur.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Redesign Memorial University to a simpler more accessible program. We concur.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Number three. Establish an annual patriotic instructor's award to the Department that is rated the most quote developed and enthusiastic department, patriotic speaking. I assume that's end quote at that point. And we concurred.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Move to refer to Program and Policy.

**George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion by Rich to refer to Program and Policy. Second by George. Any discussion on the motion? All in favor, please raise your blue cards. Opposed, please raise yours.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And lastly, to adopt an official SUV CW patriotic song. He recommends the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." We think it's a great idea but do not concur.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

For information, Brothers, we already have an official song that was written by John Philip Sousa. I'm sure no one here except Bob Wolz, other than myself, may know it exists. But there is an

official song that was written by John Philip Sousa specifically for us. You don't want me to sing it and I don't even remember the words. I have a copy somewhere at home. If I remember correctly it was the Sons of Veterans March or something like that.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections to the committee's recommendation? The committee does not concur with the recommendation. Any objections to that?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And my apologies, I missed number four. Number four was to have patriotic stories and songs, not only at the National level, but also at department and camp level on a regular basis. And we concurred with encouragement.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I'm glad you wrote them out. I'd have a hard time filing through there (indistinguishable).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The next one will be the Civil War Memorials. It will be recommendations found on page forty-five please. There's a total of seven. Start off with idea of a National Monuments Webpage with redirect to State pages provide the State pages confirmed for our minimum standards. And most standards that are recommended are: number one, all monument files need to be presented online in Dolby Acrobat portable document format, PDF, and digital backups should be sent annually to the National Monuments officer. We concurred.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

On behalf of the Communications and Technology Committee, I again object for limiting the platform. If Brother Walt is willing to make a similar amendment to a software approved by the Communications and Technology Committee, then I don't have an objection.

**Walter E. Busch, Civil War Monuments**

Walt Bush, Civil War Monuments Officer. I have no objection except I would say that Adobe is the only software that has committed to being an archival program for the next twenty-five years. No other one currently, other than they, are saying that they'll do that. But I have no objection to the change of the wording.

**D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections to the recommendation as amended? Okay.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The next one is number two. Department Website should include form sixty-one with addenda any other form, sixty-two with addenda and forms should be merged if both are present. We had a question on that and decided to leave that to Walt to explain.

**Walter E. Busch, Civil War Monuments**

Walt Busch, Civil War Monuments Officer. Several of these recommendations fall down to the fact that what I see is our monuments program is too much for our Website. If we actually put the files online that we need online for our own purposes and for the purposes of the public sharing information with the public, we'd have one massive Website. However, if we divide it up between the departments, each Department should meet a specific standard. So, my plan or thought is Brother Petrovic's committee every year sends form sixty-two's. Gives me a copy of them. Everything is digitized. If the Department has a Website that meets our standards of keeping PDF or some similar format on file on their website that people can download the entire file, we then turn over that information to them and they maintain the records for the entire National organization. The Monuments Officer would then only be keeping backups of their stuff as well as anything such as Kazakhstan which I volunteered to go to and take pictures of the monument out there if you guys pay me. But we would keep records of Kazakhstan, Tijuana and other places like that. Hopefully, eventually all departments would have PDF or similar formats online that our people can access. We need the access for the forms sixty-ones and sixty-tvos. And the public should have information or should be able to see what information we got on file because it does help us protect the monuments if they know what we got. Does that cover your concerns?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, not an objection but a point of information. Last year, if you remember following the National Encampment, the National Website was down for about a week and a half because we migrated everything to a hundred gigabyte server. I don't think we're going run out of space. Even so, we have a hundred gigabytes on a server that we share with one other organization. The next step is to go to a dedicated server which will increase our costs somewhat. But that would be in the multiple terabyte size. The ability to store the information should not be the driving factor here because we have the ability for what we need right now.

**Walter E. Busch, Civil War Monuments**

Since I wasn't familiar with that I have no problem with us having it on the Website other than the fact that I don't want to do all the scanning.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

I can appreciate that.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tucker.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. Brother Orr, a hundred gigabytes? A hundred gigabytes is not very big now a days. If we started to collect photographs, they're going to be very large. So you're not going to get very many on it. The cost of expanding storage has gone down so much now, you can get a terabyte unit for a couple hundred bucks. You can expand that with no problem. But a hundred gigabytes is going be used up very quickly.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

We currently have four thousand pages on our Website and we're using less than two gigabytes of the hundred gigabytes. We're using compression software. Allot of text, but you can still use compression software on photographs as well.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

But you're using a database for most of that, those pages add up.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Most of those pages are in html.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I know how much photographs are going to take. And my company, we have 2.4 terabytes on our server. We're a small company, sixty-five people with a lot of photographs because we do real estate. Those photographs are the bulk of that server.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

I'm just providing information. I didn't object.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So the committee neither...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...We had no recommendations.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

There's no recommendations. Okay. All right. So, go ahead George.

**George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I don't understand. Brother Walt, is this saying that instead of National holding this information, we want the departments to hold it on their Websites?

**Walter E. Busch, Civil War Monuments**

The Monuments Officer for National would hold a backup copy.

**George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I certainly object to that. National needs to hold on to this information. Every year you get different departments. Have different officers. They have different quality of information. Different sizes of department websites. National has to hold on to this. My objection. I would move for non-concurrence so that National must be the repository.

**Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Who was my second?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

It was Jerry. Okay. We have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion? No discussion so we will move to a vote.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

On item number two, under the Civil War Memorials report, the committee neither concurred or objected. In that case it goes back to the floor. A motion was made by Brother Powell to object to the recommendation. If you vote yes on the motion, you're voting to object to the recommendation. And voting no to the motion, motion goes away. All in favor of the motion, please raise your cards. All opposed now please raise your cards.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

With the permission of the Commander-in-Chief, we're going to do numbers three, four, five, and six together. We'll save seven for last. Number three. In each file should be at least one picture of the monument, also preferably a GPS location of the monument. Updates can be done through files and in any program which allows pending to PDF's such as Primo PDF. Number four. Departments can choose how to design the links for their pages. A sample of Missouri's proposed format is attached. Iowa has an excellent set up but currently lacks the entire PDF for the monument and its URL attached to that. Number five. The Last Soldier marker information, which is not necessarily of this program, should be retained electronically so that the information can be retrieved as needed by the National Committee and the Civil War Memorial Grans Funds. Number six. Until departments Websites meets the Nationally approved minimum standards, the National Civil War Monuments Officer will maintain records online for that department. And the committee had no recommendations on those.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Busch.

**Walter E. Busch, Civil War Monuments**

Walt Busch, Civil War Monuments Officer. Actually, since we just did away with number two, let's remove three through six. And I'll re-evaluate it for next year.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So you're withdrawing your recommendations?

**Walter E. Busch, Civil War Monuments**

I'm withdrawing the recommendations.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Number seven. If and when all departments meet the minimum standards, the National Monument's Officer will forward records sent to him and completed form sixty-two's scanned annually by him to the appropriate departments. Then only records that are not connected with specific departments will be kept by National. Examples of those recorded from outside the U.S. We concur.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections? Brother Sosnowski.

**David Sosnowski, Department of Pennsylvania**

David Sosnowski. Pennsylvania Department. Didn't we address this in two? That we weren't going to have the departments keep any of the information. So I think this is already been addressed. It's a moot point.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We've already taken care of this under number two.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Page number fifty-eight please. Five eight. This is the Secretary for Proceedings. One recommendation. Need to replace the current Encampment recording device. The current one is very old, heavy, outdated and it uses cassette tapes. We recommend the Bose KR800 digital recorder. It is two pounds in weight. The dimensions are 11.5 by 7.25 by 2.3 inches. About the size of a normal hard book cover. It has four inputs just like the current recorder. Has full factory standard XLR. and quarter inch TRS input connectors. It uses SDHC memory cards to store recordings. We respectfully request the expenditure of max of \$750.00 which will also include the accessories required, extra memory cards. And we concurred.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm informed that the unit has already been ordered. The National Treasurer found money in the budget and it's a done deal.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So this one is done and just needs approval. Any objections to the recommendation?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Page sixty-three please. Six three. National Grave Registration Officer. There are three recommendations. Each with subparts. The first recommendation on page sixty-three is creation of two new subcommittees outlined below. A National Committee on Grave Registration, a subcommittee on Headstones Ordering, and a subcommittee on Burial Projects. Each with five brothers including the National Grave Registration Officer and four other brothers. And we disagreed.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objection to the committee's recommendation?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Recommendation number two. The creation of two reporting documents outlined below. The first is an annual report from the Department of the status of the Department Graves Registration Officer filed within thirty days of the department's annual Encampment. It will include the names, full contact information, and Department Grave Registration Officer, and its complete by the department's secretary and signed both by the department secretary and the commander. Number two. A report as to the experience level of this department Grave Registration Officer. This form is to provide the places and positions which provide this Brother with is experiences as a grave registration field and also include his graves database submitters account information. We disagree.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Number three. The creation and use of an experienced pool requirement for Grave Registration Offices and Graves Committee and subcommittee candidates. This is four parts. One. The camp Grave Registration Officer, any Brother of the SUVCW in good standing, who has a Graves Registration Database submittal account, and has read a copy of the Grave Registration Instruction Booklet. The Department Grave Registration Officer meet those same requirements and has been a camp Graves Registration Officer or higher for two years or more, that candidate has become an Aide to the National Committee on Grave Registration with at least two years' experience. This experience can be at any level and must be proven to be active current database submitter's account of two years or more. An aide does not have to be a Brother of the SUVCW. That a candidate to the National Committee on Grave Registration must be a Brother in good standing, have been a Department Grave Registration Officer for a minimum of two years, or a committee aide for two years. And that a candidate for the National Grave Registration Officer's position must be a Brother in good standing, have been a member of a National Committee on Grave Registration or an aide to that committee or subcommittee for a minimum of two years. We disagree.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The next is Historian. Page sixty-five please. One recommendation. With the approval of the Council of Administration and the Webmaster that the Department and National Historians be authorized to post history online. This is recommended so not as to create more burden on the Department or National Webmasters. We do not concur. We talked to the current National Webmaster and as it's written, as it's understood, would require other people to have access to the National Websites and do the posting online. He did not feel it to be a good idea.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And that would conclude the Officer's Reports.

## **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The only other Encampment Committee we had was the Constitution and Regulations Committee. But all the Constitution and Regulations activity was submitted before the Encampment. I don't believe anything was referred to the Encampment. We will open the floor for new business.

### **Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

I have correspondence.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

### **Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

National Secretary, Eugene Mortorff. First one is a piece of correspondence here from Chaplain Kowalski. Subject: Renovation of the Dr. Benjamin Stevenson Gravesite in Petersburg, Illinois. In anticipation of the 2016 National Encampment hopefully to be held in Springfield, Illinois, the grave of our GAR founder is in need of preservation and beautification. To that end working with the city of Petersburg, we ask that \$1,000.00 be approved so that the projects may begin and promptly completed by 2016. Attached is an architectural sketch of the proposed changes.

The second piece of correspondence is similar in nature. This Brother Ed Norris, Chairman of the Battle Flag Preservation Committee. The Battle Flag Preservation Committee is requesting \$1,000.00 for preservation of the Company D 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa Regimental Flag. The 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa was mustered in on February 12<sup>th</sup> 1862. It saw its first action in the first day in two hours of action. The regiment sustained 50% casualties. The donation will be sent to...and I have an address here that the money would be sent to. I submit these to the encampment for dealing with.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Yes. Brother Darby.

### **Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. Is the money for these two coming out of the special projects fund?

### **Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

They didn't specifically request what fund they wanted it to come from. We would have to determine that.

### **Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Well, if it was turned in before noon of today, then I guess, that was your ruling on Special Projects. If you're going to ask for money, at least ask for where it's coming from.

### **Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief? I would move you, first, let's take 'em one at a time. I would move you that we fund the Stevenson Memorial with the \$1,000.00 from the Grand Army of the Republic Fund.



**Michael Beard, Department of Chesapeake**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Mike Beard seconded it. We have a motion and a second to the funds out of the G.A.R. Fund for the Stevenson Memorial. Any discussion? All in favor of the motion please raise your blue cards. Thank you. All opposed do the same.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Commander-in-Chief, concerning this next motion, a \$1,000.00 to a battle flag, the State of Illinois has 154 battle flags that yet have to be restored. If we begin giving that much money to Battle Flag restoration for the state of Iowa who has more than we have restored already we're going to run out of money that we don't have. I would propose not voting positively for that, not that I don't love Iowa, even though it's on the edge of the earth, but rather because there were so many Battle Flags that need restoration and we just don't have the assets to do it.

**Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation**

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts. Yes, we have lots of battle flags that need preservation. But we have to start somewhere. We have two Brothers who are in Granville Dodge Camp #75, one of 'em is sitting up here, David Lamb. He's donating three hundred hours. He's been doing it for four years. The same camp we have David Thompson. He's donating two hundred fifty hours per year. These guys do a lot of work but they need funds to continue that work because there's a lot material that needs to be purchased. You can't just donate time. And that's why we are requesting it. It's a start. Hopefully, in the future, we'll come back and ask for other State's Battle Flags as well.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Powell.

**George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Who's going to be doing the preservation? What are their qualifications.

**David M. Lamb, Department of Iowa**

Commander-in-Chief, David Lamb, Junior Vice-Commander for the State of Iowa and preservation Specialist for the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and the Iowa State Historical Museum. I have a Master's Degree in military history and a Master's in anthropology and 350 hours of training in fabric restoration. I am personally working on the flag of the 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa right now. I'm about two months in to what I anticipate to be an eight month project to restore this particular piece. Thank you, sir.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Lamb.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

We have no motion.

**Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation**

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts. I make a motion that we donate \$1,000.00 out of the special projects fund to Iowa Battle Flag's project Department of Cultural Affairs.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Who had the second?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Albanese back there. Okay. We got a motion and a second.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, for your information, there is no such fund as a Special Project Fund. So, I will certainly vote to take this from nowhere. I have no suggestion because I opposed this, because we have turned down other States for Battle Flags. Case in point, when Pennsylvania did all theirs, the total costs for the flags in Pennsylvania was over ten million dollars. Have we got the money to do that in every State? And Pennsylvania has the second largest collection to New York, which has about thirty more Regiments than Pennsylvania. You're looking at Twelve to Fourteen Million Dollars to do New York's flags. Probably more in today's dollars because Pennsylvania did that fifteen twenty years ago when they restored all of theirs.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I have a question. If there's not a Special Projects fund, why did you make an announcement that any request for that had to be turned in before noon?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Because I thought we had a Special Projects Fund. We have had it in the past.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

When did it go away. Because there was one when Jim Pahl was Commander-in-Chief. He made the same announcement.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

We have a line item under the General Fund for Special Projects which for the proposed budget is \$500.00 for next year. That is money that's always been put in there in case something came up during the year and the Council of Administration needed money to spend. We never had a Special Projects Fund. It's one single line item in the budget.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Called what?

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

Special projects, but it's not a Special Project Fund. There is \$500.00 in there for the draft budget right now.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

But did the originator of the motion, amend his motion for any funds? Any funds?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

No, he did not. Do you want to amend your motion?

**Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation**

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts. I'd like to amend my motion to \$200.00 from the General fund, Special Project line item.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We have an amended motion to take the money out of the General Funds Special Projects line item for \$200.00. Do we have a second for the amendment.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion? All in favor of the amended motion raise your blue cards Thank you. All opposed, raise your cards. Okay.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

He amended it. Okay. Any other new business?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I have a resolution to place before the Encampment. I'll read it. Whereas the Boy Scouts of America are commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the awarding of the first Eagle Scout award; whereas the Boy Scouts of America and the Eagle Scout requirements include the duty of patriotism; whereas many Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are currently or previously members of the Boy Scouts of America; whereas numerous Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are Eagle Scouts; therefore, be it resolved that we the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting at annual encampment 11 August 2012 in Los Angeles, California hereby congratulate the Boy Scouts of America and all Eagle Scouts on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eagle Scout award.

**Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We have a motion and a second.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Would this be in the form of a proclamation from us?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

It's just a resolution of support. We have a motion and a second for the resolution of support of the Eagle Scouts. Any discussion? All right. All in favor, please raise your blue cards. Thank you. Opposed do the same.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any other new business?

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Yes. Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the policy on Founder's Award have the following clarification added to the policy. Before anybody starts objecting that it's in the regulations, this Founder's Award is not in the regulations. This does not need to go to Constitution and Regulations. Exclusion of members of the Allied Orders from eligibility only applies to individuals, departments, camps, tents, corps and auxiliary. It does not apply to an organization which may have one or more members of the Allied Orders among its membership or serving as an officer or a board member of said organization.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Do you want give them the background on that just so they know.

**Several**

Second

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Now that it's been seconded, Commander-in-Chief, you issued a General Order that in your opinion if any member of any organization was a member of the Allied Orders that organization was excluded from being eligible for the Founder's Award. Inasmuch as I created that award when I was Commander-in-Chief and the intended award was to not to honor an individual member or one of the subordinate organizations of the Allied Orders and not to punish another organization because one of our Brothers happened to belong to it. Your order specifically punishes those organizations. That in fact every group that we have previously awarded this Founder's Award to, has had members of the Sons of Union Veterans among its membership. And therefore your Order is also inconsistent with previous practice. If this is not adopted and your order is sustained, you've virtually eliminated every VFW, American Legion, VVA, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, historical societies, other hereditary societies, military organizations, from being eligible to receive the Founder's Award.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

So, my rebuttal, and the rationale for issuing the General Order was this. We did have nominated several nominations for the Founder's Award this year, and one of those, which would have fallen under the somewhat vague terminology of the existing awards policy, had a President of that organization even though it wasn't a Sons organization, the President of that organization was a Son's member. So, to me, it created a conflict of interest. To clarify, and in my opinion rewarding those that are completely unaffiliated with any of the Allied Order Organizations should be the basis of the Founder's Award. We do have as another award that can be awarded to any boy outside of the organization whether they have members in the organization or not, a certificate of recognition. And so that was the basis for the General Order. It was to divide the two and add clarification to one, and reward those that are completely outside, and have no affiliation, that are doing the work to support our

organization versus those that may have members, and may have a vested interest in doing so. That was the rationale behind the General Order. In my view, just because there's precedence made, doesn't always make it right.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, Gene Mortorff. I don't rise but I'm in agreement with Rich Orr on this one. Especially since Rich was the originator of the award. I don't believe that an organization that has one member of the Allied Orders in it would disqualify it if the entire organization's efforts went for the exceptional performance which would give them the award. I agree with the Commander-in-Chief though making a determination just (indistinguishable) question is how many members. I mean is Three-Quarters of the members of the Allied Orders, is that going to disqualify them. That'd be a pretty sticky wicket. I don't think that this should be. I support the motion. I'm going to need that motion again worded a little bit better.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Okay. Because the National Counselor's asking for it too. I have it written out.

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

If no one else is going to talk, my two minutes since I made the motion. The Commander-in-Chief says that there's a certificate that is available. That completely defeats the purpose of the Founder's Award. The Founder's Award was created with a limit of a maximum of one per year and not necessarily be awarded. It was to be the most prestigious award that we would give to a non-member and a non-associated organization. To eliminate an organization simply because a Brother chooses to be active in that organization is not fair to all the other members. The organization that was involved in this this year was Cooper's Battery which is a re-enactment group which has done tremendous work in Pennsylvania in preserving canon and other activities. Yes, their President, not the commanding officer, of the battery, the President is a member of a camp in Pennsylvania. That denied the other members the honor of receiving the Founder's Award, to me, is just contrary to the spirit of what that award was to be. You can hand out as many certificates as you want during the year. Now, you can paper the wall with them. They don't have the prestige of the Founder's Award and we are punishing people because a member chooses to be active in another organization.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So debate has ended. We'll go to a vote. All those in favor of the motion posed by Brother Orr, please raise your blue card. All opposed, please raise yours.  
[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes. Any other new business.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Point of clarification. Brothers, Jim Pahl, National Counselor. For our information then, this invalidates that General Order. In fact, General Order number Twenty-Seven has been over-ruled by this Encampment.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Any other new business? Going once, twice, three times. Okay.

## **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We will now take a fifteen minute break. We will come back and do some awards, one of which is the Founder's Award. And then move on to nominations and elections.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap,\*]

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### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Beginning with displays you that you might have within your Camp or Department or activities that you might be doing and you'd want to, more or less, convey a message on what we do. For you Department Commanders, when I sent out that note requesting photos that would tie to those aspects, that's what I was requesting. And so I tried to pull from what information I had and Cher Petrovic had who spent a lot of time putting those together. So, they're more or less looking for feedback on those as part of our advertising plan of working things like that that have pointed messages to it to try to tie with the branding strategy that we have. I've had questions about how can people get ahold of those. The plan right now is once we've decided on a bevy of promotional material, we would put them all on CD's and make them available for all camps and departments to try to keep the messages consistent. I know we discussed this a little bit at the Council meeting the other night and I'm making sure that we have some process control and make ensure that it stays consistent both in message and quality. This is one of the responses to the surveys. Requested National provide tools to the camps and departments and this is this is one of the tools. If you haven't taken a look at those, take a look. And then we're looking for feedback on them. So, thank you. We're going to start the awards by a-allowing the Charitable Foundation to come... Well, actually before we do, Brother Fidler.

### **Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee**

Sir, Past Department Commander, Doug Fidler, Tennessee. Brother Orr encouraged me to share with everyone that if they wished to have sheet music for the Sons of Veterans March by Carl L. King, who is to circus marches as Sousa was to military marches, it is available. It is online. Amazon has it. That's it, sir.

### **Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We now invite the Charitable Foundation to come forward and present their awards.

### **James Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Commander. Thank you. It's my privilege on behalf of the Charitable Foundation as secretary/treasurer to recognize those individuals who made contributions to the foundation through our Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund during past year. And I'd like to start first with those who have not received their certificates and medals. Generally speaking, during the year, if it's earlier during the year, we mail those out. And we will recognize those in a minute. But first, let me recognize those who have not received them and we will present them. First is Brian Pierson. And he's at the what we call the silver level which is a \$500.00 contribution. Next is Robert K. Wolz also at the silver level. Next are those who have already received their medals and certificates but have not been recognized and we'd like to do so now. For those that are here first is David Sosnowski. Shawn Cox. Next one of our directors, who's already standing the honorable Henry Shaw, at the gold level, the gold sentinel level. Next and last but not certainly not least, our largest contributor, Charles Engle from Tennessee, who's

generous contributions above the sentinel level.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**James Houston, Charitable Foundation**

In closing, I'd like to also recognize by having them stand, all those organizations and individuals who are contributors and members of our Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund. Whether they're here or not, the total is sixty-nine individuals and organizations. Would you please stand?

**Encampment**

(applause)

**James Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Thank you.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We're going to move on to the National awards and I'd like to begin with those Brothers that have earned the recognition of National Aide. And the first one I'd like to award is to Henry Myers, from the Department of Ohio for recruiting five new members during the 2011-2012 administrative year. He's obviously not here so I will hand that to a Brother from Ohio. The next is John Stolp from the Department of California and Pacific for recruiting seven new members during the 2011-2012 administrative year. Gene Mortorff, Department of the Chesapeake for recruiting eight new members during the 2011-2012 administrative year. And we have another National Aide for Douglas K. Fidler for his outstanding efforts in recruiting nine new members during the 2011-2012 administrative year. And I think, how many years in a row is that Doug?

We'll start off with the Marshall Hope Award for outstanding newsletter. We have an award for both camp and department contributions. And this is one of those where it's really hard to choose a winner especially when you try to do that, you know on a subjective basis. And so early on in my administration I had some foresight in that cause I started receiving newsletters from camps and departments and very high quality newsletters. I knew it was going to be tough so I devised a more quantitative assessment tool for that that included points for various elements of what I felt that the newsletter should contain, at least for an organization such as ours. And so, Department newsletter award for Marshall Hope Award goes to the *Buckeye Bugle* from the Department of Ohio.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And the Marshall Hope Award for outstanding camp newsletter goes to *Camp Orders* from Old Abe Camp number Eight, Department of Wisconsin.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Let's see. This is for the Joseph S. Ripey Award. And this award goes to the outstanding new camps formed during the current administrative year. And we actually had two winners for this one. The first goes to the Charles Sumner Camp number Twenty-Five in the Department of the

Chesapeake. They in the short time they've been in existence, they've generated a new member above and beyond. Those that were part of their charter, seventy-two graves registered and their leading efforts for a cemetery restoration in their community. So they're already active in producing results. So, I'll hand out the first one to the Department of Chesapeake.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And then the other Ripey Award goes to Sigel Camp number Six-Hundred-Fourteen in the Department of Missouri. they've generated, in the short time they've been in existence, two new members and they have two others online. They've already conducted a signature event which was from what I understand, very successful. They have members that have been out in the community in Pulaski County, Missouri conducting a program that they've developed. So, again they are very active right off the bat. So, they also will receive the Ripey Award.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. These next two awards were actually established by Past Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall. The first of those awards is the Horace Greeley award for outstanding Website. And I issued two awards. One for Department and one for a Camp. There's one Department that stands above all the rest as far as quality and content. That one goes to the same recipient as last year, the Department of Michigan.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And then the Horace Greeley award for outstanding Camp Website. As I mentioned earlier, only about 50% of the camps in our organization have Websites so if you have a camp without a website, the one that you should use as a model, in my opinion, because of the format, content, availability of social networking access, and other features that really bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This one goes to the Governor Elisha Dyer Camp number Seven, Department of Rhode Island.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And the second new award that was established last is the Albert Woolson Award. And this award is going to have a finite life, at least as it stands right now, because it is awarded for outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Events. As I mentioned in my report, I think it was twenty-five Signature Events this past year. And I received feedback on a number of them both on commending our organization for quality and completeness of the event in helping people understand what actually happened during that period in time between 1861 and 1865. There is one that set a standard for advertising the event and how they went about organizing it. The way it was conducted and all the other features stood up above the rest. And that was the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Launch of the *U.S.S. Monitor* by the Oliver Tilden Camp Number Twenty-Six, Department of New York. Just by chance this was the Outstanding Camp last year so I guess it's no surprise that they are on top of things as far as organizing their events.



**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. This is an individual award. This is the Benjamin S. Stevenson Award. This goes to the Brother who recruited the most members nationwide. And this one goes to David Rish of Parrott Camp Number Thirty-Three in the Department of Ohio who recruited eleven new members this past year.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. The next award is the August P. Davis Conrad Linder Award for the most new members. This goes to the Department of the Chesapeake. I believe it was Fifty-One. I know Brother Demmy could probably give me the numbers, but I'm trying to remember this off the top of my head.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. The next award is the Under Forty Award. And this goes to the Department who recruits the most new members under 40. I think I remember that time. It hasn't been that far gone. And this goes to the Department of New Jersey. And I believe it was Sixteen.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Now we have the Grant Cup Award. It's obviously in the shape of a cup. And this is for the highest percentage of new members. You know the Davis Lender was for most. This is the highest percentage and this goes to the Department of Texas.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We're going to hand out Meritorious Service Awards. And Meritorious Service Awards are awarded to Brothers who have provided outstanding support to the organization generally over a period of time that are worthy of some recognition. It differs from the Cornelius Whitehouse Award in the sense the Cornelius Whitehouse is for this administrative year only. And so we have four Meritorious Service Awards to hand out. The first goes to Roger Heiple from the Department of Florida for all his work in G.A.R. history and obviously promoting the G.A.R. with his displays around Florida and things of that nature, more or less educating the public about the G.A.R. which is really needed.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. The next Meritorious Service Award goes to Douglas K. Fidler.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Doug's been doing a lot of stuff. Not just in his local community, but he's been going all over the place. He's been in Alaska looking at and recording graves. Talking to people up there about the organization. And this past year, he was over in England researching graves over there. There are Union Veterans buried in England and actually enlisted the support of some of the local community to help him out there. And then as was referenced before we were talking about National Aide, I think he's won that award four years straight. So he is definitely active in recruiting. So he is very deserving of this award.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The third Meritorious Service Award goes to Paul Nelson from the Department Michigan. Paul is another one who over a period of several years has been very active in his community working to promote our organization as well as supporting local research activities and so again, another person that's actively involved not just a one-time shot but he's involved over a longer period of time and he is also very deserving of this award.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And the last Meritorious Service Award, this one goes to Brother Neil Handlin from the Department of the Chesapeake. In my understanding Neil's getting up there in years, but, you know, he's been over the last few years actively involved in preservation efforts. He's down near Petersburg and other locations. And has his hands in a lot of things. And he's one of those guys that just doesn't stop. And he needs to be recognized for that. And so he gets one of the Meritorious Service Awards.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Whereas the Meritorious Service Award can be awarded by the Commander-in-Chief, there's another level of award called Meritorious Service with Gold Star. And this one can be recommended by the Commander-in-Chief but it must have approval of the Council of Administration before it can be awarded. And we have three of those. The first goes to Brother Michael Paquette from the Department of the Chesapeake.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I know Brother Paquette lives in the Fredericksburg area and obviously he's actively involved in the battlefield preservation efforts there. Also, if you were at the National Encampment last year in Reston, I mean, my understanding is if any success is related to that it had some link to Michael Paquette. I know the Department of the Chesapeake brought forward that nomination and the Council of Administration was unanimous in its approval. And so I'd like to present this to Brother Paquette.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

The second Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star will be awarded to Brother Eric Peterson from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Brother Peterson's another go, go, guy. He joined the Order in the Department of Wisconsin, was active there. Then he brought the organization down to Georgia and founded one of the Camps-at-Large at the time. And he was instrumental in forming the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. And he's still active in many of the programs that they support down there. And the way it was understood is that the Department of Georgia and South Carolina couldn't survive without him. This one again was a unanimous approval from the Council of Administration. I know Eric's not here, but it's still a pleasure to present this on his behalf to the Georgia and South Carolina Department.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to give this one grudgingly. But no. the third and final Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star goes to Brother Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

He's speechless for once. Brother Darby is, if you're familiar with the Last Soldier Project that was pretty much a brainchild of Don's. Allot of departments are very active in that. I know my home department is and a lot of that is through the encouragement of Don. That program couldn't have existed without him. During his term as Commander-in-Chief he was the one promoting the camps and departments to write up their histories. And I know during my terms this year, I was able to actually see some of the products of those, all very well done. I think that's something that we're going to be happy that we did, you know, twenty years from now, knowing what's going on. It's a lot easier to remember things that happened in the past ten twenty years than it is to try to go back fifty or sixty and find that information. So, again another unanimous approval of the Council. Don Darby gets the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. There were people that were surprised you didn't have it already.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

This is the Abraham Lincoln Award. And this is the award for outstanding camp in the organization. And much as I mentioned before, talked about some of the Camp Websites, looking at the Dyer Camp website as a model. I think if you look at the accomplishments of this Camp through their recruiting efforts and through their activities, more or less, scaling it up. They are actually a model Camp. And so the camp that receives the Abraham Lincoln Award this year is the Lieutenant Commander Edward Lee USN Camp Number Two in the Department of Texas.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Our next award is the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for most outstanding member during the 2011-2012 administrative year. Here again, it was tie and for somewhat different reasons. Each of these Brothers does a lot of work in their own areas of emphasis. But you take the work of one and the work of the other and combine. We saw some of the activities we were working towards our vision, and these two Brothers are doing the types of things that are going to help us get there. And they've done a lot in this past year. So, it was hard to make a decision between the two, so two awards. The first award goes Brother Whitney Maxwell from William Scott Camp Number Three-Hundred-Two in the Department of Vermont. Brother Maxwell is raising funds to place a monument in, Barre. Sorry. I don't have the New England vernacular. There is no Civil War monument there. He's been active in trying to get one there to recognize the soldiers that came from that area in Vermont. He actually put up \$1,000.00 to get going of his own money. And he's actually working all the fundraising efforts to get there. He also has a program that he has gone to a number of schools in that area periodically to put on education programs and also within the community centers within that region of Vermont. He's a known entity around there. But it's the education element and the preservation elements that really he's gone a-bove and beyond this past year. And for that, he gets the Cornelius Whitehouse Award.

The second Cornelius Whitehouse Award goes to Brother Walt Busch from the Department of Missouri.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We could have docked Walt points for his attire today, but we're not going to do that.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

You all know Walt is Chairman of the Credentials Committee and he's also the Treasurer in the Department of Missouri and he's a Past Department Commander. But it's really not any of the offices he holds that really gets him there. In addition to doing all that this past year, he's been out researching sixty-one G.A.R. Posts in Missouri and adding that information to the G.A.R. Post Records database. He's also researched forty-four Sons of Veteran Camps that existed in Missouri at one time. And then also sixty-six monuments have been added to the database just based on his own research. In addition to his activities and getting the Civil War Memorials database setup on the Website, he's done all that on top of it. And there's a case where it ties into our research initiatives and tried to build our program so that we become a more viable research entity. For those reasons and all of that activity, Walt is a recipient of this award.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Last but not least. This is the Founder's Award which has been the subject of discussion recently.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

This year, the Founder's Award goes to Sheila Hankey as nominated by the Department of Iowa for her work in Battle Flag Preservation, and in so doing honors the sacrifices of those who insure the freedom and liberties of this great nation. And, I know, Brother Jerry was talking about the number of Flags. I know there's been 120 Flags preserved in Iowa. She's been working on this for eleven years, pretty much on her own, trying to raise funds to do this. Any success in the Iowa Battle Flag program is due to her. And so for those reasons, she's the recipient of the Founder's Award for this year.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Dave, you want to receive the award?

**David M. Lamb, Department of Iowa**

I will do that gladly, sir.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Actually, I do have two more. These are certificates of recognition and these go to... Again it was the subject of discussion just before the break on the Founder's Award those nominated that were not the recipients of the Founder's Award are awarded certificates of recognition. And the first one goes to Battery B 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Light Artillery also known as Cooper's Battery.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Another certificate of recognition goes to the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions. And unfortunately, this one kind of came in late where we already had the Founder's Award decision made. They're contributions, especially in the African-American community promoting the African-American Veterans of the Civil War as well as trying to promote the Civil War within that community should not go unrecognized. And so for that reason they get the certificate of recognition.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

That was a lot of exercise going up and down there. All right. So ends the awards. And we will move on to nominations. We need a report from the Credentials Committee first.

**Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee**

This is the report by Department for the present Encampment. We are skipping departments that are not present. California and Pacific has 386 members in good standing, total potential delegates sixteen, PDC's seven, Department Commander one, for a total of twenty-four votes. They have fifty-seven present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, five Past Department Commanders, sixteen delegates, thirty-five alternates. Voting Strength of Twenty-Two.

Chesapeake: members in good standing 410, potential delegates seventeen, Past Department Commanders in good standing twenty-one, one Department Commander, total of thirty-nine potential

votes. Present: eleven, one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, four delegates for a total of Eleven votes.

Florida: 141 members, seven potential delegates, nine Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, total is seventeen votes. One Department Commander's present, total of One vote.

Georgia and South Carolina: sixty-seven members, three potential delegates, two Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, total potential six. There is one Department Commander and one delegate present, total of Two votes.

Illinois: 199 members, nine potential delegates, ten Past Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander, total of twenty votes. There is one Past Department Commander and two delegates present for a total of Three votes.

Indiana: 169 members, eight potential delegates, eleven PDC's, one Department Commander, total of twenty votes. They have one Past Commander-in-Chief present, one Past Department Commander present, one delegate present, total of Three.

Iowa: 183 members in good standing, eight potential delegates, eleven PDC's, one Department Commander, twenty potential votes. They have two Past Department Commanders and two delegates present, a total of Four votes.

Massachusetts: 181 members, eight potential delegates, four PDC's, one Department Commander, total potential thirteen votes. Present: two past Department Commanders, four delegates, a total of Six votes.

Michigan: 531 members, twenty-two potential delegates, thirteen PDC's, one Department Commander, a total of potentially thirty-six votes. One Past Commander-in-Chief present, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, four delegates, a total of Seven votes.

Missouri, 249 members, eleven potential delegates, eleven PDC's, one Department Commander, potentially twenty-three votes. One Commander-in-Chief present, Department Commander present, two Past Department Commanders, one delegate, a total of Five votes and they also have one junior present.

Nebraska: 97 members in good standing, five potential delegates, five PDC's, one Department Commander, a total of eleven votes. One delegate present, a total of One vote.

New York: 548 members, twenty-three delegates, twelve Past PDC's, one Department Commander, a potential of thirty-six votes. They have one Past Commander-in-Chief present, one Department Commander present, a total of Two votes.

North Carolina: seventy-seven members, four potential delegates, two PDC's, one Department Commander, total potential seven votes. They have one Department Commander present for a total of One vote.

Ohio: 458 members, nineteen potential delegates, twenty-three Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, a total potential forty-three votes. Two Past Commanders-in-Chief present, one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, five delegates, a total of Twelve votes.

Pennsylvania: 824 members, thirty-four potential delegates, thirteen Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, total potential forty-eight votes. Present: three Past Commanders-in-Chiefs, three delegates, a total of Six votes.

Rhode Island: ninety-three members, five potential delegates, eight PDC's, one Department Commander, total potential fourteen votes. They have present one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, one delegate, a total of Three votes.

Tennessee: 136 members, six potential delegates, twelve PDC's, one Department Commander, a total potential of nineteen votes. Three Past Department Commanders are present, a total of three votes.

Texas: 144 members, seven potential delegates, eight PDC's, one Department Commander, total of sixteen votes. Present: one Department Commander, one delegate, a total of Two votes.

Wisconsin: 218 members, ten potential delegates, nine PDC's, one Department Commander, a total potential of twenty votes. Present: one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, No

Past Department Commander, and two delegates, a total of four votes.

National Members-at-Large: thirty-one members, potential delegates two. Present: one delegate, total One vote.

Department-at-Large Camps-at-Large: 180 members, eight potential delegates. Present: four delegates, Four votes.

We have a total of 138 present. Okay. No questions?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

There we go. Thank you, Brother Busch. That being the credentials report, we will now move to nominations. And we will open the floor to nominations for the office of Commander-in-Chief. I will ask the Secretary to do the roll call.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

California and Pacific defers to the Department of Massachusetts.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts.

**Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts**

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts. I stand before my Brothers to nominate as our leader, Brother Perley Mellor, who has for the past fifty-two years has faithfully served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Peter F. Drucker, who is known for exploring how humans are organized across multiple sectors of society said, "Management is doing things right. Leadership is doing the right things." Brother Perley Mellor is someone who does the right things. John le Carre stated, "A desk is a dangerous place from which to view the world." During the past four years, Perley has traveled the country from Maine to California making many stops along the way so that he could be in attendance at numerous Department Encampments and regional meetings. Why? So he could acquire the understanding of what is currently working and what is not. He wanted to get a sense for what needs to be changed and what should remain as is. He wanted to insure that we're all doing the right things. Throughout the years, Perley has done the right things in performance of his duties as Camp Commander, Department Commander, New England Regional Association Commander, Council of Administration member, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, and most recently as Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. And Brothers it's not just living up to quotes that count when evaluating leadership. Leadership can be as simple as engaging in one-on-one interactions and making oneself accessible to members of the organization. I'm sure many of you enjoyed spending minutes or hours conversing with Perley. He is always willing to exchange ideas with any one of us. Abraham Lincoln famously said, "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I'll spend the first four sharpening the ax." The time Perley spent interacting with us has aided in sharpening his ax. It'll strengthen his ability to do the right things for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is with great pleasure and honor that I nominate life member Perley E. Mellor for National Commander-in-Chief at this 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Perley Mellor, do you agree to serve if elected?

**Perley E. Mellor, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief**

I will.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other elected offices in this organization?

**Perley E. Mellor, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Please continue the roll.

*[All other Departments present that are called Passes]*

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. We'll move to the office Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. Nominations for office of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief so please call the roll.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific is pleased to defer to the Buckeye State of Ohio.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio.

**Don Martin, Department of Ohio**

Don Martin, Department of Ohio. It's an honor and privilege to nominate fellow Ohioan Brother Ken Freshley for the office of National Senior Vice-Commander. Brother Freshley was the first graduate of Memorial University. Of course he had to graduate for it before he could put it online. He's also been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, National Aide Ribbon. He is a Silver Lincoln Fellow. Brother Ken is our current Junior Vice-Commander. He's served for three years on the Council of Administration and numerous other positions in the Order. He's perhaps best known as Single Officer Webmaster. In this capacity, you'll find his name throughout the Allied Orders. Brother Ken does actually have a life outside of our Order. He's served on...our great nation as a submariner in the U.S. Navy. He keeps ties to fellow veterans as a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He's a devoted family man. He's active in the church community. He has worked with the local school system on technology committee.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Since Brother Freshley's not here ... Brother Kennedy has his response.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Freshley would like to say that he's unfortunately, medically restrictive and not allowed



to travel. He's disappointed not to be able to attend the 2012 National Encampment in wonderful California. He and his family are extremely disappointed not to see the Brothers and Sisters here. But by the time you read this letter, he's at home recovering home. With that being said, he would like to indicate his official responses that he would be willing to serve as the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief if so elected. He currently sits as the Camp Junior Vice-Commander and is ending in December of this year. He's the SVR unit adjutant, the Ohio Naval Brigade, and is the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

*[All other Departments present that are called Passes]*

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We'll open the floor for nominations for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

The Department of California and Pacific does not defer and we are very pleased to actually exercises our right to make a nomination. And to that purpose, I would like to introduce PDC Jerry Sayre.

**Jerry R. Sayre, Department of California and Pacific**

Commander-in-Chief, National Officers, and gather Brothers of the Order. I rise to bring to the floor the name of Brother Tad Campbell to be nominated for the office of Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. For those who somehow may not know this favorite son and one truly wonderful, beautiful person of California and Pacific, his qualifications are many and his resume' is long. I won't list them all here. You can rest assured that your trust in his candidacy is well-placed. For the rest of us, you know my friend's face and ready smile. You know his dedication and years of service to our Order. I would be remiss if I glossed over such a resume' without a few highlights. Tad joined in 1997. He came as a Life Member in 2005. He has held almost every appointed and elected office in both Camp and Department, including Camp Commander for two terms, Department Commander for three terms, both Camp and Department Signals Officer for twelve years, receiving the Marshall Hope Award. He was twice named Department Officer of the Year. He has attended every National Encampment since 2001 and even the first and only Special National Encampment in 2007. He didn't drive to every one of them. But he did attend. He is currently finishing his third year on the Council of Administration. And now seeks your vote for the third highest office in the Order. What can you expect from him now? Truly, more of the same. More of the same dedication and service. More of the same love and enthusiasm for this Order. Your vote to Tad Campbell will be a sign of your trust that the future of this order will be in willing hands and a ready heart to continue to the principle and objects of this organization we love. I proudly stand and nominate for the office of Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, my friend, Tad David Campbell.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Campbell, if elected, will you agree to serve?

**Tad D. Campbell, Department of California and Pacific**

Yes, Commander, I will.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other elected offices?

**Tad D. Campbell, Department of California and Pacific**

None other than Council of Administration, which is expiring very shortly.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much. Please continue the roll.

*[All other Departments present that are called Passes]*

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Now, since the three offices are not contested, nominations are closed for those three Offices.

[one rap, \*]

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, I move you that where there is no opposition, the National Secretary be instructed to cast the lone ballot in favor of the candidates.

**Several**

Second

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion's been made and seconded. All in favor raise your blue cards. Opposed, the same.

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Motion passes.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We will open up nominations for seats on the Council of Administration. We have two of them up for election. It's two full three year terms.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

California and Pacific defers to the Department of the Chesapeake.

**Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thanks to the Department of California and Chesapeake. Brothers of the Order, I have the honor and the pleasure of nominating Brother Steve Hammond of the Great Department of the Chesapeake for a seat on the Council of Administration. Brother Steve has served this Order admirably. He's a Past Department Commander of our Department. He's served for the past year on the Council of Administration. You elected him last year. And I hope you'll choose to return him to that body this year. He's also served as the 211<sup>th</sup> National Encampment committee, one of the several movers and shakers there in Manassas and on the Orders Committee on Legislation. Brother Steve's a Past Commander of the George G. Mead Camp of the Chesapeake Department. He's a Brother of the Anna M. Ross Camp 1 in the Department of Pennsylvania. His lineage goes back to a great-great grandfather who founded and led the 27<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers and he was later appointed by President Lincoln to be Lincoln's Council to Bavaria. A marvelous man. He has served as my assistant in the Washington D.C. representative job and if you see a great photo of Commander-in-Chief placing your wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, in Washington D.C., you know that Steve Hammond made that photo. He continues to serve as a Department of Chesapeake Graves Registration Officer. And he's first recipient of our department's Richard Schlinker Award for meritorious service. Outside the Order, Steve does have a life too. He's employed, last twenty-five years, and...in a professional association in Washington. He serves at the historic Congressional Cemetery as outstanding docent there, award winning docent. And very shortly, he should be named by governor of Maryland to the governor's commission for Maryland Military Monuments within that State. Gentlemen, I urge you to vote for Steve Hammond for the Council of Administration three year seat.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Steve, if elected, will you serve?

**Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake**

Yes, I will.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other elected offices at this time?

**Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake**

I'm secretary/treasurer of my camp.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Florida yields to the Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Brothers, I'm James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Michigan, and I am very pleased to place in to nomination, one of Michigan's favorite Sons and Past Michigan Department Commander, Donald Shaw. For the purpose of brevity because of the short time, I think a lot of you received information about Brother Shaw as you came in to the encampment room this afternoon. His

nomination has been on the website. I'd like to point out two things to you as to why he'd be an outstanding member of the Council. Number one, he was Don Palmer's Chief of Staff. To be Chief of Staff to an engineer, a very detail oriented man, and to pull that job off fabulously, is a true sign of dedication to the Order. Number two, when I was Commander-in-Chief who do I choose to advise me on the National Regulations, and Donald Shaw was my National Counselor and did an outstanding job in advising me in parliamentary procedure and our Order's National Regulations. And so I think for those two reasons alone, along with all the other dedication and work that he's done he deserves to help continue to serve our Order as a member of the National Council of Administration.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Shaw, if elected, will you serve?

**Donald W. Shaw, Department of Michigan**

Yes, sir, I will.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other elected offices in our Order?

**Donald W. Shaw, Department of Michigan**

I am Junior Vice Commander of Camp 145 in Michigan. I am also a Dual member and Council Member on Camp 67 Michigan.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina defers to Massachusetts.

**Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts**

Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts. Brothers, I would like to place a nomination for the National Council of Administration, Brother Kevin Tucker. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Brother Tucker is a direct descendent of Private Charles Yule of the 11<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He has been an active member of the Sons of Union Veterans for over fifteen years. And is currently the secretary for the Department of Massachusetts as well as Camp Treasurer for Charles H. Bond Camp 104 and Patriotic Instructor for General Frederick W. Lander Camp 5 where he's a Dual Member and a Charter Member. Kevin is a two term Past Department Commander and has held every elected Camp office and every elected Department office except Treasurer. He served for three terms as the National Civil War Memorials Officer and currently serves on the National Civil War Memorials committee. Brother Tucker served as chairman of the National Encampment Host Committee for 2008 National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts. He is a hands-on member who can be found regularly performing graves registration and decoration, monument and memorials assessments, and giving talks at roundtables and historical societies throughout Eastern Massachusetts. He has organized Sesquicentennial events, including a signature event in Massachusetts as well as monument rededications, large memorial events, and Memorial Day programs. Brother Tucker has a great grasp for details and is highly organized. He initiated and for the past ten years has organized our

Department's group travel to the National Encampments. He organized the Department's first Remembrance Day trip to Gettysburg and for the past thirteen years, he has coordinated them. Each year, twenty-five to forty Department members, friends, and family transported by motor coach to participate in the annual Sons of Union Veterans events in Pennsylvania. As well as arranging tours of historic sites in Pennsylvania and Northern Virginia as part of the weekend. Brother Tucker will tell you that he is proud of the fact that since joining the Sons he has not once made travel arrangements for just himself alone. He always volunteers to coordinate travel for everyone. He conceives, researches books, and publicizes all the department's trips and always does an amazing job of making them fun, affordable, and easy for everyone. In 2000, Kevin organized the Department of Massachusetts' first annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch and has been hosting the event ever since. The brunch features Civil War authors who come to preview or speak on their newest offerings and has become a popular venue for book launchers in Massachusetts. Brother Tucker doesn't do all his work on his computer and telephone. Aside from the previously mentioned graves registration and monument assessments, he personally cooks and serves Camp 104's annual Saint Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage dinner and Camp 5's annual frank and bean supper each October. No cans at this supper. Kevin bakes the beans for six hours, the old Boston way. As long as I've known him, he has given every effort for this organization and believes all members should do the same. He believes that the work of this Order is performed by local Camp members and no one else. He feels that the job of leadership at the Camp, Department, and National level should be to encourage, assist, and find ways to make it easier for our rank and file to perform graves registration, monument assessments, documents, and artifact preservation, and educational programs. He believes that the National Organization is here to serve membership and not the other way around. He believes that the members know how to get things done and should be allowed to do so without onerous paperwork and controlling bureaucracy, designed to make it easier for the leaders instead of the workers. He believes that this organization wastes too much time dreaming up new policies on unimportant issues and does not spend enough time focusing on getting to the issues that would make it easier for the work of the Order to be performed by everyone. Brother Tucker will be an excellent member of the Council and a voice for each one of us trying to our best to carry out the work of the Grand Army. I hope you will elect Brother Kevin Tucker to the Council of Administration.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Brother Tucker, if elected, will you serve?

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

I will serve.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And do you hold any other elected offices in this organization?

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Currently Secretary for the Department of Massachusetts and the Treasurer for Charles H. Bond Camp 104.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

*[All other Departments present that are called Passes]*

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any other nominations for Council? Any other nominations for Council? Any other nominations for Council?

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Nominations are closed.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. I ask the Guards by the door to look outside and, herd anyone in. If none out there, we shut the door and we move forward. Okay. All right, the doors are locked. I will ask the secretary to call the roll once again and each Department Commander or Department Delegation leader identify how many of their votes that are currently in the room so that we have that accurate.

*[After Roll call of Departments to get actual vote in the room there were a total of Ninety-Nine Votes present, two Departments had 2 less each than what number was registered at the Encampment]*

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. We have counted ninety-nine members in the room right now eligible to vote. We will have a five minute caucus and I will call it at five and then we will proceed to vote. First person with the most votes wins. He moves out. Then we cast votes again for the remaining two candidates to determine a winner there.

*[After the 5 minute Caucus]*

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Brother Gene, please begin the roll call.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific. We cast twenty-two votes for Brother Steve Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake proudly casts all eleven votes for Brother Steven Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Department of Florida casts one vote for Brother Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Two votes for Brother Shaw from Georgia and South Carolina.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois casts three votes for Brother Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Indiana casts three votes for Brother Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa casts three votes for Brother Don Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts casts six votes for Kevin Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan's got seven votes for Steve Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts five votes for Steve Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

The Department of Nebraska casts one vote for Don Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York casts two votes Brother Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina casts one for Steve Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

The Department of Ohio casts nine votes for Steve Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania casts six votes for Brother Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Rhoda Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island casts three votes for Brother Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas casts one vote for Steve Hammond and one vote for Kevin Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Tennessee. Two for Hammond. One for Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Four votes for Brother Steve Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

National Membership-at-Large.



**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Steve Hammond.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Camps-at-Large.

**Camps-at-Large**

Camps-at-Large casts four votes for Brother Don Shaw.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, the numbers all match up here. Congratulations Steve Hammond.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. A quick caucus again before we move on to the next vote? Or are we good to go?

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Let's redo the roll call. And this will be contested between Brothers Shaw and Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

California and Pacific casts twenty-two votes for Brother Don Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake casts all eleven votes for Brother Donald Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Florida.

**Department of Florida**

Department of Florida casts one vote for Brother Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts two votes for Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois casts three votes for Brother Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana casts three votes for Brother Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Iowa.

**Department of Iowa**

Department of Iowa casts three votes for Donald Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts casts six votes for Kevin Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan, the Great Lake State, casts all seven votes for favored Son, Don Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts five votes for Brother Don Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska casts one vote for Don Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York casts two votes Brother Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina casts one for Kevin Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio.

**Department of Ohio**

The Department of Ohio casts five votes for Brother Don Shaw and four votes for Brother Kevin Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania casts six votes for Brother Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Rhoda Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island casts two votes for Brother Shaw and one vote for Brother Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas casts one vote for Don Shaw and one vote for Kevin Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Tennessee casts three votes for Brother Tucker.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin casts four votes for Brother Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

National Membership-at-Large.

**National Membership-at-Large**

National Membership-at-Large casts one vote for Don Shaw.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

Camps-at-Large.

**Camps-at-Large**

Camps-at-Large casts four votes for Brother Don Shaw.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Once again, all three match. Congratulations Brother Don Shaw.

**Encampment**

(applause)

**Donald W. Shaw, Department of Michigan**

Thank you, gentlemen.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Guards, you now can re-release the doors.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

We're going to do installation but there's people that I think that need to come in for that.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

[10 MINUTE RECESS]

[three raps\*\*\*]

[one rap\*]

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

Commander-in-Chief, we do have a housekeeping motion so we need to take care of first.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Please make them.

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

I will move you that all the Encampment committees be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment, with the exception of the Credentials Committee, which be permitted to file a post Encampment Report.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

I move that the National Secretary be instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Host Committee, to the hotel, and to the City of Los Angeles.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Richard D. Orr, National Treasurer**

I move that when the electronic recordings of this encampment are transcribed and approved by the outgoing and incoming Commanders-in-Chief they become the official record of the Encampment.

**Several**

Second.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Commander-in-Chief**

And that was my last gavel rap. We will move to the installation.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers)

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief Palmer. I am relieving you of command of the National Organization on behalf of the officers. I convey to you their thanks for the manner of which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interest of the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, our continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

**Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

Yes, I am. The Secretary has the list.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Secretary, call the roll of officer's elect and staff appointees who as their names are called will rise.

**Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary**

National Aide to Camp: John Bates and Jerry Sayre. Liaison to the Cathedral at the Pines: Peter Welpton. Camp-at-Large Department Organizer: Eric Peterson. National Liaison to MOLLUS: Keith Harrison. National Chaplain: Jerome Kowalski. Membership-at-Large Coordinator: Alan Russ. National Chief of Staff: Ed Norris. National Patriotic Instructor: John Bates. National Color Bearer: Lee Stone. Washington D.C. Rep.: Lee Stone. National Counselor: Leo Kennedy. Assistant National Counselor for the Blue Book: James Pahl. Secretary for Proceedings: Ed Krieser. Assistant Secretary for Proceedings: Ken Freshley. Assistant National Secretary for the Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer is James Pahl. Eagle Scout Coordinator: Bob Petrovic. Assistant National Treasurer 1: James Pahl. Assistant National Treasurer 2: Max Newman. Assistant National Treasurer 3: Bruce Gosling. National GAR Highway Officer is Gary Parrott. National Webmaster is Ken

Freshley. Backup National Webmaster is Keith Harrison. Assistant Webmaster for Web-ring is Frederick Cole. Assistant Web for Family Tree Maker is Robert Shaffer. National Graves Registration Officer is Bruce Frail. Uh...National GAR Records Officer is Dean Enderlin. National Historian is Robert Wolz, Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell. Council member, Steve Hammond. Council member, Don Shaw.

**[three raps, \*\*\*]**

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

**[one rap, \*]**

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Brother Guide, please present these Brothers to the altar for installation. Officers, you've been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and the interest of the National Organization. And the members of the Encampment confidently expect your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous, frazil, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence that is placed in you and 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 National Order. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

**Officers (in unison)**

I am.

**[three raps \*\*\*]**

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

You'll each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, or the officer's shoulder in front of you. Repeat after me using your name where I use mine. I, James Pahl...having been regularly chosen...as an Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War...hereby renew...the sacred obligation...given at the time of my initiation...and in the presence of all mighty God...and the members of this Encampment here assembled...do furthermore...solemnly sincerely...promise and declare...that I will...to the best of my ability...in word and in deed...without fear or favor...faithfully...honestly...and impartially...perform all the duties of the office...upon which I am about to enter...so help me God. You may drop your hands.

**[one rap \*]**

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Guide, conduct the Officers to the respective stations Acting Officers vacating. Once that is done, Guide, if you will conduct the Commander-in-Chief to this station.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you've been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is at evidence, not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of the Union Veteran of the Civil War, but is an assurance that your conduct to the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest,

and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trust and grave cares await you into their performance, I now most solemnly direct you.

[three raps \*\*\*]

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the divine provider, the Chaplain will ask His assistance and blessing.

**Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

All mighty God, our heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties of the Office in which they are to be installed with the knowledge that You are ever watching over them. Keep them in good health, that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action, in Your name through the mediation of Your blessed son, Jesus Christ our Lord. If you agree with me, say Amen.

**Encampment (in unison)**

Amen.

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander in Chief, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I'm about to place you in full control. But first, I give you the care of the Charter of the National Organization. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly with the filial heritage it represents. Next I place into 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 its principals, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap [one rap \*] calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing. Two raps [two raps \*\*] calls the Officers to their feet. And three raps [three raps \*\*\*] calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by the virtue of the authority in me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this National Organization legally elected and installed, qualified and entered to the discharge of their several duties, for a term ending August of 2013, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. I am now pleased to present you with the Badge of Officer of Commander-in-Chief. Do you have someone to pin this on you?

**Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief**

Diane.

**Encampment**

(chatter and applause)

**James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Commander-in-Chief, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty, and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness. And may your administration be successful.

[one rap \*]

### **Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

### **James B. Pahl, National Counselor**

Past Commander-in-Chief Palmer. I'm proud to present to you the Badge of the Past Commander-in-Chief of this Order. Welcome to the has-beens club.

### **Encampment**

(laughter, chatter, and applause)

[one rap, \*]

### **Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief**

Don't worry, we've been sitting all day so it's no...no big thing. Can we push the banquet off a bit? First of all, let me thank all the Brothers for electing me to the high office. I would like to also just special thanks to my wife, Diane, my three girls, Jennifer, Heather, and Veronica who are here, for standing by me during these past years that I've come up through the ranks. I also like to offer many thanks to Don Palmer for all his advice and guidance during the past year. I would also like to thank all the Past Commanders-in-Chiefs and National Officers past and present for all their advice, and encouragement for the future. It's an absolute honor to be in the office that my father had held so many years ago. The trust and confidence that the Brothers have shown to me is greatly appreciated. It also is an honor to be the first Commander-in-Chief to be elected from the Department of Massachusetts since 1988. When I first joined the Sons way back in 1960, when I had no idea that I would be one day, I'd be standing here as the Commander-in-Chief of this great organization. This administration is going to be continued to be focused on the future as Don has already started that. By striving to meet our 2020 Strategic Plan with the Sesquicentennial in full swing, it's our responsibility to do our best to keep our name and faces in the forefront. My main goal for the future of this organization is to grow by two to three thousand as we've discussed earlier by the year 2020. The way to reach this goal is to recruit, recruit, recruit. As the awards that were given out today to the members that from eleven members on down, it can be done. With the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Antietam, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg, Union victories happen before our next encampment, we will see an enhanced awareness of our ancestors in the things that are accomplished to keep our country as one and rid it of slavery. It is our golden chance to increase our membership. I will see many of you throughout the year at various Department encampments, Regional meetings, significant events, and finally in Wisconsin next August. I hope. We'll be there. I hope all of your departments and camps have a great year and help us achieve our goals for the future. I hope you have a safe trip home. And I wish to you good health over the year. We must always remember the Boys in Blue. Honor their bravery, their sacrifice, and their honor. Thank you.

### **Encampment**

(applause)

### **Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief**

Color Guard, retire the colors.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

*[retirement of colors]*



**Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much. I want to give thanks to the Color Guard, and the Department of California for Honor Guards.

**Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief**

There being no further business to come before the National Encampment, it will proceed to close.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief**

You will give the attention while the Chaplain give the blessing on our deliberations.

**Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

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

**Encampment (in unison)**

Amen.

[one rap \*]

**Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, as we about to leave this Encampment we retire to our respective homes, let us regulate our conduct so we bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithfully to our vows, mindful of our duties, and exhibit towards each other an unbroken fraternity, and tender charity, and unswerving loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the altar and station banners. I now declare the 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly closed.

[one rap \*]

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter)

## Appendix 1

### General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **National Council of Administration**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**August 11, 2011**

**Reston, VA**

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall at 4:05 PM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Schall thanked everyone for attending and gave general opening comments.

The National Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration and Guests as present:

#### **Voting Members Present:**

CinC D. Brad Schall  
SVCinC Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
JVCinC Perley Mellor  
Nat. Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff  
Nat. Treasurer Richard D. Orr  
Immediate PCinC Leo F. Kennedy

Council Member Alan L. Russ  
Council Member Robert Petrovic  
Council Member Ken L. Freshley  
Council Member Tad D. Campbell  
National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

PCinC James B. Pahl  
PCinC Ed Krieser  
PCinC David V. Medert  
SVR Commanding Officer Robert E. Grim (PCinC)  
Exec Director David Demmy Sr.

PCinC Keith Harrison  
PCinC Charles Kuhn  
PCinC Donald Darby  
PCinC George Powell

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

Assist. Nat. Treasurer Max L. Newman  
Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski

Brother Bill Dryer  
Brother Bill Johnson

- Brother Russ Paid a \$1 fine for not wearing his Membership Badge.
- Last Year's National Encampment Proceedings are done and presented by Ken Freshley.
- Brother Orr discussed our 501c3 documentation requirements. He also discussed what states we will have to file with in order to solicit funds as a 501c3 Non-profit organization and the documentation we would have to prepare/submit for each. He passed out (to those who wanted it) copies of the state required paperwork. Discussion followed.
- Brother Orr reported on Camps who lost Tax-exempt status and what will have to be done to restore their status.
- Brother Orr passed out copies of last year's confidential audit of our finances and provided a line-by-line explanation.
- Brother Orr Passed out copies of the Consolidated Balance sheet and discussed it. He provided a line-by-line explanation of the report.

- Brother Perley Mellor presented the Long Range Financial Plan (10 Years) Committee Report and discussed it. Brother Orr gave a short explanation of what organizational funds may be freed for investment. It was decided to put a motion before the Encampment to engage a professional financial counselor to review and make recommendations and advise us on making financial decisions.

**Brother Russ, seconded by Brother Wheeler, moved to present the plan to the National Encampment for Approval. Discussion followed. Brothers Russ and Wheeler withdrew the motion.**

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Russ, moved to have the Encampment approve contracting a Financial Advisor. Discussion followed. Motion Passed Unanimous.**

- Brother Mortorff discussed Honorary Membership Presentation for Ed Bearrs. The Certificate is complete and a membership badge will be provided by Brother Wheeler. The presentation will be made Thursday evening after Mr. Bearrs finishes his presentation.

- Don Palmer (Chairman, Program and Policies Committee) Presented and discussed the proposed Harassment & Fraud Policy. Discussion followed.

**Bother Russ, seconded by Brother Campbell, moved to approve the harassment policy pending required changes to the disciplinary section of the National Regulations. Passed Unanimous.**

**Brother Russ, seconded by brother Petrovic, moved to approve the fraud policy pending required to changes to the disciplinary section of the National Regulations. Passed Unanimous.**

- Brother Orr presented the proposed budget and the COA went through it line-by-line. There was a lively discussion on the negative effects of the Life membership program on the financial health of the organization, but there was no new action resulting at this time.

Took a break at 7:00 For Dinner and participation in Ed Bearrs' Program.  
Reconvened at 8:45

- Brother Kuhn Spoke about the annual Remembrance Day events and parade. After failing to get responses from the Merchants Association (Tammy Hughs) the Business Improvement & Development Association did come through with the Check for \$1000 to pay for the parade permit. BUT, the Sheriff's office required an additional, unexpected, \$30 fee for processing the permit application.

**Motion by Brother Mortorff second by Brother Mellor to reimburse Brother Kuhn for his out-of-pocket \$30. Passed Unanimously.**

- Brother Mellor introduced Brother Bill Johnson who spoke about advertising the SUV CW in the media. He provided different examples (and costs) for advertising on websites, television, newspapers, magazines, etc. A general discussion of past advertising efforts, and the pros/cons of one type over another, ensued. There was a general consensus that we need to define the direction we want to go concerning advertising and develop a recruiting vision.

- Brother Petrovic spoke about the Banner and addressed some problems perceived by some members. One concern addressed is the possibility that we may be paying too much to have the magazine published. Brother Terry Dryer was introduced and he spoke about his background and experience working in media and printing. Following his presentation, a question answer period ensued. It was decided that this issue will be directed to incoming administration.

**Brother Petrovic, seconded by Brother Russ, moved that the incoming SVCinC and the new Programs and Policy Committee be assigned the task of exploring possible/alternative methods of publishing the Banner in light of the pending resignation of our current Banner Editor. Passed Unanimously.**

- Brother Freshley discussed our progress on publishing outstanding Proceedings. He has completed and posted 2010 and 2003. We still need 2002, 1999, 1993, 1990, (1986 and 1983 possibly published?). A brief discussion ensued concerning our difficulties in finishing the publication of these proceedings.

**Brother Freshley, seconded by Brother Kennedy, moved that any Proceedings we don't have, but someone else has, should be shared with Brother Freshley by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Passed unanimously.**

- Brother Mortorff shared Resolutions received from the Departments which will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions at the Encampment meetings. A brisk discussion resulted on the late submission of two resolutions to change the Constitution. A decision was made for the Secretary to write a letter to the Department of Rhode Island advising them that their resolutions failed to meet the deadline for submission to be considered at this year's encampment.

- Brother Palmer discussed a proposed SUVCW Vision Statement and explained recent changes made to it. He will present this Vision statement, and the related survey instrument, on the Encampment floor along with an explanation on how he wishes it implemented within the Order.

- Brother Mellor discussed his supplemental report on new membership.

- Brother Orr discussed the new Sesquicentennial Gettysburg Challenge Coins (First in a series of 4) that will be available to members and the public. He passed around a photo of the first coin in the series.

- Brother Wheeler announced that he implemented a tracking slip system for Quartermaster Store merchandise shipping. Also, he has a box of old photographs that they are trying to copy for the purpose of having older members identify the subjects/persons in the photos.

- Brother Schall discussed awards he plans on giving at the Encampment. The Council of Administration voted to approve a "Gold Star" for one of the awards

Meeting adjourned at: 10:50 PM

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Eugene G. Mortorff, DC, National Secretary, SUVCW

# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **National Council of Administration**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Sunday, August 14, 2011**

**Reston, Virginia**

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer at 8:03 AM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Palmer thanked everyone for attending and gave general opening comments.

The National Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration and Guests as present:

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer  
Senior Vice Perley Mellor  
Junior Vice Ken Freshley  
National Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff  
National Treasurer Richard D. Orr  
Immediate Past CinC Brad Schall

Council Member Don Martin  
Council Member Robert Petrovic  
Council Member Steve Hammond  
Council Member Tad D. Campbell  
Nat Quartermaster Danny Wheeler

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

PCinC James Pahl  
PCinC Andy Johnson  
PCinC Leo Kennedy  
Exec Director David Demmy Sr.

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

Don Shaw, National Chief of Staff  
Mike Beard, Chair of SES Committee  
Chaplain Kolwalski  
Mike Paquette (Encampment Host Committee)

-Brother Mortorff read correspondence received since our last meeting: Letter from Department of Rhode Island containing two resolutions to be brought up at the 2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles, CA. (Resulted from CofA meeting Thursday, August 11, 2011)

- Conflict of Interest packages were presented to new CofA members Brothers Don Martin, Steve Hammond and National Chief of Staff Don Shaw. They were requested to read, sign and return the attached forms to the National Secretary. (Done)

**Brother Schall, seconded by Brother Orr, moved to have the embroidered PCinC Badge on the yellow PCinC shirt suffice as wearing an actual SUVCW PCinC membership badge.**

#### **Motion Passes.**

(The previous motion was declared Out of Order by Commander-in-Chief Palmer because it was found to be in violation of the SUVCW Regulations. For the record, Past Commander-in-Chief Schall's original intention in making the motion was for CofA meetings only.)

- An appreciation certificate was presented to PCinC Brad Schall for his service as CinC for the 2010-2011 year.
- CinC Don Palmer welcomed the newly elected members of the Council of Administration.
- CinC Don Palmer desires, and will place, special emphasis on the position of National Camp at Large Coordinator (Eric Peterson). A discussion of the status of some camps at large ensued with emphasis on specifically growing the order.
- New Committees:
  - + Vision and Planning Committee: This is, for now, a temporary committee. One purpose is to enforce the Operating Plan. Hopefully next year it will become a Standing Committee. Membership to be determined.
  - + Special Committee on Juniors: This committee will come up with a more comprehensive program for juniors. Specifically a more active program than we currently have to get juniors more involved in the organization. This may possibly involve joint Aux/Sons interaction between the girls and boys. The 1998 Proceedings had a program proposed by PCinC Orr that was never adopted. Discussion ensued. Membership to be determined.
- CinC Palmer led a discussion on the Vision Surveys tool that were completed by the members during the Encampment. There was significant feedback from the membership and the data will be analyzed by National Chief of Staff Don Shaw. Also put out the surveys for other members in the banner or website.
- The National Member at Large will continue as NMAL Coordinator.
- Results of last year's dues increase – Absolutely no loss in membership as a result of the raising of dues last year. Discussion followed.

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Petrovic, moved that internet dues and dues for National Membership at Large not change this year. Motion Passed.**

- There was a discussion on the pros and cons of the Life Member reimbursement amount. CinC Palmer created a subcommittee with the following membership to investigate the Life Membership reimbursement problem and make recommendations for action:

Brad Schall (Chair)  
Tad Campbell  
Don Martin

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Schall, moved to keep the Life Member reimbursement this year at \$4. Motion Passes.**

**Brother Mellor, seconded by Brother Hammond, to continue to waiving per capita fees for members serving in War Zones.**

- There was a lively discussion on the purpose and procedures for the issuance of the War Medal based on the lengthy comments by many of our members on the floor of the Encampment. No action taken at this time.

- There was a discussion concerning the nuts & bolts aspects of the Signature Sesquicentennial Events approval process. Discussion centered around the lead time required to get the process accomplished. Would it be possible to cut one of the steps? (i.e. Department Approval and/or the CofA Subcommittee).

**Brother Wheeler, seconded by Brother Petrovic, moved to drop the department from the approval process. Motion passes.**

**Brother Petrovic, seconded by Brother Mellor, moved that to be a SES Signature Event a sponsor must have available, onsite, the medals, stamp and passports. Discussion follows. Brother Orr offered an amendment to the motion, accepted by Brother Petrovic, to remove the requirement of the passports. Original motion, as amended, passes.**

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Campbell moved that Signature Sesquicentennial Event applications must be submitted to the SES Committee not later than 90 days before the event. Then the SES committee must have them to the CofA SES Sub Committee within 45 days and then they have 15 days to get it to the full CofA. Motion Passes.**

There was a 10 minute break at 9:30  
Reconvened at: 9:45

Unfinished Business:

Next year's Budget (2011-2012) was presented by Brother Orr. He provided a line-by-line explanation of the budget.

**Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Wheeler, moved to approve the budget as submitted and explained by the treasurer. Motion Passed.**

There was a short discussion on the utilization of the \$5 member application fee.

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mellor, moved that the application fee be split and that \$2.50 be placed in the Senior Vice CinC fund and that \$2.50 be placed in the GAR fund. Motion Passes.**

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mellor, moved to approve engaging Abrahm & Gafney, p.c., of Michigan to perform the SUVCW annual audit for year ending Jun 30 2011. Motion passed.**

**Brother Petrovic, seconded by Brother Schall, moved that the National Treasurer may expend up to 10 percent more than budgeted in any line item of the budget without additional authorization of the Council of Administration. Motion Passes.**

- There was a recommendation made that the Council of Administration consider the authorization of a Medal for the ladies. Discussion followed focusing on criteria for awarding



such a medal and what the rules would be for receiving it? Various ideas about what such a medal would look like (including a possible image of Mary Walker? Mary Tepe?). This recommendation will be referred to the Programs and Policies Committee. Brother Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina, will submit a draft and design to the Programs and Policies Committee.

- There was a discussion on the high attrition rate of our organization. The value of asking why a member joins, and what their expectations are, were examined. Knowing the answer to these questions may help us analyze and redesign our program to align closer to those expectations. Discussion followed. It was decided that JVCinC Ken Freshley will communicate to Camp JVC's through the Department JVC's to have them ask the two questions discussed to every new member that comes into their Camp and document the responses. For every member that drops from the rolls, the two exit interview questions should be asked.

- The Post Office currently being used by the National Headquarters is being closed. Using the newly assigned Post Office (different geographical location) would not require a change in zip code, but may be more inconvenient. There has always been the ability to send mail to the Headquarters by street address and not use a Post Office box. This would save the organization the cost of maintaining a Post Office box. A discussion on closing the Organizations Post Office Box was held. No action taken at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at: 10:35 AM

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Eugene G. Mortorff, DC, National Secretary, SUVCW

# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **National Council of Administration**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**November 20, 2011**

**Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer at 8:03 AM. Chaplain Kowolski provided a moment of thought and prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Palmer thanked everyone for the support he was given during the Remembrance Day weekend.

The National Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration and Guests as present:

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Commander-in-Chief D. Donald D. Palmer Jr.	Council Member Steve Hammond
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor	Council Member Robert M. Petrovic
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley	Council Member Don Martin
National Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff	Council Member Tad D. Campbell
National Treasurer Richard D. Orr	Council Member William C. Vieira
National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler	

\* PCinC Brad Schall was not present, but excused by the CinC.

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

Washington DC Rep. Andrew M. Johnson (PCinC)	Nat. Counselor James B. Pahl (PCinC)
Banner Editor Stephen A. Michaels (PCinC)	Exec. Director David W. Demmy Sr.
PCinC Elmer Atkinson	PCinC Charles Kuhn

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain	Mark Day, Chesapeake Dept JVCdr
Don Shaw, Chief-of-Staff	Bruce D. Frail, Graves Registration
Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation	

PCinC Pahl reported that PCinC Loomis has Lung Cancer and is expected to only live up to six months. He is standing in need of our prayers and Brother Pahl will keep us posted.

- Brother Mark Day gave a short presentation concerning a camp request for producing a medal that would only be used within the Camp. The policy has been that a Camp does not have to request a Merchandise License in this case. However, the issue he brought up was that in most cases the vendor keeps "owns" the dies made to manufacture. Is there a copyright conflict in this? The company holds them in "trust," but they would still own them. PCinC Pahl asked if we should have a written policy. Should "copyright" by symbol, year and holder, be included on the product someplace? A lively discussion followed concerning whether there is a need for including copyright information on the actual medal (i.e. the CR symbol or the word "copyright.") There was general (not unanimous) agreement that it's ok to produce the medal for

camp use only without a license, but in the future, copyright info must be included on all products produced with SUVCW owned names, symbols etc. CinC Palmer referred to the Programs and Policy committee.

- Brother Freshley gave an update on the completion of encampment Proceedings. There now are only two years we do not have, 1993 and 1990. Brother Freshley recommends we do a General Info letter/page (Results of Elections and Installation of Officers) and submit it in place of the missing Proceedings. He indicated that some years are on the small booklet format and it will take a while to get them scanned. The 2011 Proceedings should be completed and printed by the end of 2011.

There have been 61 online applications. The youngest was age 15 and the oldest age 86. The average age was 56.

There have been over seventeen million hits on website from August 2010 through August 2011.

There was a discussion on how unwieldy it has become to add the recent, additional, items listed on the Quartermaster Store order form. It is becoming harder to get them onto the website. Danny Wheeler complained about how large the order form has become (4 pages).

National Treasurer Richard Orr received a check for \$60 for the National Website hosting websites for other SUVCW and Allied Order groups. We have not received the payment for hosting these pages for more than two years. There are many more groups being hosted than are paying for this service. Brother Freshley will come up with a new plan on this problem. One problem was that we did not invoice these other groups that we are hosting. The plan will include an adjustment to the program that will include sending regular bills to those groups. A question was also raised as to why we are not charging MOLLUS for their space.

- National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler had a small addition for his submitted Quartermaster's report. He recommends sending a letter to the owner of Battlefield Fries operating on Steinwehr Avenue in Gettysburg thanking them for allowing our Quartermaster to set up a merchandise table for at no charge and sharing his city license. Gettysburg Fries also invited us to do the same next year. The Secretary will contact the proprietor (Sam something) and send a letter containing our thanks. (Glen Knight put us onto him).

- Civil War Memorials Officer Report, with supplemental package was provided at the meeting. Bruce Bugereit has resigned the position. Walt Busch has agreed to take over that position and will look into restructuring the program to rely more on the departments, rather than the National organization, to manage the program. (Similar to what he did for the Patriotic Program over the last few years.) CinC Palmer referred recommendations put forth in the report to the Programs and Policies committee for review and action.

- The Canadian Monument committee is currently not a standing committee, and the committee believes they should be, and requests it. Discussion ensued regarding that there is already a defined ending date prescribed for this committee in the order that created it. It is a one year after the monument is completed.

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Hammond, moved to table. Motion passed.**

Chief Of Staff Don Shaw commented on how difficult it is to communicate with the Departments. Many Department websites are out-of-date, have little content, and/or the information is incorrect. CinC Palmer will secure a list of such websites sites and will contact each Department Commander concerning this problem.

- SVCinC Mellor will start putting the new National Organization mailing address onto new forms in order to hasten the closing of the Post Office Box. He then reviewed the recommended changes to forms provided in his packet (Forms: 9, 27(a), 30, 35, 49, 51, 61, Scholarship Application. Actions taken at the meeting:

FORMs 27(a) and Form 35:

- Reinstatement fee should NOT be on the Form 27(a) & Form 35 as it is already on Form 30.
- The lines for New Brothers is confusing and duplicates information received on Form 30. This needs to only reflect those new Brothers being submitted with the report, not those submitted during the year.

FORM 61:

- Change Address from Bruce Butgereit to Walt Busch.
- SUVCW Auxiliary should be included in the Affiliation Section.
- Place Affiliates in the proper order of precedence.

SCHOLARSHIP FORM:

- Change wording for female applicants to: "Female applicants must be a current member or associate of one of the following organizations:" Then, strike: "the Daughter or Grand Daughter of a current Member or Associate of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and a"

**(The changes above to the Scholarship Form were ruled to be out-of-order by CinC Palmer on November 27, 2011 due to the fact that the current wording on the Scholarship Application Form was enacted by a National Encampment and the Council of Administration cannot overturn an action of a National encampment.)**

FORM 9:

- Discussed Form 9, Life Member Application. Suggestion to clarify relationship to read: Ancestor's relationship to applicant.

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Wheeler, moved to instruct the committee to make the recommended changes as amended by the Council of Administration. PASSED**

There was a break at: 10:00    Reconvened at: 10:07

- The 2011 National Encampment at Reston, VA requested a Ladies Medal (a handout was provided) be created for presentation to members of the Allied Orders who meet the criteria to be determined. Senior Vice Commander, Department of Georgia Brian Pierson provided a proposal

for the Ladies Appreciation Medal. Discussion ensued, including the possibility of awarding to non-allied order members. Also adopting a neck-ribbon instead of a badge format and other methods to reduce the size/weight of the award should be considered. The recommendation of the Programs & Policies Committee is to approve the proposal.

**Brother Mellor, seconded by Brother Wheeler, moved to approve the proposal with amendments:**

- **Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Wheeler, amendment for a neck ribbon instead of a badge.**
- **Brother Vieira, seconded by Brother Wheeler, amendment to adopt the top design without the red/white/blue dots.**
- **Brother Martin, with multiple seconds, amendment to use a gold, or red, ribbon to denote Department Award or National Award of the Medal, and that the CinC can make up to 5 awards of the medal during their administration and Department Commanders can make up to three awards of the medal during their administration.**
- **Brother Wheeler, seconded by Brother Vieira, amendment to strike the oak leaf cluster and that an awardee may only receive one award by National and one award by Department.**

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mellor, made a substitute motion to approve the medal design without the dots, adding copyright info, and suspended from a neck ribbon of the Department or National color and refer to the Programs and Policy committee to complete work on the certificate and award criteria for presentation at the next Council of Administration meeting. Substitute motion was accepted by Brothers Mellor and Wheeler. Substitution Motion Passed with one dissent (CofA Member Steve Hammond)**

Treasurer's Report by Brother Richard Orr:

- Reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Wheeler, to make our donation to the Cathedral of Pines before the end of December in place of the 100 we normally give on Memorial Day. Motion Passed.**

- It costs us 11 cents apiece to make the SUVCW wooden coins and we have 3,400 of them. Brother Orr suggested we provide each Department with 10 (Gratis) for each camp in the Department (Charged to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund to Promote the Order) to give out and promote the order.

**Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Wheeler, moved to initially provide 10 coins per camp, plus 10 for the Department, paid for out of the Senior Vice CinC's fund to give out and promote the Order. A friendly amendment by Brother Vieira, seconded by Brother Campbell, that the JVCINC provide criteria and intention of the program, was accepted by Brother Orr. Motion Passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Work is continuing on the Life membership reimbursement program, and continuation of the life member program. The Committee will have a proposal for the Springfield CofA meeting.

- CinC Palmer's National Membership Survey Results: Two sets were sent out, one at the National Encampment in Reston and the other for Camps to respond to individually. A preliminary report was sent out by Email. We could have up to about 300 responses so far. Results were consistent between the National Encampment group and the Local Camp group, except for charitable and GAR Records. They didn't know about, or understand, those programs. CinC Palmer will provide a summary of the surveys and send the useful information to the different committees and officers dealing with those areas.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Allied Orders Leadership Meetings: CinC Palmer discussed the importance of coming together with the Allied orders, especially at times when they are meeting in the same locality. Can we come into a similar relationship status that our Confederate cousins have with other hereditary organizations. Brother Palmer believes that if we can build better relationships with the ladies, it would help things in the long run. The recent survey indicates a desire for our organization to work closer with the Allied Orders. He discussed his meeting with them in Reston, Virginia where the focus was on:

- Communications in general, and communications breakdowns in Key programs (i.e. Sesquicentennial Events Program – some didn't know what it was.)
- Youth Programs – Junior Programs. Some don't have them. Kids who are involved at a young age, tend to come back when they are older and through college. Commander-in-Chief Palmer established a special committee chaired by PDC Michael Bennett to investigate options for expanding our Juniors program.
- 2016 National Encampment, trying to have ALL allied orders together. At this point, the organizations, including the Women's Relief Corps, are positive towards this. Great feedback was received from the ladies.
- MOLLUS will be discussing the possibility of joining us for the 2016 Encampment also.

VISION 20/20 Vision Program: We are ready to move on to the next phase (Membership surveys were the first phase.) Hopefully we will have a draft of the program in place for the Springfield CofA meeting and then have the full program ready for the Los Angeles National Encampment.

CinC Palmer went over the schedule for National Officers attending Department Encampments. Additions and changes were made as necessary.

#### Going Around Room:

- CofA Member Steve Hammond Presented a mint-condition program from the 1980 Remembrance Day Program. The program was given to Executive Director Demmy who will take it back to Harrisburg

- Is there a way to posthumously reinstate a member whose camp was physically destroyed before the camp could do their annual report? This request is made so he can be buried as a member (camp did not renew on time because of the disaster.) The Camp did renew late, but the

member died before the renewal was complete. The request is to reinstate him so he can have burial rites. Brother Vieira, seconded by Brother Wheeler, moved to allow this member to be considered a member and be eligible to receive the burial rites. Motion withdrawn. It was decided that in as much as the camp was suspended and the Dept Commander has the power to issue a transfer card in this situation, that the DC issue a transfer card which predates the death of the Brother. The transfer card keeps him a member of the Order for 1 year if he does not transfer to another camp. Thus he was a member at the time of his death and is eligible for SUVCW burial rites.

Brother Petrovic discussed the Tony Fry sculpture. Six-foot tall bronze case of a Union Soldier in New York. The commission was \$25,000, but Mr. Fry can provide them on order for \$8,500. A great opportunity to get a quality statue at a very low price. Contact Brother Bob Petrovic for more information.

- Brother Tad Campbell made a “Welcome to California” presentation.
  - Brother Orr mentioned that train service is already booked already for California.
  - Don Shaw: Running for Council of Administration in California.
  - Thank you for prayers – Steve Michael
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- Brother Hammond stated that he is attempting to get headstones on two unmarked graves of victims of the Washington Arsenal Explosion in 1864. The Secretary of War at that time ordered the War Department to pay all expenses for the burial of these women, but their graves were never marked. He attempted over two years ago to get headstones for the graves, but he has not received any response from the VA. He plans to take this to the next level (possibly going to a Congressman) and if he does, he may need a letter of support from the Order.

With no further business to come before the Council, Commander-in-Chief Palmer asked National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Eugene G. Mortorff, DC, National Secretary, SUVCW

# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **National Council of Administration**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 14, 2012**

**Springfield, Illinois**

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer at 07:25 PM. Chaplain Kowolski provided a moment of thought and prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration and Guests as present:

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Commander-in-Chief D. Donald D. Palmer Jr.	Council Member Steve Hammond
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor	Council Member Robert M. Petrovic
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley	Council Member Don Martin
National Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff	National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler
National Treasurer Richard D. Orr	

#### **Excused:**

PCinC Brad Schall	Council Member Campbell
Council Member Vieira	

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

Nat. Counselor James B. Pahl (PCinC)	Exec. Director David W. Demmy Sr
PCinC Ed Krieser	PCinC Steve Michaels (Banner)
PCinC Robert E. Grim (SVR)	

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw Jr. (SVR)	Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain
Don Shaw, National Chief-of-Staff	Thomas Brown
Ed Norris	

- Brother Tom Brown, Commander of the Department of Wisconsin, addressed the sale of Loyalty Bonds in support of their Departments hosting of the 2013 National Encampment in their Department. By purchasing a Loyalty Bond, at the end of their National Encampment, after all bills are paid, owners may receive in return a portion of the profit from the Encampment. He showed a copy of the Bond to the membership and requested permission to use the SUVCW Badge on the certificate. A representative copy of a Loyalty Bond was provided and is on file with the National Secretary.

**MOTION: Brother Orr , seconded by Brother Wheeler moved that the Department of Wisconsin be allowed to use the SUVCW Badge as requested. The motion passed unanimously.**



Officer /Committee Reports:

- PDC Robert Petrovic, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator made a presentation on the Current Eagle Scout Certificate and made a recommendation to change the application form by using a different graphic for the medal. It was discovered that the Eagle Scout medal depicted on the current form is the correct one and should not be changed. Other aspects of the form (border, color, copyright infringements on printing their own etc) was also discussed.

Action: Referred to the Programs and Policies Committee who will deal with the issued about the form and make recommendations at the next Council of Administration meeting. Bob Brother Petrovic will provide a CD to the Quartermaster to help make changes to the Border Color.

- There have been complaints from members concerning Memorial University. These complaints center around members inability to log into the program and technical issues dealing with operation of the program in regards to when a question is answered correctly or incorrectly.

Action: JVCinC Freshley will contact National Patriotic Instructor John Bates and with him, discuss the programs, focus with Brother Bates on any technical problems and get the program running again.

- Financial Report was made by PCinC Richard Orr. He provided copies of the 2011-12 Budget, the Consolidated Income Statement for Jul 1, 2011 to Feb 29, 2012 and the Consolidated Balance Sheet at Feb 29, 2012. He identified instances in the budge where line items should be adjusted to reflect actual expenses.

**MOTION: A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Petrovic, to amend the budget as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**MOTION: A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Petrovic to change allocation of per capita effective Jul 1 2012:**

**\$16 to the General Fund,  
\$ 2 to the Civil War Monuments Fund, and  
\$ 5 to the National Headquarter Fund**

**The change is a decrease of 50 cents to the General Fund and an increase of 50 cents to the Civil War Monument Fund. Motion was approved unanimously.**

- Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee reported that they approved 2 grants and are reviewing the 3<sup>rd</sup>. On March 4<sup>th</sup> they sent in a “fill-in” form to be placed on the website so it is easier to fill out and be more legible. Discussion ensued.

Action: Referred to the Technology Committee for review and to make their recommendations at the next Council of Administration meeting.

- Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee Recommendations: Report made by Brother Petrovic. He reports the numbers are down slightly from last year. He has had conversations with members who did not participate and they indicated they forgot about it. Brother Petrovic contends this may be because it is advertised six (6) months before the event. He made the recommendation that the Banner publication dates be changed to what they once were and put the Tomb Event in the Winter issue of the banner. Discussion ensued, including Banner Editor speaking to the concerns.

Action: No action taken at this time.

- Scholarship Committee: A recommendation to include copies of the pertinent scholarship applications along with the Committee's recommended selectees to the National Commander.

Action: No action needed by the CofA at this time.

- Department of Missouri Report: A recommendation that the National Organization allow the place in St. Louis, MO to do the calligraphy of the Charters, utilizing the "chartering fee" for that purpose. Discussion ensued. Brother Petrovic discussed two Charters. The first was for the Fletcher Camp in De Soto, MO where the charter was damaged in the mail and had spelling mistakes which were corrected by redoing the Charter and for the Siegel Camp in Rolla, MO was considered by Brother Petrovic as done very poorly by using a blue ink marker pen. The National Secretary responded that he had completed quite a few charters over the last two years and that they are all done the same with a professional calligraphy pen with black ink. As he had a completed charter at hand, he allowed all in the meeting to physically inspect it and there were no complaints as to any aspect of the charter. The National Secretary questioned why the Rolla Camp did not complain directly to National Secretary about the Charters and it was discovered they wanted to keep their Charter. A review minutes on this subject revealed only that charters will be in calligraphy (which they are) but does not mandate by whom. The Charter fee goes to pay for the certificates and doing the calligraphy in house saves our organization money and gets the Charters to their respective camps quickly. Any camp who receives a charter with errors or poor should contact the National Secretary directly. There is no additional fee for replacing a charter if need be. If a Camp or Department requires a higher level of calligraphy, arrangements can be made to provide the blank certificate for a calligrapher of their choice to do the work at their own expense.

Action: No action needed by the CofA at this time.

- Department of Missouri Report: A recommendation to change the age limits of this dues hike to be after the young man turns 18, instead of 14. This would allow him time to obtain employment and have the money more readily available.

Action: The CofA does not have the authority to deal with this – it must be dealt with by the National Encampment.

- Department of Pennsylvania Report - It was noticed by a member of the Council tht there was no report submitted by the Department of Pennsylvania Commander. This begged the question as to why?

Action: The Commander-in-Chief will request the Department of Pennsylvania Commander to submit a report.

The Council of Administration recessed for a break at 9:25 PM

The Council of Administration reconvened at 9:40 PM

- SUVCW Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Medal: The Program & Policy made a report on the actions taken on this project since the Gettysburg 2011 CofA meeting. They passed out a handout with three different suggested forms for the certificate and an image of the medal. During the discussion Chaplain Kolwalski voiced his concern that none of the proposed certificates were designed with women in mind, or that would visually appeal to women.

**MOTION: The following motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mellor was passed unanimously:**

- To change the name on the certificate to “Award” instead of Medal.
- To maintain the criteria that:
  - \* The CinC may present up to 5, per administration, and
  - \* Department Commanders up to 3, per year per administrative year.
  - \* That there is no obligation to award any medals.

**MOTION: Brother Orr moved, with a second by Brother Wheeler, that Certificate 2 be selected, but using the wording contained in certificate 3, but remove the word “attest.” Motion was approved unanimously.**

**MOTION: Brother Orr moved, seconded by Brother Mellor, that the award shall be for serviced rendered at the National level (same for the Department). Motion was approved unanimously.**

- Copyright and Trademark Policy: An insightful presentation was made by Ed Norris that defined what comprised Intellectual Property and discussed how important it was for us to protect our trademarks and copyrights. He passed out copies of a proposed draft of a policy for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and explained it to the Council. Discussion followed.

Action: The Commander-in-Chief thanked Brother Norris’ for his work and referred it to the Programs & Policies for their action and report at the next CofA meeting. Brother Demmy will search for and retrieve any copyright documents that he can find on file in National Headquarters.

- Department Websites: Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer made a personal review of Department websites for content. He discussed the deficiencies he found and will personally notify Departments who need to update their sites.

- Life Membership Committee – A written and verbal report was presented by Brother Don Martin. The proposal included an mathematical equation that included factors such as life expectancy, member age, dues rate and a multiply (decided by the CinC or Encampment). Discussion ensued, centering on how much funding the Order will lose. The committee is requesting guidance on what is their next action.

Action: Returned to Committee for more study and to rework the formula with the goal of at least having the organization break even. Recommend they start by considering anticipated interest on passbook savings (.1 Percent ?) and work backwards from that. Then make a recommendation for action at the upcoming National Encampment.

Report of Proceedings Completion: Brother Freshley reports that we are 75 percent complete. Discussion ensued on how much it will cost to ship the transcription equipment to the next Encampment. That discussion branched off into how bulky, old and out of date our current equipment is. It may be better to just replace it. He will look into purchasing a new digital transcription equipment that will be easier to work with.

EIN Reports: Brother Orr reports that the SUVCW EIN annual report made it to the IRS by the deadline. He is concerned that we are still having Camps and Department not taking this reporting requirement serious. Discussion followed, centering on:

- How can we get the Camps to understand how important their EIN reporting is,
- That they also have to tell the National Treasurer that they have made the report,
- That the Nat Treasurer has a report deadline too that depends on camps/departments.

IRS does not process EINs monthly and they are losing their non-profit status. A suggestion was made by PCinC Wheeler that a General Order be issued explaining the EIN procedures. PCinC Michaels talked about how we used to have Department Commander Meetings with the Commander-in-Chief at National Encampments to train them on what is required, why they are required and the consequences of not doing these things and he recommends we do that again.

Camp/Department Websites hosted on SUVCW server: Hosting websites costs \$183 a year for our website. At present, six groups are using our server, plus the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). Brother Freshley recommends we offer them a gigabyte of space at \$30 a year, and \$10 for additional space if they need it.

**MOTION: A motion by Brother Freshley, seconded by Brother Petrovic to offer Camps, Departments, the SVR and MOLLUS a gigabyte of website space for \$30 (Plus \$10 for additional space). Motion passed unanimously.**

Remembrance Day: Major General Robert E. Grim and Brigadier General Henry E. Shaw Jr. (SVR) made a presentation about the changes being made in the administration of Remembrance Day. The SVR now is responsible for the following Remembrance Day activities (all on Saturday):

- The SVR Breakfast
- The Woolson Monument Ceremony
- Remembrance Day Parade
- Remembrance Day Ball

Gen Shaw and Brother Petrovic are now co-chairpersons of the Remembrance Day Committee. Gen Shaw spoke on the new changes and organization of the event. Brother Petrovic spoke on contracts with the Eisenhower Hotel and the advertising the Eisenhower has agreed to purchase. The Eisenhower Inn will place an ad in the next issue of THE BANNER, and then place 4 ads per year in the magazine through the year 2017. Brother Petrovic recommended we reduce the agreed fee to the Eisenhower from \$1,400 to \$1,300 as a goodwill gesture.

**MOTION: A motion by Brother Petrovic, seconded by Brother Hammond to drop from \$1,400 to \$1,300 per year the fee charged the Eisenhower for advertising in the Banner. The vote was tied at 4 Yea and 4 Nay. CinC Palmer broke the tie with a Nay and the motion failed.**

Non-Profit Status: Brother Orr made a presentation on our effort to change to 501(c)(3) status from 501(c)(4). Specifically, he talked about what money we spend that counts as charitable (Banner and administrative costs, or any money spent on our membership, does not count.) Having the Remembrance Day Ball proceeds donation go to the National Park Service (NPS) through the SVR instead of the SUV will reduce our charitable spending by 1/3.

Concerning our 501(c)(4) status, we recently received a letter from the IRS that indicates only the National Organization has non-profit status and that Departments, Camps, the SVR, etc. are not. This means that any moneys donated to them cannot be claimed by the donors as a deduction on their tax returns. The 1941 original letter cannot be found and was destroyed by the IRS as part of its record management. Years ago, we requested clarification from the IRS and they sent us a letter that clearly states that our status was 401(c)(4) and that our camps, departments, etc. were also tax exempt under that same authority. However, now the IRS says that our letter only exempts the National Organization, but not our subordinate EINs. Camps can individually apply for tax exempt status for donations made to it but no longer fall under a National umbrella. The

Action: The National Counselor will review and study this issue and issue an opinion. The National Secretary will distribute that opinion using the same distribution used for General Orders.

**MOTION: A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mellor to move the electronic boardroom motion on the Department of Texas “Treue Der Union” Monument Resolution off the table and to deal with it. Motion passes unanimously.**

“Treue Der Union” Resolution: The city of Comfort, Texas has graciously extended an invitation to The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Texas, to participate in events commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Nueces. The events will be held in Comfort, Texas on August 10-11, 2012 and will center around the “Treue Der Union”

(True to the Union) monument. A request for the SUVCW National Organization to issue a resolution to commemorate this event that will be read onsite.

**MOTION: A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Orr, that the CofA prepare and present the “Treue Der Union” Monument Proclamation as requested by the Department of Texas. Motion passes unanimously.**

National Forms: Brother Orr had concerns & questions on the following forms:

Form 22: Why are they sent to Nat HQ?

Form 10: Updates date on the heading?

War Medal Application – Korean War needs to be added to the form

The Commander-in-Chief referred the above forms to the Programs and Policies Committee for action.

Shipping of Reports to National Encampment: Brother Orr brought this up because of the expense that may be incurred by shipping the Annual Reports. Discussion followed. The Chief-of-Staff will look at having a printing service (like Staples or other) have the documents printed and ready for pick-up by us at one of their stores in Los Angeles.

New Award for Juniors: Commander-in-Chief Palmer announced that he is in the process of developing a new award that will be made available for presentation to Juniors and Junior Associates. More on this later.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brother Wheeler brought up that there are two people who, over the years, had taken care of the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Ball (Names Intentionally Removed) and they should be recognized formally for their work and contributions to the success of Remembrance Day over many years. It is recommended that we consider awarding the Mary Walker Award & Medal to one and the Partington Medal to the other. This will be brought up again at the upcoming National Encampment. One other Sister was also mentioned for a similar award.

Brother Orr reported that the Department of Pennsylvania and the Gettysburg Camp is working hard on the program for the 150<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Celebration. One highlight will be to recreate a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Campfire and a ceremony at the Peacelight on the Battlefield. They are currently in the process of securing the necessary permits and licenses from the NPS and Local Authorities.

With no further business to come before the Council, Commander-in-Chief Palmer asked National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 1:10 AM, Sunday April 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Eugene G. Mortorff, DC, National Secretary, SUVCW

## Summary of Council of Administration Motions (2011-2012)

Motion 01	Pass	A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Campbell, to approve the minutes of the pre-Encampment CoA meeting (Thursday) as amended.	
Motion 02	Pass	A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Hammond, to approve the minutes of the post-Encampment CoA meeting (Sunday) as amended.	
Motion 03	Pass	A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Petrovic to donate \$250 to the Z. B. Vance State Historical Site, Weaverville, NC to help pay for a Union foot locker containing a "weeks worth of lesson plans" & materials.	
Motion 04	Pass	A motion by Brother Mortorff, Seconded by Brother Schall that Curtenius Guard Camp 17, Department of Michigan, be granted an extension to January 31, 2012 to elect and install their officers for 2012 in accordance with our C&R.	
Motion 05	Pass	A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Vieira to approve the minutes of the 2011 Gettysburg Council of Administration as amended.	
Motion 06	Pass	A motion by Brother Campbell, seconded by Brother Freshley, that those GAR challenge coins already produced with the incorrect date be sold "as is", that the error be acknowledge in some appropriate way by the National and that the designs be corrected so that future runs display the	Order, correct date.
Motion 07	Pass	A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Schall and amended (with consent) by Brother Martin that the annual per capita dues be waived for those Brothers currently serving in an active combat zone as defined by the United States Department of Defense for the period 1 January 2012 through 31 December 2012. New member application fees, life member fees, and reinstatement fees are not waived for the same time period.	
Motion 08	Pass	A motion by Brother Mellor, seconded by Brother Schall to approve the following forms: 9, 27, 30, 35, 49 and CWM 61.	
Motion 09	Pass	A motion by Brother Perley Mellor, seconded by Brother Danny Wheeler, to authorize the National Treasurer to secure the services of a financial advisor.	
Motion 10	Pass	A motion by Brother Freshley, second by Brother Martin, to renew the web hosting five year plan at a cost of \$674.55.	
Motion 11	Pass	A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve the minutes of the 2012 Springfield, MO Council of Administration meeting.	
Motion 12	Pass	A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Freshley, that the question (on Motion 11) be tabled until noon Monday, 30 April 2012.	
Motion 13	Pass	A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve the minutes of the 2012 Springfield, MO Council of Administration meeting.	
Motion 14	Pass	A motion by Brother Martin, with a friendly amendment by Brother Mortorff, and seconded by Brother Campbell that the CofA appoint Brother Henry Shaw and Brother Jim Pahl, given their years of legal practice, to consult with, and on behalf of the SUVCW, legally engage an Attorney, specializing in non-profit tax matters. The tasking to include the transition from a 501(c)(4) designation to a 501(c)(3), to include provisions outlined under 170c of the tax code that would make	

subordinate units of the National Organization able to accept donations as tax deductible and advise in other tax matters as needed. This should be accomplished no later than 7 Aug 2012, so that it is ready for the upcoming National Encampment where a written progress report (provided by the attorney) may be presented on the floor.

Motion 15	Pass	Award Recommendation (To be presented at Los Angeles)
Motion 16	Pass	A motion by Brother Mellor, seconded by Brother Vieira, to approve the revisions to the War Medal application form (Form 5), Life Member Reimbursement form (Form 10)
Motion 17	Pass	Award Recommendation (To be presented at Los Angeles)
Motion 18	Pass	A motion by Brother Mellor, seconded by Brother Martin (as amended by Brother Orr) to accept Version 2 criteria for the award of the Dr. Mary Walker Award.
Motion 19	Pass	A motion by Brother Mellor, seconded by Brother Mortorff to approve the replacement Scholarship Form 12b.
Motion 20	Pass	A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Martin, that the SUVCW remain in the class and accept the \$40 flat settlement offer.
Motion 21	Pass	A motion by Brother Mellor, with a second from Brother Schall, to present the Founders Award to Ms. Sheila Hanke for her work on battle flag preservation.
Motion 22	Pass	A motion by Brother Orr, second by Brother Schall, to present the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to _____.
Motion 23	Pass	A motion by Brother Orr, second by Brother Mellor, to adopt the following draft statement as an amendment to the existing policy: Add:

## V. ELECTRONIC AND NON-ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL OF SUVCW CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

SUVCW/SVR membership lists, databases, and other such confidential information shall not be shared with any non-SUVCW individuals, organizations, or enterprises without the expressed permission of the Commander-in-Chief (with the concurrence of a majority of the Council of Administration) of the SUVCW.

It is recognized that periodically it become necessary to share full or partial membership information with others within the Order in order for Camp, Department, and certain National Officers (e.g., Executive Director) to be able to perform their official duties. In all cases, each such officer so entrusted with membership or other confidential information of the Order shall use due diligence in the execution of their duties in order to avoid the accidental sharing of such confidential information with non-SUVCW individuals, organizations, and/or enterprises.

Motion 24	Pass	A motion by Brother Orr, second by Brother Vieira, to empower the National Treasurer to pay all proper and legal financial obligations of the Order pending adoption of a budget for the 2012 fiscal year.
Motion 25	Fail	A motion by Brother Orr, second by Brother Mortorff to approve the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to _____
Motion 24	Pass	A motion by Brother Orr, second by Brother Vieira, to empower the National Treasurer to pay all proper and legal financial obligations of the Order pending adoption of a budget for the 2012 fiscal year.
Motion 25	Fail	A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mortorff, to approve the



Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion 26      Pends      A motion by Brother Mellor, with friendly amendments by PCinC Schall, PCinC Orr and PCinC Darby then seconded by Brother Vieira to amend the Awards and Recognition Policy by renaming the National Aide award to the "Augustus P. Davis" award, and wording the criteria to read:

Augustus P. Davis Award. The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to any Brother, who recruits five or more members during his term of office. Recommendations can be made to the Commander-in-Chief as soon as the required number of new recruits is met. But the recommendations must be received by the Commander-in-Chief not later than 30 days before the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief makes the final determination. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief and he is under no obligation to make such an award. "Recipients of this award will be recognized in a General Order and are authorized to wear the National (Gold) Ribbon behind their respective membership badge for a period of twelve months from the date of the General Order. Brothers who have received this award will be recognized by the Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment."

## Appendix 2

### General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

# Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Office of the Commander-in-Chief  
Donald D. Palmer Jr., Commander-in-Chief  
147 Lucerne Place  
Ballwin, MO 63011  
[cinc@suvchw.org](mailto:cinc@suvchw.org)

General Order #1  
SERIES 2011-2012  
26 August 2011

1. I am truly humbled by the honor you have bestowed upon me by electing me to the office of Commander-in-Chief. The faith you have placed in my abilities is remarkable and I will do my level best to discharge the duties of this high office. I am also humbled by the fact that in the 130 year history of our Order, I am the first Brother from the Department of Missouri to be elected Commander-in-Chief.
2. I wish to thank the Department of the Chesapeake for hosting an excellent 130th National Encampment in Reston, VA. The Brothers that attended this Encampment were treated to some special events that generated memories that will hopefully last a lifetime.
3. Congratulations go out to the newly elected Presidents of the Allied Orders. Our main objective is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and those that fought to preserve this great Union. To the Presidents of the Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW), Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW): We are all in this together. You have my full support and please feel free to call on me any time.
4. My focus this year will be on working toward a vision of what our Order should look like by the end of this decade. This vision is *"To be recognized by Government, academia and the general public as the leading source of information pertaining to: (1) history, genealogy and preservation initiatives associated with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who fought to preserve the Union and (2) patriotism, the duties of citizenship and honoring those that made the supreme sacrifice in defense of this Nation."*

I refer to it as 'Vision 2020'. This vision feeds off of our mission as defined by our Federal charter. It also focuses on outreach and growth rather than contraction and inward progression. But this cannot be "my" vision only. In order for it to become a reality, it must be a "shared" vision, with Departments and Camps adopting it as well. In addition, my successors must also be committed to seeing it through. Over the next several months, I will be working with the various officers and committees to develop a long term plan to help us achieve Vision 2020. This plan will involve organizational growth, data collection and research, development of youth programs, collaboration between Allied Orders, and developing a sound financial strategy.

5. To support this initiative, I will be forming three new special committees. The Vision and Planning Committee will be tasked with pulling together the long term plan and tracking key metrics associated with that plan. The Committee on Juniors will be tasked with building on the current Memorial University program and developing a broader program for Juniors and Junior Associates. The Committee on Promotion & Marketing will be established to develop advertising and marketing strategies, as well as materials to promote our Order to the general public.
6. Also, the Civil War Sesquicentennial is now upon us. This past year, we rolled out the Signature Event process that resulted in a number of successful events across the country. We must also take advantage of the Sesquicentennial as we work towards our vision because we will not have an opportunity like this again for the foreseeable future.
7. The Headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief will be located at 147 Lucerne Place, Ballwin, MO, 63011 and all correspondence to may be mailed to this address. Correspondence may also be made by e-mail at [cinc@suvchw.org](mailto:cinc@suvchw.org) or via phone at (636) 230-3656.
8. Correspondence with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Headquarters should be directed to David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director, at P. O. Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 232-7000; [execdir@suvchw.org](mailto:execdir@suvchw.org) .
9. All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order should be sent to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251; (412) 931-1173; [treasurer@suvchw.org](mailto:treasurer@suvchw.org).
10. All communications, resolutions, requests for merchandise licenses and general correspondence should be directed to National Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff, 70 Curtis Drive., East Berlin, PA 17316, (717) 476-9573; [secretary@suvchw.org](mailto:secretary@suvchw.org).
11. The National Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule. Departments should contact the Chief of Staff with Department Encampment dates before the November Council of Administration meeting, if possible. Planning for Department Encampment attendance must be done as soon as possible in order to make sure every Department Encampment is attended by either the Commander-in-Chief or his representative. Department Encampment dates and locations should be sent to National Chief of Staff Donald W. Shaw, 3914 Larchmont St., Flint, MI 48532, (810) 239-4785, [p31713@aol.com](mailto:p31713@aol.com) .
12. Applications for Civil War Memorial Grants and requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be directed to Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, 6519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527; (636) 274-4567, [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com).
13. All requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC, 5 Benny Lane, Ithaca, New York 14850, (607) 272-7314, [QM@suvchw.org](mailto:QM@suvchw.org)

14. All Departments are encouraged to submit articles for the BANNER. Articles should be submitted to Banner Editor Stephen Michaels, PCinC, 6623 S. North Cape Road, Franklin, WI 53132, (414) 425-4648 (phone and fax), [banner@suvcw.org](mailto:banner@suvcw.org).
15. The death of a Brother should be reported to National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL 60126, [paptom@msn.com](mailto:paptom@msn.com). Please include the deceased Brothers full name, date of passing, name of Camp and Department and the rank and unit of his Union ancestor.
16. All Camps are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to their Department Headquarters on time. All Departments are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to National Headquarters on time. It may be necessary to drop members and suspend Camps to complete this obligation. Our Camps and Departments must be firm in their obligations.
17. Please make every effort to keep Camp and Department websites up to date. These websites serve as a vital means of communication, and for some Camps and Departments, the only means of communication. It is imperative that schedules of meetings, events and other activities are maintained. These websites are also a resource for the general public, especially those that are contemplating membership in our Order. We must show that we are active and one way of doing that is properly maintaining our websites.
18. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting and a final report for the 131st National Encampment. All Department Commander's shall file a report of activities occurring within their respective Departments upon the same schedule.
19. It is my intention to continue the tradition of recognizing Brothers who contribute to the growth of our Order. A Brother who recruits at least three new applicants during the 2011-2012 administrative year will be declared a National Aide in General Orders and be issued a ribbon with the National Organization's colors to be pinned behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new applicants in that time frame will, in addition, receive a Certificate of Merit. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported to the National Secretary through Department Secretaries.
20. Again, I want to thank all of the Brothers for electing me to this position and giving me the opportunity to lead this great Order. I am looking forward to meeting as many Brothers as possible and addressing the challenges that we will face over the next year. Hope to see everyone in August 2012 at the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles, CA!

Ordered this 26th Day of August, 2011.  
Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #2  
SERIES 2011-2012  
3 September 2011**

1. Additional appointments are being made to the National staff. The following appointments are effective immediately.
2. PCinC James B. Pahl, PCC Max L. Newman and Bruce Gosling are appointed as Assistant National Treasurers. Brothers Pahl and Newman are continuing their roles from the previous administration. Brother Gosling has helped the National organization resolve accounting and tax issues in the past and was willing to serve as Assistant National Treasurer during this administration.
3. PCinC Edward J. Krieser is appointed as National Secretary for Proceedings and PDC Kenneth Freshley will assume the role of Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings. Given Brother Freshley's recent election to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, along with maintaining his role as National Webmaster, the reversal in roles from the previous administration was necessary.
4. PCinC James B. Pahl, who is currently serving as National Counselor, will also assume the responsibilities of the Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book. Brother Pahl served as Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book during previous administrations and has requested to continue with these responsibilities in addition to his duties as National Counselor.

Ordered this 3rd Day of September, 2011.  
Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #3  
SERIES 2011-2012  
9 September 2011**

1. Sunday, September 11, 2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It also marks the 10th anniversary of the War on

Terror, which symbolically began when a group of passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 fought back and prevented the fourth hijacked airplane from hitting its intended target.

2. Over the past 10 years, including the attacks on September 11, 2001, the War on Terror has claimed the lives of nearly 6,000 American military personnel and over 3,000 American civilians.
3. To follow suit with Commander-in-Chief George Powell's General Orders #4 issued on September 11, 2001, I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black for a period of 30 days beginning on September 11, 2011 in remembrance of those killed on that date 10 years ago and those that gave their lives fighting the forces of terror and evil in the 10 years since.
4. I also urge all Brothers to fly the flag of the United States (1) in support of American military personnel, including nearly 30 Brothers of our Order, currently serving in war zones around the world and (2) to reflect on a time when we as Americans put aside our differences and all came together in a show of unity and resolve.

Ordered this 9th Day of September, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #4  
SERIES 2011-2012  
23 September 2011**

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Past National President Eileen Coombs. Sister Coombs passed away on 20 September 2011 at the age of 86. She was a member of the ASUVCW for 70 years and served in various capacities in the Department of Maine, including Department President. She served as ASUVCW National President in 1971.
2. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website remain draped in black until October 23, 2011 in remembrance of Sister Coombs.

Ordered this 23rd Day of September, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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

**General Order #5  
SERIES 2011-2012  
25 September 2011**

1. Additional appointments are being made to the National staff. The following appointments are effective immediately.
2. PCinC James B. Pahl is re-appointed as Assistant National Secretary – Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer. Brother Pahl held this position during the previous administrative year and effectively improved communication between the National organization and Camps-at-Large.
3. PCC David K. LaBrot from the Department of Texas is appointed as chairman of the Special Committee on Vision and Planning. This committee will be given ownership of our current vision and will be tasked with pulling together the long term plan designed to accomplish this vision. This committee will also be tasked with tracking key metrics associated with that plan and periodically report progress to the Council of Administration.
4. PDC Michael S. Bennett from the Department of New York is appointed as chairman of the Special Committee on Juniors. This committee will be tasked with looking at the potential role of Juniors from a strategic standpoint and developing a broader program for Juniors and Junior Associates, largely to increase their visibility and participation in the Order and promote a long term association.
5. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor is appointed chairman of the Special Committee on Marketing and Promotion. This committee will be tasked with developing advertising and marketing strategies, as well as materials to promote our Order to the general public. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief has historically been tasked with promoting the Order, a task made difficult due to higher priority assignments during the year. It is widely acknowledged that this organization must do more to promote and market itself. As such, this committee will focus on addressing this need, and in doing so, provide the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief with the necessary support.

Ordered this 25th Day of September, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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



**General Order #6**  
**SERIES 2011-2012**  
**4 October 2011**

1. At the 130th National Encampment in Reston, VA, a survey was distributed to get member feedback on National, Department and Camp programs and operations and provide a formal means to present new ideas. A total of 103 surveys were returned and I thank those Brothers who took the time to complete them.
2. I would also like to provide those Brothers who did not attend the National Encampment an opportunity to provide feedback. As such, I am tasking National Chief of Staff Don Shaw with distributing the same survey to the Departments and Camps-at-Large through Department and Camp-at-Large leadership. I am requesting that Department Commanders flow the survey down to their Camp Commanders for subsequent distribution to their membership. I am also tasking National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Alan Russ to do the same for National Members-at-Large.
3. During the months of October and November, I am asking that Camp Commanders offer the survey to their Camp members. They may be completed during Camp meetings or on their own time. Completion of the survey is voluntary and not a requirement. I also ask those Brothers that completed surveys at the National Encampment to refrain from submitting another survey as your feedback has already been captured. All surveys must be returned by 30 November.
4. All surveys from Departments and Camps-at-Large should be returned to Brother Shaw at the following address:

Donald W. Shaw, PCC  
3914 Larchmont St.  
Flint, MI 48532

or they may be scanned and returned electronically to Brother Shaw's e-mail address at  
p31713@aol.com.

All surveys from National Membership-at-Large should be returned to Brother Russ at  
the following address:

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
P.O. Box 673  
St. Francis, KS 67756

or they may be scanned and returned electronically to Brother Russ' e-mail address at  
suvchwks@eaglecom.net.

5. Survey results that reflect all responses received will be available to the membership in early 2012. An interim survey reflecting those collected at the National Encampment will be presented to the Council of Administration at the November meeting in Gettysburg.

Ordered this 4th Day of October, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #7  
SERIES 2011-2012  
11 November 2011**

1. Today, November 11, marks Veterans Day....a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.
2. In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over. November 11, 1919 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States, to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during World War I in order to ensure a lasting peace. On Armistice Day, soldiers who survived the war marched in a parade through their home towns. Politicians and veteran officers gave speeches and held ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won.
3. Congress passed legislation to make Armistice Day a federal holiday in 1938, 20 years after the war ended. But Americans realized that the First World War would not be the last. World War II began the following year and nations great and small again participated in a bloody struggle. After the Second World War, Armistice Day continued to be observed on November 11.
4. In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas called the holiday Veterans' Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill introduced by Kansas congressman Ed Rees renaming the federal holiday to Veterans' Day. President Eisenhower signed it into law on May 26, 1954. In 1971, President Nixon declared it a federal holiday to be observed on the fourth Monday in October in conjunction with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. In 1978, it was moved back to the original date of November 11.
5. I urge all Brothers in our Order to proudly display the flag of the United States and take time on this day to reflect on the sacrifices made by America's veterans.
6. To our Brothers who also wore a uniform of the United States Armed Forces, you have my heartfelt thanks for your service and dedication in defending our great Nation.

Ordered this 11th Day of November, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #8  
SERIES 2011-2012  
14 November 2011**

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Past National President Mary Scofield. Sister Scofield passed away on 11 November 2011 at the age of 96. She was a member of the Conklin-Sellew Auxiliary #20, Department of Connecticut. She also served as ASUVCW National President in 2001.
2. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 14 December 2011 in remembrance of Sister Scofield.

Ordered this 14th Day of November, 2011.  
Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #9  
SERIES 2011-2012  
16 November 2011**

1. At the 14 August 2011 Council of Administration meeting, a motion to change the required submittal dates for signature event proposals was passed. This motion was passed to promote advance planning of signature events, eliminate the "short notice" rush to secure the necessary approvals and obtain medals and passport books in a timely manner.

2. It is now required that signature event proposals be submitted to the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee no later than 90 days before the proposed event. The Council of Administration subcommittee, chaired by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, must receive the down-selected proposals from the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee no later than 45 days before the proposed event.
3. The signature event forms have been revised and the updated version is now available on the website. Given this, the new submittal dates are now in effect and no proposals will be accepted that do not adhere to these dates.
4. Camps, Departments and/or SVR units that have already started the proposal approval process will be allowed to complete the process. However, from this point forward, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee is instructed to decline any new proposal that was not received with at least 90 days advance notice.

Ordered this 16th Day of November, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #10  
SERIES 2011-2012  
26 November 2011**

1. A request has been received from Maine Department Commander Larry Williams to revoke the charter of T.W. Hyde Camp #46 located in Bath, ME.
2. The Camp has been inactive for some time and has continuously failed to file reports with the Department. The remaining active Camp member has transferred to another Camp within the Department. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Department of Maine any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 26th Day of November, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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

**General Order #11  
SERIES 2011-2012  
26 December 2011**

1. National Civil War Memorials Officer Bruce Butgereit, PDC, has announced his resignation due to a large number of commitments and shifting priorities. I want to thank Brother Butgereit for his efforts over the past two years in developing this important program.
2. PDC Walter Busch, who has been serving as a member of the Civil War Memorials Committee, is hereby appointed as National Civil War Memorials Officer and Chairman of the Civil War Memorials Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.
3. Brother Busch has built the Department of Missouri Civil War Memorials program from the ground up and I am confident that his leadership will help move the National Civil War Memorials program forward. Please give Brother Busch your full support.

Ordered this 26th Day of December, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr., Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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

**General Order #12  
SERIES 2011-2012  
27 December 2011**

1. The purpose of this General Order is to announce leadership changes relative to the Remembrance Day Committee. PCinC Bud Atkinson and PCinC Charles Kuhn, who have been serving as Co-Chairs of this key committee, have announced their respective resignations. Their resignations come after a successful Remembrance Day 2011 and their desire to give the new leadership as much time as possible in preparing for Remembrance Day 2012.
2. PCinC Atkinson has helped coordinate Remembrance Day programs for over 20 years and has been principally involved with coordinating and planning the activities at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center, including the National Civil War Ball. PDC Robert Petrovic (Col., Chief of Staff, SVR) is appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Remembrance Day Committee and assume the responsibilities previously handled by Brother Atkinson. Brother Petrovic's appointment is effective immediately.

3. PCinC Kuhn has been a key figure in working with the borough of Gettysburg in planning the annual Remembrance Day Parade. PCC Henry Shaw (Brig. Gen., Deputy Commander, SVR) is appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Remembrance Day Committee and assume the responsibilities previously handled by Brother Kuhn. Brother Shaw's appointment is effective 31 December 2011.
4. I can't thank Brothers Atkinson and Kuhn enough for their time and effort over the years in planning and executing Remembrance Day activities. Through their efforts, Remembrance Day has become one of the more prominent programs associated with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am confident that Remembrance Day will continue to flourish under the leadership of Brothers Petrovic and Shaw. Please give them your full support.

Ordered this 27th Day of December, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr., Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Eugene Mortorff, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #13**

**SERIES 2011-2012**

**7 January 2012**

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Past National President Isabelle Roberts. Sister Roberts passed away on 05 January 2012 at the age of 87. She was a member of Auxiliary #49, Department of New York. She also served as ASUVCW National President in 1985-1986.
2. Sister Roberts was also the wife of the late Donald Roberts, who served as SUVCW Commander-in-Chief in 1985-1986. Together, they presided over their respective Orders' National Encampments at Lexington, KY in August 1986.
3. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 07 February 2012 in remembrance of Sister Roberts.

Ordered this 7th Day of January, 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #14**

**SERIES 2011-2012**

**8 January 2012**

1. A request has been received from Illinois Department Commander Terry Dyer to revoke the charter of Simon Shaffer Camp #134 located in Lacon, IL.
2. Due to circumstances, the remaining members of the Camp voted to surrender their charter. These members have either transferred to another Camp within the Department or have become Department Members-at-Large. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted.
3. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Department of Illinois any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 8th Day of January, 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #15**

**SERIES 2011-2012**

**9 February 2012**

1. The family of Allied Orders past National leaders has become smaller. I have the sad duty of reporting the recent deaths of Sisters Nancy Conaway, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and Patricia Mullenix, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW).
2. Sister Conaway was a member of the LGAR for over 57 years in Ohio as part of the Mother McKinley Circle #4 and served as National President of the LGAR during the 1979-1980 administrative year. She presided over the LGAR National Encampment in Richmond, VA in August 1980. Sister Conaway passed away on 29 January at the age of 81.
3. Sister Mullenix served as National President of the DUVCW during the 2006-2007 administrative year and presided over the DUVCW National Convention in St. Louis, MO in August 2007. She was a long time member of Charlotte Harrison Boone Tent #20 in Kahoka, MO. Sister Mullenix passed away on 06 February at the age of 62.
4. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 09 March 2012 in remembrance of Sisters Conaway and Mullenix and in honor of their long term dedication to preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our ancestors who fought to save the Union.

Ordered this 9th Day of February, 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #16  
SERIES 2011-2012  
18 March 2012**

1. Per Chapter II, Article V, Section 3(b) of the Regulations, Departments are required to submit Entity Identification Number (EIN) reports to the National organization on or before 15 March each year. Based on feedback from National Treasurer Richard Orr, less than half of the Departments have complied.
2. These reports shall consist of EIN number and IRS contact person for each Camp. Contact information shall include name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if applicable).
3. This is a relatively new requirement, and given the large number of Departments that are delinquent, I have concluded that this requirement was not effectively communicated by the National organization. As such, I am allowing Departments to submit their EIN reports late, but they must be received by PCinC Orr no later than 23 March.
4. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires EIN reports to be submitted by 01 April. Failure to file on time puts our tax exempt status at risk. It has taken the National organization several years to pull back into good standing with the IRS, and as such, we cannot afford another misstep.
5. I can't stress enough the importance of complying with this General Order as PCinC Orr is already operating under a compressed schedule. Given the importance of this submittal, Departments delinquent after 23 March will not be in good standing with the National organization and face, at a minimum, suspension of their charters.

Ordered this 18th Day of March 2012.  
Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:



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

**General Order #17  
SERIES 2011-2012  
21 March 2012**

1. I have the sad duty of reporting the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis. He passed away on 19 March at the age of 77 after a long battle with cancer.
2. PCinC Loomis was a long time member of David D. Porter Camp #116 in Valparaiso, IN. He served two terms as Camp Commander and three terms as Indiana Department Commander. He was elected Commander-in-Chief on 11 August 1996 at the 115th National Encampment in Columbus, OH.
3. PCinC Loomis was a friend and mentor to many in the SUVCW and will be remembered for his significant accomplishments in support of our Order. Notable accomplishments include his work to restore the GAR Highway to prominence, the establishment of the Iron Brigade Highway and service as chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Program Committee.
4. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 21 April 2012 in remembrance of PCinC Loomis.
5. Brothers wishing to express condolences may sign the electronic guest book established at Bartholomew Funeral Home in Valparaiso, IN. The guest book and sympathy card options may be accessed at [www.bartholomewnewhard.com](http://www.bartholomewnewhard.com).

Ordered this 21st Day of March 2012.  
Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #18  
SERIES 2011-2012  
27 May 2012**

1. One the greatest legacies left to us by the Grand Army of the Republic is the observance of Memorial Day. On 05 May 1868, GAR Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan issued General Order #11 establishing a day of reflection and remembrance for those that gave their lives that our Nation might live.

2. I ask that all Brothers, either as part of their Camp, SVR unit or individually, participate in an event in their respective communities on Monday, 28 May, the day of National observance, to fulfill the charge left to us by General Logan as legal heirs to the GAR....*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.*
3. I also encourage all Brothers to observe the "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3:00 pm (local time) for a minute of silence in remembrance of all of those that have died in service to our Nation. The "National Moment of Remembrance Act" was signed into law in December 2000. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states...*it's a way to put the "Memorial" back into Memorial Day.*
4. Finally, I ask that Brothers continue their reflections and remembrances on Wednesday, 30 May...the traditional date of Memorial Day as established by General Logan's Order. As an organization, we are committed to bringing Memorial Day back to its traditional date. We must support our own Restore Memorial Day Committee and keep working with our legislators to make it a reality.

Ordered this 27th Day of May 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **General Order #19**

### **SERIES 2011-2012**

**12 July 2012**

1. A report recently released by Executive Director David Demmy indicates that a number of Departments have yet to file Form 35, Department Annual Report, along with the current department roster and applicable per capita dues and/or Form 49, Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers. As of this date, the Executive Director has not yet received the following:
 

<u>Form 35</u>	<u>Form 49</u>
Connecticut	Colorado & Wyoming
Maine	Kentucky
Massachusetts	
2. Per Chapter II, Article V, Section 3(a) of the Regulations, Form 35, along with the current department roster and per capita dues are due to the Executive Director by 31 May each year. Per the same reference, the completed Form 49 must be received by the Executive Director within 30 days of the election.
3. As these delinquent Departments have gone well beyond the due dates for submittal of these reports, I am hereby placing the following Departments under suspension:
 

Connecticut
Maine
Massachusetts

## Kentucky

(Colorado & Wyoming is not yet delinquent in submitting their Form 49 as their election and installation was held on 23 June, and as such, is not under suspension)

4. These Departments will be brought back in good standing at such time the delinquent reports are received by the Executive Director. However, while under suspension, Departments **may not meet or conduct business**. In addition, **their delegates to the National Encampment will not be seated**. With the National Encampment only one month away, the affected Departments are strongly encouraged to submit the delinquent reports as soon as possible so that their standing with the National organization may be restored.

Ordered this 12th Day of July 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### General Order #20

### SERIES 2011-2012

13 July 2012

1. The purpose of this General Order is to clarify the end dates of a number of non-standing committees currently engaged in performing the work of the Order.
2. The Restore Memorial Day Committee chaired by PDC Al Peterson and the Battle Flag Preservation Committee chaired by Ed Norris were two Special Committees formed by act of a previous National Encampment. By act of the 126th National Encampment in 2007, any Special Committee that did not have specified end dates should cease at the 127th National Encampment in 2008. However, due to an oversight, these committees have continued to function. Given the fact that these two committees continue to good work for the Order, they will be allowed to function for the remainder of this administrative year until the 131st National Encampment this coming August. At that point, the National Encampment will need to determine if these committees have accomplished their goals and should be either (1) disbanded, (2) continue as Special Committees with specified end dates, or (3) elevated to Standing Committee status. I will ask that Brothers Peterson and Norris, in their committee reports to the National Encampment, include their recommendations on the futures of their respective committees.

3. The Vision and Planning Committee chaired by PCC David LaBrot, Marketing and Promotion Committee, chaired by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor and the Committee on Juniors, chaired by PDC Michael Bennett, were committees appointed by the Commander-in-Chief for specific purposes as outlined in General Order #1. These committees will automatically cease at the 131st National Encampment unless reappointed by the next Commander-in-Chief or extended by some action of the National Encampment. Like the Special Committees referenced above, I ask the chairmen of these appointed committees, in their reports to the National Encampment, to make recommendations as to the future of these committees.

Ordered this 13th Day of July 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #21  
SERIES 2011-2012  
20 July 2012**

1. The Department of Kentucky has filed Form 49, "Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers" with National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charter has been lifted and they are hereby reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 20th Day of July 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #22**  
**SERIES 2011-2012**  
**22 July 2012**

1. Per Article IX of the SUVCW Constitution, all proposed amendments to the Constitution are to be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief at least 40 days in advance of the National Encampment and are to be published in General Orders prior to the National Encampment.
2. The Department of Rhode Island, having met these requirements, is proposing two amendments to the SUVCW Constitution. The first is a change in wording in the Preamble. The second is a change in the requirements specified in Article VII, Section 2(c).
3. The change proposed for the Preamble is as follows:

**From:** We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865...

**To:** We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of American during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865...

This change is needed to recognize all the members of the United States Armed Forces that served in the American Civil War 1861-1865, as the membership requirements of the GAR and the SUVCW, per Article III of the SUVCW Constitution, stipulate that the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed Forces.

4. The second proposal changes the required maximum 2 to 1 ratio of Members to Associates to 1 to 1 while keeping in place all of the other ratio restrictions. The change proposed for Article VII, Section 2(c) is as follows:

**From:** The combined number of Associates and Junior Associates in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

**To:** The combined number of Associates and Junior Associates in any Camp shall not exceed one-half (1/2) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

This change is proposed because Camps are losing out on opportunities to bring in new Brothers due to the current limitation of Associates relative to the number of hereditary Brothers

5. Also per Article IX, these proposed amendments must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote at the 2012 National Encampment, and shall become effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments, and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of the SUVCW Constitution.

Ordered this 22nd Day of July 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #23  
SERIES 2011-2012  
23 July 2012**

1. A report was received from National Graves Registration Officer Bruce Frail regarding ordering headstones from the Veterans Administration. A large number of Brothers are apparently circumventing the current policy, which has resulted in inconsistency and confusion when dealing with the Veterans Administration.
2. The "Policy for Ordering Government Headstones for American Civil War Veterans" was issued in 2010 and is currently located on the SUVCW website under National Policies. This policy requires paperwork to be reviewed and approved by Department Graves Registration Officers prior to submittal to the Veterans Administration. Members-at-Large, Brothers who are members of Camps-at-Large and Brothers whose membership resides in Departments that have no Graves Registration Officer are to submit their paperwork to the National Graves Registration Officer for review and approval.
3. All Brothers, especially those that are involved with or are contemplating replacement of headstones in their respective communities are urged to review this policy and familiarize themselves with the documentation required and the process for review. Camp Commanders are also urged to include a review of this policy as part of their agenda for an upcoming Camp meeting.
4. As of the issue date of this General Order, there shall be no requests for headstones made to the Veterans Administration without prior review and approval by either the appropriate Department Graves Registration Officer or the National Graves Registration Officer.

Ordered this 23rd Day of July 2012.  
Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:  
Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #24  
SERIES 2011-2012**

**26 July 2012**

1. The Department of Massachusetts has filed Form 35, "Department Annual Report" with National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charter has been lifted and they are hereby reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 26th Day of July 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #25**

**SERIES 2011-2012**

**27 July 2012**

1. At the 2012 Pennsylvania Department Encampment, a recommendation was brought forward to revoke the charter of Coopers Camp #501 in Mt. Jackson, PA. This Camp has become completely inactive and is at least two years in arrears in filing the required annual reports to the Department of Pennsylvania. Based on the vote of the Department Encampment and satisfaction that sufficient measures have been taken to attempt to revive the aforementioned Camp, approval to revoke the charter is hereby granted.
2. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Department of Pennsylvania any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to the aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 27th Day of July 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #26**

**SERIES 2011-2012**

**30 July 2012**

1. The Department of Maine has filed Form 35, "Department Annual Report" with National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charter has been lifted and they are hereby reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 30th Day of July 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #27**

**SERIES 2011-2012**

**03 August 2012**

1. The purpose of this General Order is to add clarification to the requirements of the Founders Award. This award was established a number of years ago to recognize those groups or individuals who render outstanding service in memory of Union veterans.
2. Per the SUVCW Awards and Recognition Policy, item 13 states that no member of the SUVCW or any organization which is part of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for the Founders award. However, clarification is needed for cases where an organization is not affiliated with any of the Allied Orders, but has in its membership one or more members who are also members of one of the Allied Order organizations.
3. Because the Founders Award was established to recognize individuals or organizations not affiliated with the Allied Orders, It is hereby ruled that an organization that has in its membership one or more members of one of the Allied Order organizations is not eligible to receive the Founders Award.
4. As part of the Awards and Recognition Policy, the SUVCW provides for a Certificate of Recognition, which can be presented by the Commander-in-Chief to any individual or entity that has contributed significantly to the Order by maintaining the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic or the Union Veterans, or has exemplified the ideals, goals and purposes of the SUVCW. Those individuals or organizations that do not qualify for the Founders Awards can be considered for a Certificate of Recognition per item 12 of the Awards and Recognition Policy.

Ordered this 3rd Day of August 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**General Order #28**  
**SERIES 2011-2012**  
**04 August 2012**

1. The purpose of this General Order is to introduce two new awards. The first is the SUVCW Lifetime Achievement Award and the second is the John L. Clem Award for Most Outstanding Junior.
2. The SUVCW Awards and Recognition Policy currently has provisions to recognize Brothers who have rendered exceptional service over a period of time. These are the Meritorious Service Award and the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. The differences between these two are essentially the degree of accomplishment and the level of approval. The former may be awarded by the Commander-in-Chief and the latter requires a vote of approval by the National Council of Administration. But for most that have received these awards, an extended period of time amounted to several years or a little more.
3. The SUVCW Lifetime Achievement Award was established to recognize those Brothers who have been members for at least 30 years and have provided significant and continuous support over their time as Members or Associates of the SUVCW. The Commander-in-Chief is not obligated to make an award in any given year, nor is he limited to the number of awards he can make each year.
4. The John L. Clem Award for Most Outstanding Junior was established to promote greater involvement of Juniors in the SUVCW and recognize their outstanding contributions. The appointed Committee on Juniors was created to develop a broader youth program and lay the foundation for continued membership into early adulthood. This award serves as an element of a broadened program and key element in bringing about awareness of the contributions of our Juniors. Key contributions could include participation in Camp activities, promoting the SUVCW in school and youth organizations (e.g., Boy Scouts), and/or progress toward completing the Memorial University program. Although no award will be made during the 2011-2012 administrative year, the announcement is being made now in order to give Camps ample time to develop programs that will include their Juniors and, as a result, prepare quality nominations during the 2012-2013 administrative year.
5. The Program and Policy Committee is hereby tasked with amending the SUVCW Awards and Recognition Policy to include these two new awards and, using the guidelines defined in this General Order, developing a complete set of criteria for each award.

Ordered this 4th Day of August 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #29**  
**SERIES 2011-2012**  
**05 August 2012**

1. The National Counselor recently issued Opinion VI addressing the question whether or not a candidate for elected National office must be present at the National Encampment in order to be elected. The Regulations currently do not state attendance requirements for election to National offices. The only reference in the Regulations regarding attendance relates only to the office of Department Commander (Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2).
2. The foundation of Opinion VI is based on a precedent in which a nomination for a candidate for the Council of Administration that was not in attendance was allowed to proceed by vote of the National Encampment. Based on this precedent, Opinion VI stipulates that a candidate for National office need not be present at the National Encampment in order to be nominated and subsequently elected to National office. It also stipulates that brothers elected to National office that are not present at the National Encampment cannot assume the duties of office until they are formally installed.
3. This General Order is in agreement with the stipulations specified in Opinion VI with the exception of attendance requirements for the office of Commander-in-Chief. It is hereby ruled that in order to be elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief, the candidate must be present at the National Encampment in order to be nominated and subsequently elected.

Ordered this 5th Day of August 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order #30**  
**SERIES 2011-2012**  
**10 August 2012**

1. This final General Order for the 2011-2012 administrative year documents additional appointments to support the National Encampment and lists new camps formed this year and the awards to be presented at the National Encampment.
2. Brother Eric Graff from the Department of Wisconsin is hereby appointed as National Guide. Brother Tom Helmantoler from the Department of California & Pacific is appointed as National Guard.
3. The following new Camps were chartered during the 2011-2012 administrative year. The Commander-in-Chief wishes each of these new Camps the best of luck going forward:

- Thomas Fletcher Camp #47, DeSoto, MO – Department of Missouri  
 Gen. E.F. Dutton Camp #49, Sycamore, IL – Department of Illinois  
 Sigel Camp #614, Rolla, MO – Department of Missouri  
 Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4, Broken Arrow, OK – Dept. of Oklahoma  
 Charles Sumner Camp #25, Chestertown, MD – Dept. of the Chesapeake  
 Col. David Stricker Camp #64, Wyoming, DE – Dept. of the Chesapeake  
 Capt. G.N. Spradling Camp #72, Ft. Smith, AR – Department of Missouri
4. The following awards will be presented at the 2012 National Encampment
- Lifetime Achievement Award**
- Elmer “Bud” Atkinson, PCinC – Department of Pennsylvania
- Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award – Brother of the Year**
- Whitney Maxfield – Department of Vermont  
 Walter E. Busch, PDC – Department of Missouri
- Abraham Lincoln Award – Camp of the Year**
- Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp #2, Houston, TX – Department of Texas
- Joseph S. Rippey Award – Most Outstanding New Camps**
- Charles Sumner Camp #25, Chestertown, MD – Department of the Chesapeake  
 Sigel Camp #614, Rolla, MO – Department of Missouri
- B.F. Stephenson Award – Brother who recruits most new members**
- David Rish – Department of Ohio (11 new members)
- Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Linder Award**  
**(Department with greatest number of new members)**
- Department of the Chesapeake (51)
- U.S. Grant Cup Award**  
**(Department with highest percentage of gain of new members)**
- Department of Texas (33%)
- Under Forty Award**  
**(Department with the greatest number of new members under age 40)**
- Department of New Jersey (18)
- Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star:**
- Eric B. Peterson, PDC – Department of Georgia & South Carolina  
 Michael Paquette, PDC – Department of the Chesapeake  
 Donald E. Darby, PCinC – Department of Ohio
- Marshall Hope Award – Most Outstanding Newsletter**  
**Department**
- “The Buckeye Bugle” – Department of Ohio
- Camp**
- “Camp Orders” – Old Abe Camp #8, Department of Wisconsin
- Horace Greeley Award – Most Outstanding Website**  
**Department**
- Department of Michigan
- Camp**
- Governors Elisha Dyer Camp #7, Department of Rhode Island
- Albert Woolson Award**  
**(Most Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event)**

150th Anniversary – Launching of the USS Monitor  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Department of New York

**Scholarship Awards**

Lee D. Armbruster – J.L. Chamberlain Camp #20 – Dept. of the Chesapeake  
Britta A. Musser – Mt. Union Church Camp #502 Auxiliary – Dept. of Pennsylvania

**National Aides**

David Rish – Department of Ohio – 11 new members  
Douglas K. Fidler – Department of Tennessee – 9 new members  
Theodore G. Layton – Department of the Chesapeake – 8 new members  
John Stolp – Department of California & Pacific – 7 new members  
Henry Myers – Department of Ohio – 5 new members  
David M. Dziejewski – Department of New York – 4 new members  
Michael S. Bennett, PDC – Department of New York – 4 new members

**Meritorious Service Award:**

Paul Nelson – Department of Michigan  
Roger Heiple – Department of Florida  
Neil Hanlon, PDC, Department of the Chesapeake  
Douglas K. Fidler, PDC – Department of Tennessee

**Dr. Mary Walker Award – Ladies Appreciation, National Award**

Margaret Atkinson, PNP – Auxiliary to the SUVCW  
Janice Corfman, PNP – Ladies of the GAR  
Cher Petrovic – Auxiliary to the SUVCW

5. Congratulations to all of the award winners. Their contributions to this Order are invaluable and the Commander-in-Chief extends his sincerest thanks for their efforts.

Ordered this 10th Day of August 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary,

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**APPENDIX 3**  
**Attendees of the 131<sup>st</sup> National Encampment of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
131<sup>st</sup> Annual National Encampment  
Attendees by Department**

**Department of California and Pacific**

Robert M. Albert	David E. Allyn	Todd R. Armstrong	Christopher Avila
Frank C. Avila	Charles L. Beal	Daniel M. Bunnell	Richard T. Burns
Phillip L. Caines	Tad D. Campbell	Ronald Cannon	Charles L. Christian
Thomas P. Chumley	Gene A. Cooper	Kevin Coyne	Allen R. Davis
George T. Dore	Daniel R. Earl	Dean A Enderlin	Floyd L. Farrar
Kenneth G. Felton	Richard J. Ferman	Joseph R. Ferman	William K. Gallagher
Mace M. Gjerman	Thomas T. Graham	Joseph L. Hart	Garrett Hasslinger
Jon C. Henry	Bruce J. Hevelin	Thomas E. Helmantoler	Bill Hoge
Robert J. Kadlec	Rick T. LaRosa	Paul E. Lavrischeff	Greg "Doc" Lutes
Kenneth H. Lynch	Charles W. Mable	Linn Malaznik	Jeffrey E. Malone
Joe Marti	Drew C. Nolke	Timothy P. Reese	Glenn L. Roosevelt
Jerry R. Sayre	D. Brad Schall	David C. Schleeter	Mike Schooling
Terry Shaw	Nick Smith	Owen R. Stiles	William E. Tisch
Jeffrey L. Vaillant	Rudy E. Velasco III	Ken Walker	Don Wilt      Eric Wilt

**Department of Chesapeake**

D. Michael Beard	Jeffrey C. Burden	Jeffrey French	Steve S. Hammond
Andrew M. Johnson	James L. Locke	Kevin L. Martin	Robert H. Moore II
Michael A. Paquette	Robert D. Pollock	Lee D. Stone	

**Department of Florida**

James G. Ward

**Georgia and South Carolina**

Mark A. Hale	Brian C. Pierson
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**Department of Illinois**

Jerome W. Kowalski	Steven J. Westlake	Charles E. Wright
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**Department of Indiana**

John K. Eger	Edward J. Krieser	J. Alan Teller
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**Department of Iowa**

James A. Braden, Jr.	Frank Hanna	David M. Lamb	Ronald Rittel
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**Department of Massachusetts**

Dexter A. Bishop	Conley W. Ford	Kenneth E. London	Perley E. Mellor
Edward Norris	Kevin P. Tucker		

**Department of Michigan**

Paul D. Arnold	Dale L. Aurand	Paul Davis	Loyd D. Lamphere, Jr.
Robert May	James B. Pahl	Donald W. Shaw	

**Department of Missouri**

Martin R. Aubuchon	Walter E. Busch	Dale E. Crandell	John Palmer
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Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

**Department of Nebraska**

Brent H. Hood

**Department of New York**

Jeffrey Albanese      Danny L. Wheeler

**Department of North Carolina**

Gerald M. Devine

**Department of Ohio**

Shawn A. Cox	Donald E. Darby	Johnathan Davis	Thomas W. Graham
Tim Graham	Robert E. Grim	James G. Hilton	James H. Houston
Fred C. Lynch	Donald L. Martin	Henry E. Shaw, Jr.	Robert J. Wolz

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Steve Indan	Richard D. Orr	David W. Demmy, Sr.	Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson
George L. Powell	David W. Sosnowski		

**Department of Rhode Island**

John A. Connor	Henry C. Duquette	Leo F. Kennedy
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**Department of Tennessee**

Charles H. Engle	Douglas K. Fidler	Geoffrey C. Hintze
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**Department of Texas**

Donald L. Gates	David K. LaBrot
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**Department of Wisconsin**

Thomas J. Brown	Eric D. Graff	Brian D. McManus	Stephen A. Michaels
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**Camps-at-Large**

John R. Conrad	W. Michael Moore	Donald A. Stachota	David A. Swanson
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**National Membership-at-Large**

Adam Gaines

**APPENDIX 4**  
**Past Commanders-in-Chief of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan
2004	Stephen A. Michaels	Wisconsin
2005	Donald E. Darby	Ohio
2006	James B. Pahl	Michigan
2007	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Pennsylvania
2008	David V. Medert	Ohio
2009	Leo F. Kennedy	Rhode Island
2010	D. Brad Schall	California
2011	Donald E. Palmer	Missouri

#### **HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

1883	A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	R.J.M. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	Albert Woolson	Minnesota

#### **SONS OF VETERANS**

1881	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

#### **THE POST SYSTEM**

1889-90	George W. Marks	New York
1890	George T. Brown	New York

#### **PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS**

Isaac S. Bangs	Maine
A. V. Bohn	Colorado
Frank Challis	New Hampshire
Charles S. Crysler	Missouri
A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
H.P. Kent	Massachusetts
William Maskell	Illinois
Walter S. Payne	Ohio
R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
William Ross	Maryland
Raphael Tobias	New York
Leland J. Webb	Kansas

**APPENDIX 5**  
**National Encampments of the**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6-7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27-30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17-18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1-2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17-19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15-17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10-13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26-29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24-29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8-12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15-18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20-23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16-18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8-10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9-11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10-14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7-9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11-13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17-18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7-9	Washington, D.C.
22th	1903	September 15-17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17-19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18-20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20-23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20-21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25-27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24-25	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20-22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20-25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27-29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16-18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1-3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28-30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30-31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22-23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20-21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9-11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22-23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26-28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4-6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
43rd	1924	August 12-14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1-3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21-23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18-20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10-12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26-28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14-17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19-22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19-23	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14-16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9-12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22-24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6-9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5-8	Des Moines, Iowa

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
58th	1939	August 29-30	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10-12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15-18	Columbus, Ohio
61th	1942	September 15-17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20-23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12-14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1-4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10-14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26-30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28-31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20-24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19-23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24-28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23-27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8-13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21-25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 9-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18-22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17-21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16-20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21-25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20-24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19-23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18-23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16-20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15-19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6-10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18-22	Wilmington, Delaware
88th	1969	August 17-21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23-27	Miami Beach, California
90th	1971	August 15-19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13-17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5-9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18-22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10-14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15-19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14-18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13-17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12-15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10-14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9-13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14-18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 13-19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12-16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10-15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10-13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9-12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14-17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13-16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12-15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11-14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13-16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13-15	Portland Maine
113th	1994	August 11-14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10-13	Columbus, Ohio

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
115th	1996	August 8-11	Columbus, Ohio
116th	1997	August 7-10	Utica, New York
117th	1998	August 6-9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19-22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17-20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10-12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9-11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8-10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12-15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4-7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
126th	2007	August 9-12	St. Louis, Missouri
127th	2008	August 7-10	Boston, Massachusetts
128th	2009	August 13-15	Louisville, Kentucky
129th	2010	August 12-15	Overland Park, Kansas
130th	2011	August 12-15	Reston, Virginia
131st	2012	August 10-12	St. Louis, Missouri

Appendix 6

National Treasurer's Spreadsheets



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		General	Sr. Vice			National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Blue	
		Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Tomb		Heritage	CW	Gray	
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Obeservance	GAR	Defense	Monument	Ball	Consolidated
							Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
	Proceedings Transcription	1,020.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,020.00
	Proceedings Printing	150.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.67
	Dies	1,450.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,450.00
	Miscellaneous	46.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46.34
	Quartermaster Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Past CinC Jewel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Penalties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Postage	561.12	-	-	-	503.51	32.45	45.00	-	-	17.60	1,159.68
	Printing & Photocoying	291.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291.07
	Supplies	-	20.44	-	-	27.53	-	-	-	-	-	47.97
	Telephone	-	-	-	-	1,549.08	-	-	-	-	-	1,549.08
	Internet Cable	-	-	-	-	549.89	-	-	-	-	-	549.89
	Web Hosting	223.58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223.58
Total Operations		4,385.71	20.44	11.99	-	2,630.01	32.45	45.00	-	-	17.60	7,143.20
Program Expenses												
	National Encamp. Host Comm.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Awards	405.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	405.00
	Scholarships	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00
	Grants	-	-	2,600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,600.00
	Life Member Reimbursements	-	-	-	586.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	586.00
	Life Member Per Capita	-	-	-	203.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	203.00
	Luncheon	-	-	-	-	-	1,515.48	-	-	-	-	1,515.48
	Meeting Room	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Speaker	-	-	-	-	-	101.91	-	-	-	-	101.91
	Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Equipment Rental	-	-	-	-	-	125.00	-	-	-	-	125.00
	Printing	-	-	-	-	-	485.75	-	-	-	175.00	660.75
	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	366.33	-	-	-	-	366.33
	Wreath	-	-	-	-	-	-	209.80	-	-	-	209.80
	Musicians	-	-	-	-	-	1,100.00	-	-	-	3,000.00	4,100.00
	Photographs	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
	Refreshments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	153.60	153.60
	Decorations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41.84	41.84
	Bus Rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Travel & Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	63.40	-	-	-	-	63.40
	Lincoln Memorial	-	-	-	-	-	-	112.95	-	-	-	112.95
	Lincoln Tomb	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00
	Remembrance Day	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,721.65	-	-	-	5,721.65
	Cathedral of the Pines	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
	Grants Tomb	-	-	-	-	-	-	122.48	-	-	-	122.48
	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier	-	-	-	-	-	-	212.95	-	-	-	212.95
	Blue-Gray Donation to NPS	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,800.00	-	-	-	4,800.00
	GAR Campfire	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
	Grave Registrations	2,000.00										

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT  
JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Obeservance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	614.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	614.21
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	25.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00
National Encamp. Printing	1,779.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,779.25
Natl encampment awards	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Challenge Coins	113.03	-	-	-	-	-	1,249.89	-	-	-	1,362.92
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donation to GAR Fund	-	4,345.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,800.39	9,145.39
Banner	33,820.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,820.64
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>40,817.13</b>	<b>6,345.00</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>789.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,857.87</b>	<b>15,029.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,170.83</b>	<b>77,609.55</b>
<b>W/O Intercompany balances</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>76,972.18</b>	<b>6,365.44</b>	<b>2,611.99</b>	<b>789.00</b>	<b>31,446.04</b>	<b>3,890.32</b>	<b>15,074.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,188.43</b>	<b>145,338.12</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>54,394.71</b>	<b>(4,598.64)</b>	<b>4,724.65</b>	<b>10,303.74</b>	<b>105.85</b>	<b>755.68</b>	<b>(1,422.11)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>(531.78)</b>	<b>51,760.45</b>

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>											
<b>Current Assets</b>											
<b>Checking/Savings</b>											
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	\$ 325,415.51	\$ 13,330.49	\$ 7,461.70	\$ 14,969.84	\$ 46,251.25	\$ 3,577.16	\$ 87,000.55	\$ -	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,292.13	\$ 500,673.63
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	\$ 22.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.50
<b>Other Current Assets</b>											
<b>Undeposited Funds</b>	\$ -										\$ -
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>	\$ 3,420.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,861.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,282.07
<b>Inventory</b>	\$ 16,985.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,985.41
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	\$ 20,406.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,861.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,267.48
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	\$ 345,844.18	\$ 13,330.49	\$ 7,461.70	\$ 14,969.84	\$ 50,112.56	\$ 3,577.16	\$ 87,000.55	\$ -	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,292.13	\$ 524,963.61
<b>Fixed Assets</b>											
<b>Furniture and Equipment</b>	\$ 13,336.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,284.86
<b>Acc. Depr - Furn &amp; Equip.</b>	\$ (10,391.49)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,871.30)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (19,262.79)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	\$ 2,945.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,076.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 5,022.07
<b>Other Assets</b>											
<b>Other Assets</b>											
<b>Marketable Securities</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,046.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,046.81
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>	\$ 122,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178,610.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 343,979.47
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	\$ 122,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178,610.14	\$ 23,046.81	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367,026.28
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 471,289.33</b>	<b>\$ 13,330.49</b>	<b>\$ 7,461.70</b>	<b>\$ 193,579.98</b>	<b>\$ 75,236.29</b>	<b>\$ 3,577.16</b>	<b>\$ 116,972.21</b>	<b>\$ 12,897.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,375.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,292.13</b>	<b>\$ 897,011.96</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>											
<b>Liabilities</b>											
<b>Current Liabilities</b>											
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	\$ 923.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,064.97
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>											
<b>Accrued Expenses</b>	\$ 139.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139.96
<b>Due To Other Funds</b>	\$ 2,216.32	\$ (497.50)		\$ (2,267.76)	\$ (10.00)	\$ -	\$ 14.40	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (27.79)
<b>Deferred Revenue</b>	\$ 1,015.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,775.25

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	\$ 3,371.53	\$ (497.50)	\$ -	\$ (2,267.76)	\$ (10.00)	\$ -	\$ 14.40	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,887.42
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	\$ 4,294.74	\$ (497.50)	\$ -	\$ (2,267.76)	\$ 131.76	\$ -	\$ 14.40	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ 2,952.39
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ 4,294.74	\$ (497.50)	\$ -	\$ (2,267.76)	\$ 131.76	\$ -	\$ 14.40	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ 2,952.39
<b>Equity</b>											
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	\$ 376,666.16	\$ 17,174.13	\$ 574.93	\$ (21,980.26)	\$ 51,169.87	\$ 3,577.16	\$ 112,734.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 531.78	\$ 540,448.68
<b>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,137.01
<b>Permanently Restricted</b>				\$ 216,356.00							
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 90,328.43	\$ (3,346.14)	\$ 6,886.77	\$ 1,472.00	\$ 23,934.66	\$ -	\$ 4,222.90	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 375.00	\$ 0.35	\$ 126,117.88
<b>Total Equity</b>	\$ 466,994.59	\$ 13,827.99	\$ 7,461.70	\$ 195,847.74	\$ 75,104.53	\$ 3,577.16	\$ 116,957.81	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 532.13	\$ 894,059.57
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 471,289.33</b>	<b>\$ 13,330.49</b>	<b>\$ 7,461.70</b>	<b>\$ 193,579.98</b>	<b>\$ 75,236.29</b>	<b>\$ 3,577.16</b>	<b>\$ 116,972.21</b>	<b>\$ 12,897.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,375.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,292.13</b>	<b>\$ 897,011.96</b>

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
AT JANUARY 31, 2012

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>											
<b>Current Assets</b>											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 318,814.38	\$ 13,332.74	\$ 7,100.81	\$ 18,375.44	\$ 27,386.23	\$ 3,283.30	\$ 86,818.45	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,200.05	\$ 479,711.40
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ 2,198.81			\$ -							\$ 2,198.81
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 2,560.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 182.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,012.54
Inventory	\$ 21,016.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,016.01
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 25,775.36</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,270.00</b>	<b>\$ 182.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 35,227.36</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 344,589.74</b>	<b>\$ 13,332.74</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.81</b>	<b>\$ 18,375.44</b>	<b>\$ 36,656.23</b>	<b>\$ 3,465.30</b>	<b>\$ 86,818.45</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.05</b>	<b>\$ 514,938.76</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 13,336.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,284.86
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (10,936.77)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,052.10)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (19,988.87)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,399.87</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,896.12</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,295.99</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,807.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,807.21
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,980.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,980.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,630.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315,033.31
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ 122,533.84</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 178,610.14</b>	<b>\$ 24,807.21</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 29,971.66</b>	<b>\$ 12,897.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 368,820.52</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 469,523.45</b>	<b>\$ 13,332.74</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.81</b>	<b>\$ 196,985.58</b>	<b>\$ 63,359.56</b>	<b>\$ 3,465.30</b>	<b>\$ 116,790.11</b>	<b>\$ 12,897.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.05</b>	<b>\$ 888,055.27</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>											
<b>Liabilities</b>											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,881.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,881.67
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Payable	\$ 139.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139.96
Due To Other Funds	\$ (4,249.08)	\$ (892.50)	\$ (79.91)	\$ (2,339.32)	\$ 8,959.84	\$ -	\$ (1,927.46)	\$ 516.75	\$ (5.00)	\$ -	\$ (16.68)
Deferred Revenue	\$ 1,203.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,963.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (2,906.12)</b>	<b>\$ (892.50)</b>	<b>\$ (79.91)</b>	<b>\$ (2,339.32)</b>	<b>\$ 8,959.84</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,927.46)</b>	<b>\$ 516.75</b>	<b>\$ (5.00)</b>	<b>\$ 760.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,086.28</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 975.55</b>	<b>\$ (892.50)</b>	<b>\$ (79.91)</b>	<b>\$ (2,339.32)</b>	<b>\$ 8,959.84</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,927.46)</b>	<b>\$ 516.75</b>	<b>\$ (5.00)</b>	<b>\$ 760.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,967.95</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 975.55</b>	<b>\$ (892.50)</b>	<b>\$ (79.91)</b>	<b>\$ (2,339.32)</b>	<b>\$ 8,959.84</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,927.46)</b>	<b>\$ 516.75</b>	<b>\$ (5.00)</b>	<b>\$ 760.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,967.95</b>
<b>Equity</b>											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 385,619.32	\$ 17,174.13	\$ 574.93	\$ (21,980.26)	\$ 42,116.71	\$ 3,577.16	\$ 112,734.91	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 375.00	\$ 531.78	\$ 542,967.59
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,137.01
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00							
Net Income	\$ 82,928.58	\$ (2,948.89)	\$ 6,605.79	\$ 4,949.16	\$ 12,283.01	\$ (111.86)	\$ 5,982.66	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,908.27	\$ 111,626.72
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 468,547.90</b>	<b>\$ 14,225.24</b>	<b>\$ 7,180.72</b>	<b>\$ 199,324.90</b>	<b>\$ 54,399.72</b>	<b>\$ 3,465.30</b>	<b>\$ 118,717.57</b>	<b>\$ 12,380.92</b>	<b>\$ 1,405.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,440.05</b>	<b>\$ 882,087.32</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 469,523.45</b>	<b>\$ 13,332.74</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.81</b>	<b>\$ 196,985.58</b>	<b>\$ 63,359.56</b>	<b>\$ 3,465.30</b>	<b>\$ 116,790.11</b>	<b>\$ 12,897.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.05</b>	<b>\$ 888,055.27</b>

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>											
<b>Current Assets</b>											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 315,569.97	\$ 13,333.27	\$ 7,260.81	\$ 19,766.58	\$ 27,387.42	\$ 3,421.36	\$ 86,383.34	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ 474,522.75
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -			\$ -							\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 2,136.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,497.33	\$ 182.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,815.81
Inventory	\$ 22,579.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,579.50
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 24,715.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,497.33	\$ 182.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,395.31
Total Current Assets	\$ 340,285.95	\$ 13,333.27	\$ 7,260.81	\$ 19,916.58	\$ 35,884.75	\$ 3,603.36	\$ 86,383.34	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ 508,068.06
<b>Fixed Assets</b>											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 13,336.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,284.86
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (11,073.09)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,097.30)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (20,170.39)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 2,263.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,850.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,114.47
<b>Other Assets</b>											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,807.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,807.21
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,980.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,980.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,630.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315,033.31
Total Other Assets	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 178,610.14	\$ 24,807.21	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 368,820.52
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 465,083.34</b>	<b>\$ 13,333.27</b>	<b>\$ 7,260.81</b>	<b>\$ 198,526.72</b>	<b>\$ 62,542.88</b>	<b>\$ 3,603.36</b>	<b>\$ 116,355.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,897.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 881,003.05</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>											
<b>Liabilities</b>											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,571.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.10	\$ -	\$ 225.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,972.24
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Payable	\$ 139.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139.96
Due To Other Funds	\$ (3,929.82)	\$ (1,025.00)	\$ (33.34)	\$ (2,419.79)	\$ 8,920.09	\$ -	\$ (2,020.89)	\$ 516.75	\$ (5.00)	\$ -	\$ 3.00
Deferred Revenue	\$ 1,128.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ 2,026.00



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ (2,661.86)</u>	<u>\$ (1,025.00)</u>	<u>\$ (33.34)</u>	<u>\$ (2,419.79)</u>	<u>\$ 8,920.09</u>	<u>\$ 138.00</u>	<u>\$ (2,020.89)</u>	<u>\$ 516.75</u>	<u>\$ (5.00)</u>	<u>\$ 760.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,168.96</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 2,909.38</u>	<u>\$ (1,025.00)</u>	<u>\$ (33.34)</u>	<u>\$ (2,419.79)</u>	<u>\$ 9,095.19</u>	<u>\$ 138.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,794.99)</u>	<u>\$ 516.75</u>	<u>\$ (5.00)</u>	<u>\$ 760.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,141.20</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 2,909.38</u>	<u>\$ (1,025.00)</u>	<u>\$ (33.34)</u>	<u>\$ (2,419.79)</u>	<u>\$ 9,095.19</u>	<u>\$ 138.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,794.99)</u>	<u>\$ 516.75</u>	<u>\$ (5.00)</u>	<u>\$ 760.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,141.20</u>
<b>Equity</b>											
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	\$ 385,732.75	\$ 17,174.13	\$ 574.93	\$ (21,980.26)	\$ 42,116.71	\$ 3,577.16	\$ 112,734.91	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 375.00	\$ 531.78	\$ 543,081.02
<b>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,137.01
<b>Permanently Restricted</b>				\$ 216,356.00							
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$ 76,441.21</u>	<u>\$ (2,815.86)</u>	<u>\$ 6,719.22</u>	<u>\$ 6,570.77</u>	<u>\$ 11,330.98</u>	<u>\$ (111.80)</u>	<u>\$ 5,415.08</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,291.78)</u>	<u>\$ 102,287.82</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>\$ 462,173.96</u>	<u>\$ 14,358.27</u>	<u>\$ 7,294.15</u>	<u>\$ 200,946.51</u>	<u>\$ 53,447.69</u>	<u>\$ 3,465.36</u>	<u>\$ 118,149.99</u>	<u>\$ 12,380.92</u>	<u>\$ 1,405.00</u>	<u>\$ (760.00)</u>	<u>\$ 872,861.85</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>\$ 465,083.34</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 13,333.27</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 7,260.81</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 198,526.72</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 62,542.88</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 3,603.36</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 116,355.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 12,897.67</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,400.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$ -</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 881,003.05</b></u>

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT JUNE 30, 2012**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>											
<b>Current Assets</b>											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 374,447.34	\$ 12,335.49	\$ 12,499.65	\$ 26,364.53	\$ 26,626.95	\$ 4,332.84	\$ 81,654.76	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 539,666.56
Accounts Receivable	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182.00
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -			\$ -							\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 3,800.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,407.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,207.57
Inventory	\$ 21,272.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,272.43
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 25,072.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,407.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,480.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 399,531.84	\$ 12,335.49	\$ 12,499.65	\$ 26,534.53	\$ 32,034.45	\$ 4,332.84	\$ 81,654.76	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 570,328.56
<b>Fixed Assets</b>											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 13,336.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,284.86
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (11,618.37)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,452.14)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (21,070.51)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,718.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,496.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,214.35
<b>Other Assets</b>											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,707.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,707.03
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,630.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315,033.31
Total Other Assets	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,746.14	\$ 26,707.03	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 372,856.34
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 523,783.95</b>	<b>\$ 12,335.49</b>	<b>\$ 12,499.65</b>	<b>\$ 207,280.67</b>	<b>\$ 60,237.56</b>	<b>\$ 4,332.84</b>	<b>\$ 111,626.42</b>	<b>\$ 12,897.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,405.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 946,399.25</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>											
<b>Liabilities</b>											
<b>Current Liabilities</b>											
Accounts Payable	\$ (12.18)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (12.18)
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Payable	\$ 43.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43.80
Due To Other Fund	\$ 7,896.87	\$ (760.00)	\$ (2,105.93)	\$ (3.81)	\$ (5,300.00)	\$ -	\$ (243.88)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$ 75,807.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 9,306.00	\$ -	\$ 23,315.00	\$ -	\$ 557.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,505.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 83,747.67	\$ (240.00)	\$ 7,200.07	\$ (3.81)	\$ 18,015.00	\$ -	\$ 313.62	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,549.30
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 83,735.49	\$ (240.00)	\$ 7,200.07	\$ (3.81)	\$ 18,015.00	\$ -	\$ 313.62	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,537.12

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT JUNE 30, 2012**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ 83,735.49	\$ (240.00)	\$ 7,200.07	\$ (3.81)	\$ 18,015.00	\$ -	\$ 313.62	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,537.12
<b>Equity</b>											
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	\$ 385,653.75	\$ 17,174.13	\$ 574.93	\$ (19,375.26)	\$ 42,116.71	\$ 3,577.16	\$ 112,734.91	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 375.00	\$ 531.78	\$ 545,607.02
<b>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,137.01
<b>Permanently Restricted</b>				\$ 216,356.00							
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 54,394.71	\$ (4,598.64)	\$ 4,724.65	\$ 10,303.74	\$ 105.85	\$ 755.68	\$ (1,422.11)	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ (531.78)	\$ 63,762.10
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>\$ 440,048.46</u>	<u>\$ 12,575.49</u>	<u>\$ 5,299.58</u>	<u>\$ 207,284.48</u>	<u>\$ 42,222.56</u>	<u>\$ 4,332.84</u>	<u>\$ 111,312.80</u>	<u>\$ 12,380.92</u>	<u>\$ 1,405.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 836,862.13</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 523,783.95</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,335.49</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,499.65</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 207,280.67</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 60,237.56</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,332.84</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 111,626.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,897.67</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,405.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 946,399.25</u></u>