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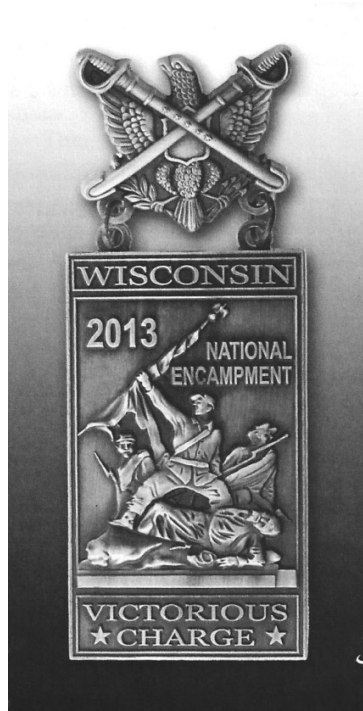
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Perley Mellor
Commander-in-Chief
2012 – 2013

Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor has been actively involved in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; he has been a life member in the Willie Grout Camp 25 Worcester, Massachusetts, for over 50 years. From an early age he grew up loving the organization as his mother and father were greatly involved. His father Clark W. Mellor was Commander-in-Chief during 1988/89 and his mother Elizabeth was a life member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and a sister in the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. His uncles Donald and Edward were also brothers in Camp 25. His grandmother Alice was a sister of the WRC.

Today, it's his wife Diane and daughters Heather, Jennifer, and Veronica who are actively involved in the Auxiliary. The Allied Orders run deep in their blood.

Commander-in-Chief Mellor is the great grandson of Sgt. Clark W. James, Co. K 21st Connecticut Infantry and comrade of George H. Ward Post 10 G.A.R., Worcester; Pvt. William H. Mellor, Co. H 34th Infantry Massachusetts and comrade of George H. Ward Post 10 G.A.R., Worcester; and Pvt. Andrew Lucia, Co. D 13th Vermont Regiment.

He was elected as Commander-in-Chief at the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles. He has distinguishably served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the following ways: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Council of Administration; 3 year office, National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Member of the Civil War Memorials Grant Committee, Assistant to PCinC Danny Wheeler for the National ROTC/JROTC Program, Department of Massachusetts Commander; 3 terms in office, Department Council, Camp 25 Commander; 2 terms in office, Camp 25 Council, Past New England Regional Association Commander; 1 term in office, Member of the 2008 National Encampment Committee, and in numerous other offices at the Camp and Department levels.

Commander-in-Chief Mellor served in the United States Air Force for 20 years and retired in 1984 as a Tech Sergeant. He went to work for BAE Systems as a security officer and retired from that company in 2006. Within the community he is active in organizations such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, American Society of Industrial Security, Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire, Friends of Gettysburg, Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, Civil War Trust, and the Girl Scouts. He is also a Kentucky Colonel.

He grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts, traveled the world with his family while with the USAF, and has settled in Nashua, New Hampshire.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
132nd National Encampment, August 9, 2013**

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers of the 132nd National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order. Color guard, present the colors. Please stand.

[three raps *]**

Posting of Colors by Color Guard

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Now 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.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Now you can sit down. I appoint the following Brothers for the encampment officers. Guard, Brian McManus; Guide, Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin. Guide, will you determine if all are eligible to remain? Color bearer, assist on the right.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Custer, from Florida, would you please come up here please?

Eric Gaft, Encampment Guide, Department of Wisconsin

Department Commander. Sir, I find all are entitled to remain.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Come see the Treasurer please. You must owe us \$100,000.00 then.

Brother Custer, Department of Florida

No, no, no. (laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, upon what principles are our Order founded and on what duties do we inculcate?

Encampment (in unison)

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. It's good morning.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we meet here again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual session, to review the works of the past and plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations; ... By the way, I put this up here on purpose. It's a trowel stuck in a piece of wood. It's to spread some of the word out so it doesn't get all tangled. and marked with mutual tolerance, fraternal courtesy and ever keeping in mind our duty to our county, to the Order, and to ourselves. Chaplain, now 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 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 principles 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 in all things with Your special

mercy. Give us Your aid 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.

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AMEN.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

By virtue of the authority invested in me, I now declare the 132nd Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I'd have the National Secretary to call the roll call of officers.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor?	Present.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshly?	Present.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell?	Present.
Secretary Eugene Mortorff?	Present.
National Treasurer, Richard Orr?	Present.
National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler?	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Bill Vieira?	Absent.
Council of Administration Member, Robert Petrovic?	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Don Shaw?	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Steve Hammond?	Present.
Council of Administration Member, Don Martin?	Present.
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Palmer?	Present.
Banner Editor, Stephen Michaels?	Present.
Executive Director, David Demmy?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy?	Present.
Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert?	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief Charlie Kuhn?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grimm?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell?	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore?	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer Atkinson?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Lowell Hammer?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Partington?	Absent.
Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury?	Present.
Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt?	Absent.

That concludes the roll.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

At this time, I'd like to introduce Commander-in-Chief, of MOLLUS, Jeffrey Burden

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(applause)

Jeffrey C. Burden, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS

Good morning to everybody. I'm officially here as a delegate of the Department of the Chesapeake, Brady Camp #63, and I'm very proud to be here with my Brothers from the Department of the Chesapeake. But I will speak to you right now as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and bring greetings from that organization, its companions, the Dames of the Loyal Legion as well. It is my special pleasure today to present a small token of our esteem and appreciation and thanks to our our fellow toiler in the vineyard, so to speak, and our outgoing Commander-in-Chief, Perley Mellor. I would ask all Companions of the Loyal Legion to please stand at this point while we make this presentation. Let me reach behind here. I'm gonna let you unwrap that while I talk a little more. What we're gonna see in a moment without giving away too much was an item that we were pleased to be presented with an original and prints of in Mexico last spring while we attended, a number of us I think some of us in this room, I know, attended the 150th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Puebla fought on the 5th of May 1862. This is the genesis of the Cinco de Mayo celebration. If you would hold that up you can take a look at it first. But, this is a print of a commissioned painting done by a Mexican surrealist artist and the main part of it depicts President Lincoln and President Benito Juarez of Mexico who was president of Mexico at that time and as an admirer of Lincoln as Lincoln was of his. One of the great North American leaders of the 19th century they had a much better relationship than had existed between those two countries just fifteen years before, largely due to Lincoln's wise leadership and the leadership of Benito Juarez, as well. I will read on the back, "Presented to Perley Mellor, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and MOLLUS Companion," I am pleased to say as of this year, "from the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion dated August 9, 2013."

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(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Jeff.

Jeffrey C. Burden, Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS

Hang it with pride.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

By the way, it is number eighteen out of two hundred, so it is very low in the series. Thank you very much, Jeff. Okay. A few rules of the Order. The encampment will be conducted in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order, Tenth Edition. May be suspended by 2/3 vote of the Encampment present and voting. The Assistant National Counselor, will serve as Parliamentarian. National Officers and committee chairs shall not read their submitted reports. Rather they should present any changes to the items they have written and submitted, along with reading their recommendations that require action of this Encampment. And Tad, I know you got a lot of them. Officer's report will not exceed five minutes in length. When speaking on an issue of the Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice in any issue each time not to be exceed five minutes. The exceptions being granted by 2/3 vote of the Encampment. Except that the person making the motion may answer questions. In other words, five minutes and then two. Which privilege shall not be cancelled on the action providing the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate on any particular issue, including but not limited to designating the maximum number of speakers allowed to speak as of each side of the question on the floor. Cell phones are to be turned off or put in silent. 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 will be conducted in a spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. In general voting, please use your voting cards. Make sure you have them to vote. All motions, amendments, substitutions, or other actions initiated from the floor, or procedural motions or corrections of spelling, typographical errors, shall be in writing for the minutes of the National Secretary and final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. Encampment committee shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving those items on the floor of the Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendations to adopt, reject, refer, or other appropriate actions. When rising to be recognized by the Chair, use one of the mics. Salute the Chair and announce your name, Department, or National office. Well I can see Don's already left so we're all set now so... Any requests for funds from the Special Projects Fund or other funds of the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to Noon tomorrow, Saturday. With complete information as to what the project is, who is chairing the project, and the address for which the check will be awarded. All such requests will be then presented to the National Encampment for consideration. Questions? Any questions? Thank you.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Could I add one? Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Acting as Parliamentarian. I have one additional item for attention of the Brothers. That we have hired a professional photographer this weekend, Cher Petrovic. So as she's taking photographs of groups or activities, please give her priority. Refrain from taking pictures until she's done. And then she'll help make sure that everyone stays set up for you. But please show that courtesy to Cher this week.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, I also have one additional announcement. Any requests for announcements from the Chair up here, please get them in to me. In other words, during the course if you need to make an announcement for like where dinner's gonna be or anything like that, just put it in writing please and just bring it up and give it to me or just lay it up here someplace and mark it for me and I'll make sure that those announcements get made.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, since we are on procedures. I have a motion. Since the Department of Connecticut is not in good standing and cannot have representation. And we do have one Brother from the Department here, I move you that the Brother from the Department of Connecticut be seated and permitted to vote with the National Membership-at-Large and is not to appear on the records of this Encampment as a representative of the Department of Connecticut.

Unknown

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion made and seconded. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your voting cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved. You might add there were five Departments suspended this year. All but Connecticut had submitted their paperwork and one Camp-at-Large in Washington state. So that's not bad. That's a good job. This was done at the joint opening. I want to do it now. Will all the Past Commanders-in-Chief please rise for recognition?

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(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you gentlemen. I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you all to attention.

[three raps, ***]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I'd like to have a moment of silence for all our Brothers that have passed and all the Brothers that are serving in the Armed Forces, both present and past.

Silence

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Walt, do you have a preliminary report please? Thank you.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

The Encampment had 202 people pre-register, 174 present. One Commander-in-Chief, fourteen Past Commanders-in-Chief, fourteen Department Commanders, fifty-one Past Department Commanders, sixty-six delegates, twenty-nine alternates. Twenty-nine alternates, and one Junior. That's it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Appointments of the Encampment Committees. Constitution and Regulations: Bob Grimm is Chair; Tad Campbell; Don Palmer; Don Darby. Resolutions: Mark Day is Chair; Dr. Fidler, Alan Teller; and David Hahn. Officers Reports: Ed Norris is Chair; Steve Michaels; Jeffrey French, Don Shaw. I'll pick replacements for those committees and we'll add another one to it as needed. Rituals and Ceremonies: Robert Pugsley, from New York; Don Martin; Meryl Rudabush; and Jeffrey Heinz. Fraternal Relations for the Auxiliary: This year is gonna be myself and Tad Campbell. Auxiliary Response: Andy Johnson. He always does a fine, fantastic job. Ladies of the Grand Army will be myself and Ken Freshley, which he didn't know about that until just now. LGAR Response will be Andy Johnson. We have a DUV Representative here today. And she'll be here later on. And that'll be Andy Johnson's response for her too. That's from his own area. Andy's gonna be response for all of them. I just like that. If we have a representative from the WRC, which we may, it'll be Andy as well. But I'm not sure about that. Reports of Officers.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Can I make one small announcement on recommendations? For those committees that are dealing with recommendations, I put together and I passed some out last night, but I have a number left of papers that have all the recommendations that are in your packets that you have in your hand. But all the recommendations for all the officers and committees for those are in this so you don't have to trying to fumble through them to get to them. So, if one person from each of those committees would come up and grab one, that might make your jobs a little easier.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We'll now start with the Officer's Report. At this time, I'm gonna give control of the Encampment floor to the Senior Vice. Officers, delegates, and brothers attending the 132nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it has been an honor to serve you as Commander-in-Chief of this Order for the past year. It seems that the year just started, and now it's coming to a conclusion. This has been a year of highs and lows. The passing of so many of our National Allied Orders. The last one here was the first of August. And National Leaders. Still through it all, we have kept the focus on moving our Order forward. I have continued the special committees on Vision and Planning 2020, and Promotions and Marketing with the hopes that they would be to keep looking forward. And they have. Upon taking office, I made it a point to raise our membership by three to four hundred new members, new Brothers. At this writing, the membership is slightly over 6400,

which is a far cry from what it was about ten years ago. To all the Brothers, thank you for a job well done. What we all have to do now is continue to facilitate receiving the efforts. We have to continue going forward and recruiting new members at all costs. During the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles, California, the Brothers voted to move forward with the filing of the 501(c)(3) paperwork. The tax attorney that was chosen by the National Treasurer and the Council of Administration was contacted and all the paperwork has been started. Over the next few months, 100% of the forms were completed, signed, dated, notarized by myself and the National Treasurer. All the forms were submitted to the IRS, along with all the states' forms that were required. Now we're in a waiting mode. I was hoping that the process to continue from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) would be completed before I went out of office. But we are still waiting for the IRS. Only time will tell. Over the last year, we have completed phase one and two of the redesign of the Graves Registration database. Hopefully, the final phase will be completed the next administrative year. As we move forward, we move into the next the third year, the Sesquicentennial. The SUVCW has continued to promote public awareness of this significant anniversary with the approved signature events across the country. There were many events that were conducted by the Brothers. They were approved by the Council of Administration. Almost every weekend of any of this administrative year, an event to promote the Sesquicentennial and the SUVCW was held. My emails were and still are full of news and photos from all over the country of all these events. Great job to all of the Brothers that were involved in these events and ceremonies. At this time, I want to give everybody a great hand. It's been great.

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(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

During the past year, I continued to forge a better relationship with the Allied Orders by having two formal meetings with the National Presidents. I also interacted with many of the National Presidents and their Senior Offices at many ceremonies throughout the year, where we discussed many subjects that were important to all of us. During these encounters, we came away with the same conclusions. We all need to build our membership and develop a youth program. Our future is in our young members and I can see to here we have several here today. The DUVCW already has a program called "DOVES." The Auxiliaries to the Sons of Union Veterans are working on setting up a program for juniors. Now the SUVCW needs to have a program to meet the needs of our young members. It is my hope that my successors continue this effort and work to get the Allied Orders back to what they were many years ago, one large family. I knew when I took this position as Commander-in-Chief, that my travel plans were going to be extensive, never ending. My first official visit was in Phoenix, Arizona with the Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large. It was the first time a Commander-in-Chief had made a visit to their camp. There's about sixty Brothers, wives, and DUV Sisters at their August meeting. A great time was held by all. From that point on, it did not stop. I travelled to all parts of the country attending National functions, special events, and Department Encampments. One thing that you learn very quickly is that the members are doing great work all across the country, in getting our name out in front of the public at every opportunity. This is why we are getting more and more members every month. Keep this up and we'll reach seven thousand before we know it. The last three stops of my tour... That's what I've been calling it, of this great country, the SVC Annual Meeting, Vicksburg, Mississippi on July 18, 2013. The DUVCW, 1861-1865 National Encampment in Lincoln, Nebraska held July 31, 2013. And WRSC National Encampment in Oberlin, Ohio on August 2 and 3, 2013. I have a couple of recommendations. I recommend that the next Commander-in-Chief continue the committee on Juniors and that the committee develop a program for the Juniors to be active on a camp and department level. I recommend that both the SUVCW and the ASUVCW conduct a joint installation of officers as a point of business on Sunday morning, one right after the other. Then go into our council meetings. In conclusion, I'd like to thank all the Brothers who have helped get this a

wonderful and fantastic year. For Fraternity, and Charity, and Loyalty signed by myself, Commander-in-Chief.

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(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The motion is that the Commander-in-Chief's report and all subsequent officers' reports are referred to the Committee on Officer's Reports.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All in favor, please raise your voting cards. All those opposed, same sign.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved. Now we're gonna move in to the other reports starting with the Senior Vice Commander.

Ken L. Freshley, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley. My report stands as submitted with one change. We had eighteen applications that were eleven approvals and seven disapprovals.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Junior Vice Commander.

Tad D. Campbell, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell. The main update to my report... By the way, my report's on page 6. Recommendation's on page 8. ...Is number of applications was reported as 197. That now stands at 213, not counting whatever's in my mailbox back in California.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

National Secretary.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Secretary. My report stands as it was submitted. Couple of other things. There are not, I don't believe, I put in there because it wasn't finished yet. And that is that last year's National Encampment put forth a change to the Preamble to the Constitution that would allow for ancestors who served in the Revenue Cutter Service that would qualify a descendent as a membership. And that passed unanimously by all the Departments who responded. There were very few, a couple abstentions, and a few persons, I know, I think it was like less than ten. So that passed. And there was a General Order issued by the Commander-in-Chief to that effect. Also in the report, under charters, new camps having completed the camp formation application process. The General Truman A. Seymour #9 Camp, Jacksonville, Florida has now a charter that is signed by the Commander-in-Chief. So that one's completed and ready for presentation. That's really all I have. Oh, wait. There was one more thing. There was one other motion. Motion number fourteen, I believe it was. Was for an award presentation of the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, and that was approved. But I won't mention the individual's name.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Treasurer.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, my report starts on page thirteen. I have no additions to it, but if anyone has any questions on where we are with the conversion to 501(c) (3), I'll be glad to try and answer them.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No questions. Surprise. Surprise. National Quartermaster. Danny. He stepped out of the room. Council of Administration Officers. I haven't got your names down here, so...uh...

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Would you like for me to read them?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Read them off one at a time, please.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council of Administration Robert Petrovic.

Council of Administration Member Robert Petrovic

Nothing to add.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Council of Administration member, Don Shaw.

Don Shaw, Council of Administration

Sir, my report is on page 21. I have no additions.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council of Administration member, Steve Hammond.

Steve Hammond, Council of Administration

My report is on page 22. No additions.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council of Administration member, Donald Martin.

Donald Martin, Council of Administration

Report's on page 21. No additions.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Council of Administration member and Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Palmer.

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

My report is on pages 19-21. And there are no additions.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Banner Editor, Steve Michaels.

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

My report is on page twenty-three. No additions.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Executive Director, David Demmy.

David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director

My report is on page 24. I have no additions.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

National Aide to Camp.

John Bates, National Aid to Camp

As stands, sir. Nothing to add.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Liaison to Cathedral of The Pines is not here, I don't believe. No. National Camp-at-Large. Department Organizer. National Liaison to MOLLUS.

Keith G. Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Commander-in-Chief, no additions, corrections, or deletions.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Chaplain.

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Commander-in-Chief, God is good; so is my report.

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(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator.

Alan Russ, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

My report is on page 27. No changes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Yea, I know. National Chief-of-Staff.

Ed Norris, National Chief-of-Staff

Commander-in-Chief, my report's on page 27. No additions.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Patriotic Instructor.

John Bates, National Patriotic Instructor

Commander-in-Chief, my report stands as submitted.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Civil War Memorial Officer.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorial Officer

Walter Bush Memorials Officer. It starts on page 37. There is an adjustment on Michigan's monuments. They have had four added since the report was submitted. And Wisconsin has had four added since the report was submitted. And I've completed Arkansas' initial survey of all the monuments and I have a list of them. Other than that, the report stands. And the recommendation for the job description change as noted in the report. That's it, sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I do have a question. In the index here, it also has a report submitted by ...Brother Busch that I believe is on page 29. Is that also covered yours? You said 37. There's something on 29. I just want to make sure we got all our ducks in a row.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorial Officer

The report on page 29 is combined with report that starts on page 37.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Signals Officer. Do we delete him? He's not here. He'll be here? Later today? That's good. National Color Bearer.

Lee Stone, National Color Bearer

Sir, Lee Stone, National Color Bearer. I don't know what page it's on. I did not obtain a copy of the Officer's Reports.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Stay standing. Washington D.C. Rep.

Lee Stone, Washington D.C. Representative

Sir, Lee Stone, Washington D.C. Rep. No changes to my report.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

And I might add he did a fantastic job in Washington D.C. for us, and for the WRC and for the Auxiliary, and the DUV. National Counselor.

Leo F. Kennedy, National Counselor

Morning sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Morning.

Leo F. Kennedy, National Counselor

I have no changes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings.

Ken L. Freshley, Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings

Commander, page 33. No changes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Eagle Scout Coordinator.

Robert M. Petrovic, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

It's on page 34 and no additions.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National GAR Highway Officer. Not here. The Brothers that are not here, their reports are in the packets so if you want to, just take a look at them. It's about 140 pages long, so it's a large reading. National Web Master.

Ken L. Freshley, National Web Master

Commander, page 34. No changes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Graves Registration Officer.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Sir, page 36. No changes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National GAR Highway Records Officer.

Dean Enderlin, National GAR Highway Records Officer

Commander, page 36. No changes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Historian and I know he's not here.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, if you may, I just have a couple of things I wanted to say as far as business is concerned.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

During the course of the year, we receive a lot of correspondence. We did receive a number of resolutions from the Departments in support of various candidates. I won't go into all those now. But there was a number for Tad Campbell, who is running for Commander-in-Chief and myself running for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Unknown

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

No, there was actually no correspondence for Brother Freshley for running for Commander-in-Chief. All of it was for Tad Campbell for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and myself for Junior Vice

Commander-in-Chief. I get confused. Okay, here we go. All the communications as far as letters and stuff as all, they've already been molded into. I received a lot of our resolutions. Those are all gonna be dealt with today. I did get this letter just a little while ago. And I'll read that for you. This is from the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans from Covington, Kentucky. "Greetings to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Allied Orders from our Order to yours. We extend greetings for your 2013 National Encampment. Many of our Brothers, myself included, are also members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and both organizations honor the memory of our veterans. After the great divide and unfortunate conflict of the Civil War, gradually our nation healed and came back together. The most visible time was the conflict of the Spanish-American War in 1898. At that time, Veterans of the Civil War, their children, and grandchildren once again answered our nation's call to arms with honor. Our Order also includes those who served during the Philippine Insurrection and the China Relief Expedition, 1898 to 1903. Our convention is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, meeting aboard the last battleship, perhaps only remaining ship of any kind from this Spanish-American War, *The Olympia*, this week, as well. Otherwise as the SUVCW, PDP of Kentucky, I would have hoped to attend your convention, along with my Brothers. I hope your convention accomplishes much and friendships are created and renewed. In patriotism, freedom, and humanity, Bernard Birch O'Bryan, III, National President, Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans."

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Just continue on with communications.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I believe that's it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Communications?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I believe that's all I have.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Well, that's very slow.

Adam Gains, The Aztec Club of 1847

One more. Aztec Club.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You weren't here. (chuckle)

Adam Gains, The Aztec Club of 1847

Well, sorry. I was becoming Sister Adam Gains over in the LGAR room.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

(chuckle) That's fine. Go ahead.

Adam Gains, The Aztec Club of 1847

Okay. The Aztec Club of 1847 was founded in October of 1847 in Mexico City during the American Occupation. Among the original members in Mexico City, while it was in Mexico City, were U.S. Grant, Joseph Hooker, and George B. McClellan. And after the Civil War Winfield Scott Hancock and Wayne Tecumseh Sherman also became members of the Aztec Club. And one Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War also served as National President of the Aztec Club of 1847. On behalf of President Maxie Maxwell and the entire Aztec Club of 1847, we wish the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War an enjoyable and productive Encampment.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Adam. I appreciate that.

Adam Gains, The Aztec Club of 1847

Not a problem. And thanks.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay. This one's from The Big Walnut Area, Myers Inn Historical Society. "On behalf of the Rosecrans Memorial Fund and The Big Walnut Area Historical Society, I want to thank you and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War monument preservation, conservation, and restoration fund for the \$1,000.00 donated to the General Rosecrans Equestrian Statue. I am sure the Major General Rosecrans would strongly supports your efforts, if he were still with us. Your donation gives you a double engraved brick in the Trail to the General walkway. The brick consists of up to six lines on fifteen characters per line. Since the letters are all capitals, be sure to leave a space between the words. This is just a suggestion." And they gave some as far as Sons of Union Veterans and all of that. "Enclosed is a form for the brick. Please complete it and mail it to the address given. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 28, 2013, for the dedication of the statute. Festivities will begin with a parade at 2:00, a ceremony at 3:30, and a ball at 7:00 in the General Rosecrans Elementary School. I hope many of your members were plan to participate. Again, many thanks for your contribution. Enclosed is a receipt for your donation. All donations to The Big Walnut Area Historical Society are tax deductible." And we have the forms here.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, National Treasurer, Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the form be forwarded to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for completion as he sees fit.

Severall

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion made and seconded...that we forward the application and the forms to incoming Commander-in-Chief. Any discussion? Please raise your voting cards. All in those in favor? All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

'kay. The second one is a note from Britta Musser. "Dear Sons, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for awarding me your scholarship. I am honored and extremely grateful for your generosity. I will be able to apply the money towards my studies at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Again, thank you for helping to ease the burden of paying for a college education. Sincerely, Britta Musser." She's active in the organization too, if I remember one of the Allied Orders.

Unknown

She is the president of our auxiliary. She's seventeen years old and president of the auxiliary that she belongs to.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There's our young members again. I'm gonna back up just a little bit...

Henry Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Henry Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief, Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio. Perhaps, we can save a little bit of wheel spinning relative to National Treasurer Orr's motion. With all due respect, you couldn't possibly have known, but the matter is taken care of. I happen to be involved with the Rosecrans Statute Project. The letters have all been filled out and we're just waiting to have the bricks engraved. So, you needn't take any further action on that. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Appreciate that, Henry. Any more communications?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

No more.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I am gonna digress here a little bit. Go back to officer's reports.

James B. Pahl, Assistant National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl. All the reports that I have stand as issued. I have one addition to my report as Assistant National Secretary, Department-at-Large, Secretary, Treasurer. We have with us today two delegates from the Department-at-Large. Loran Bures of the Governor Isaac Stevens Camp #1 in the state of Washington. And John Conrad, a Past Camp Commander of the Picacho Peak Camp #1 in Arizona.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Welcome. We hope to see more of the Brothers from the Camps-at-Large at future Encampments. You know the next one's on the east coast. I've got a couple more additions to committees. Resolutions, Jerry Sayre. Please.

Jerry Sayre

Sir?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You're on the Resolutions Committee.

Jerry Sayre

I was not aware Sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You are now.

Jerry Sayre

I am now.

Encampment

(Laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Officer's report, Jim Ward from Florida. I know he's back there someplace. There you are, Jim. Twelve o'clock is lunch, so we have forty-five minutes here. We're going to continue on reports. If anybody's having a problem, restroom's right across the hall. Just let yourself out and come back in. Cause I'm not going to break right now. I'm going to continue on with standing reports. Standing committees. Americanization and Education.

John W. Bates, III, Nat'l Comm. on Americanization and Education

Commander-in-Chief, our report stands as issued.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. We need to have the page where the report is in the booklets. Use the index.

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

Brother, Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

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

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Generally, what we've done in the past, I think, for committee reports they read the recommendations. We handle it ad seriatim for committee reports.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

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

You want committee reports to read their recommendations. Is that correct?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's right. I stand corrected. Do you have any resolutions or recommendations?

John W. Bates, III, Nat'l Comm. on Americanization and Education

John Bates, National Committee on Americanization and Education. We do have a recommendation. This committee recommendation is, this committee should be active in the sense of communicating with departments and/or camps to highlight information and activities that are important to this Order. Perhaps, in retrospect, in conjunction with the office of National Patriotic Instructor an electronics/video program could be developed for all the same to reflect upon. The places and events, Gettysburg, The Wilderness, Petersburg, etc. of the American Civil War should be detailed and studied for all Brothers to see and learn about. The story of the GAR should be presented, as well as the SUVCW, and all the Allied Orders, and what they are to us and the world today. Let us always move forward in our mission to inform all citizens of our mission and purpose.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief? Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief and National Treasurer. I move you that where there is no objection, the recommendations of the committee be taken up ad seriatim and approved at the sound of the gavel.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There were several. Motion's made and seconded that we approve the recommendations of the committees ad seriatim at the sound of the gavel. Raise your voting cards all approved, all in favor. (Indistinguishable) going to discussion. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections to this recommendation? Seeing none...

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Done. Civil War Memorials Officer. Communications and Technology.

Keith G. Harrison, Communications and Technology

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief. One of the co-chairs of the committee. We, at the request of the National Organization, we did prepare a job description. Submitted that to the Council Administration for review back in November and the status of that is whatever the Council of Administration did. So, technically, we don't have a recommendation but I have no idea what the status of that report was.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Does anybody have it?

Keith G. Harrison, Communications and Technology

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Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. We have to go back to the other one because there was a recommendation.

Keith G. Harrison, Communications and Technology

So there may in fact have already been action by the Council of Administration, maybe a referral to the committee. I have no idea.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Since the job description's in the C&R, the Council cannot approve it. It has to be brought up here and treated as an amendment to the C&R.

Keith G. Harrison, Communications and Technology

Okay. Then the report was sent to the National Secretary per his request so he has that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Do you have it, Gene? Just a second, please.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Is that one of these? I do not have anything on that. Was that given at one of the Council of Administration meetings?

Keith G. Harrison, Communications and Technology

It was sent to you to be given to the Council of Administration meeting. Yes. That was back in November of 2012. I would be happy to pull it off my computer and bring it back later if that's appropriate.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead and read it.

Keith G. Harrison, Communications and Technology

All right. The job description of the National Committee on Communications and Technology. The purpose. The purpose of the National Committee in Communication and Technology is to serve as the Order senior advisory body in electronic communication technology and the management of assigned resources in such a manner as to reflect positively on the accomplishments of the goals and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Activities shall include: One, serve as the advisory body of the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration on matters dealing with the effective use of communication options and technological solutions; work with the National Webmaster and all other officers who shall be responsible for the various technologies in use by the Sons of the Union Veterans of Civil War. Establish and maintain the accuracy of the National Communication Technology policy statement, submitting changes and revisions to the Council of Administration for consideration as requested and as appropriate. Remain current on the emergent technologies and evaluate them for potential use by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Report regularly through the committee chair, which is the National Signals Officer, to the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration. And three, prepare and submit through the committee chair, the National Signals Officer, an annual written report to the National Council of Administration and National Encampment. That's the job description that was prepared at the request of the National Organization.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Does everybody understand it? Any objections to the job description?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, this is an amendment to the regulations. It cannot be approved by the sound of the gavel. Therefore, I would move you that we approve the change to the job description for Communication and Technology Committee.

Ken L. Freshley, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. A motion to approve the job description a motion has been made by Richard Orr and seconded by Ken Freshley. All those in favor, please raise your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. There are two recommendations on the Civil War Memorials Committee's report, changing the job description of the Civil War Memorials Officer and changing the job description of the Civil War Memorials Committee. We need to take them up.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We'll come back to that. I want to just make a note, the National Organization asked for several job descriptions, so you're going to hear several of them over the next couple of days. We had several duties and job descriptions were either lacking or we didn't have them or they were inadequate. So we've asked for some updates and some changes. We want to make sure everybody understands what the jobs are that they're being asked to do. Civil War Memorials Officer. Sir, we're gonna go back to you.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Walt Busch, Civil War Memorials Officer. Page 40. I'll start with the reason for some of this. It was brought about by me because of the disgraceful way that some of the memorials were being kept down in Vicksburg. We used to not keep records on Civil War monuments or our National Battlefields. I feel that we possibly need to at least occasionally keep track of these things because of the way that National Parks Service takes care of some of them. So the purpose of the Civil War Memorials Officer. The purpose of the National Civil War Memorials Officer is to provide leadership and direction to the National Organization, Departments, and Camps regarding locating, physically examining, and recording of all Memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors. This includes all sizes of monuments, with or without sculpture, those with Civil War era cannon, and inert ammunition, memorial foundations, memorial buildings, memorial windows, stained glass, historical markers, and even small plaques. Activities. The activities of the National Civil War Memorials Officer should include the responsibilities listed below. Serve as the chairman of the National Civil War Memorials Committee. Number two: Oversee the collection, organization, and maintenance of a national listing, including a computer database of the Civil War Memorials as described above, and make this information available upon request. Develop and once developed, maintain an online monument information presented in adobe acrobat portable format, PDF. Three: Encourage Departments and Camps to establish and appoint a Civil War Memorials Officer at each level to oversee Department wide and local memorial assessments and preservation activities. Four: Encourage Departments or States to maintain their own websites containing monuments information. If, when all Departments meet our minimum standards, the National Monuments Officer will forward records sent in to him and completed forms sixty-two scanned annually by him to the appropriate Departments. Then only records that are not connected with a specific Department will be kept by the National such as examples of those recorded from outside the United States. Five: Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members to assist Departments and Camp level efforts to locate, assess, and record the physical condition of Civil War Memorials. Six: Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members to provide guidance to Departments and Camps regarding the observation and care and upkeep for Civil War Memorials. And to bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located. Seven: Assure his ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the Order's business. Eight: Collect the files from the Civil War Monuments Grants Committee on an annual basis and scan the documents for inclusion in the National electronic database. Nine: Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the National Civil War Memorials Officer regarding activities of the committee. Ten: Review annually the national website to review all monument forms, links to departments or state monuments, and if present, any National database that is online to ensure they are properly working. Eleven: Submit annually a digital backup copy of the National database to the

National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Twelve: Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's, Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We're gonna take them up one at a time.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Okay. That's the end of that one. Then there's the job description for the National Committee that would follow.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Hold off on that one for a minute? We're going to take these recommendations up one at a time. We're gonna start with number one. Any objections?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Again, Commander-in-Chief, this is an amendment to the regulations. I will move you that we approve the recommendation without the word "National" in front of the Council of Administration. There is no National Council of Administration, only the Council of Administration.

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

I will second that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Give that to me again, Rich.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, The motion is to approve, but strike, in item twelve, the word "National" in front of the Council of Administration.

Bruce Butgereit, Department of Michigan

Bruce Butgereit, Department of Michigan. I guess a question through you to Walter would be did he mean form sixty-one? Sixty-one is the form that we use to assess and send in. Sixty-two is the grant request.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, it is.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Actually, I do scan the form sixty-two, so it'd be...

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Wait okay. Brother Busch, right now we are on this one motion on the change to the regulations. Don, you got the mic.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. That's why I wanted before we got to the motion because there's some other changes that we can make, or need to be made, before we actually make a motion. I know you have a motion on the floor. But what should have happened was there are numerous changes that need to appear in this that we could take care of with one vote rather than doing this over and over again. Do you wish to entertain that or you just want to do with the one motion and then I'll get up and say in number two we should do away with the term "Adobe Acrobat portable format" because this limits us if something better comes along, then we're not allowed to use it because we've stated that it will only be in Adobe format?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So that should be taken out. So, my question is do you want to go with Rich's just to make that change and then me get up and say this again and then where ever Bruce was for him to do that? I just need to know what you want to do.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

What do you want to do? Do you want to take it...

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, there are amendments to the language and there are amendments to the motion. If they're all accepted as friendly amendments then it's still only one vote.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well that is what I'm asking. Are you going to entertain friendly...

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, I am.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. In number two, it refers to Adobe, to be present last line, information presented in Adobe Acrobat portable format. While that seems to be the thing right now, that may change in six months, six years, whatever. I don't know what we want that to say but I think we should take out that specific format.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I would recommend considering the responsibility of the Communications and Technology Committee to determine what software we use, then simply say in a format approved by the Communication and Technology Committee.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

That works for me. Basically, my friendly amendment is what Rich just said. So I guess he accepts it. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Walt Busch. Do you accept that?

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Yes, I do.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Next.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

Loran Bures, the Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at large. First is a question. Previously, excluded, as I understood monuments maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs is. So my question is, is that exclusion now eliminated along with those that were on National battlefields?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's a question we'll have to put to Walt. Mr. Busch.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

That's what I'm recommending. I see a purpose in our memorials where we would have record. If it needs to be recorded, if there's damage to a VA monument, we should be recording it and bringing it to their attention. They may never take action on it. We want to know about it. If we're gonna ask for money on a forms sixty-two to repair such a monument, we need to have that thing documented. So I think that this idea of excluding VA monuments, battlefield monuments needs to be done away with and if a particular Department doesn't want to do Gettysburg because it has twenty thousand monuments or something like that, then I can probably understand not trying to do something like that. But, the idea of using the form for the purpose that was created, to identify problems with monuments and taking care of those monuments.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

The other concern I have is the maintenance of records submitted by Camps-at-Large. This description seems to exclude the Camps-at-Large, that they're not considered in this description. And so I believe that this description should clearly provide direction as to the records submitted by the Camps-at-Large.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Busch.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Number three says encourage Departments and Camps-at-Large to establish and appoint Civil War Memorials Officer and it then talks about since our website has Departments and/or States we have links to certain States that have their own website page that have monuments where we might have a... I'm trying to think of one right off hand. What's one of the New England States has a very good website for the State but not for the Department. So, I would certainly entertain that if a Camp-at-Large comes up with a website for their entire State, that we would be including that as a link. So I see no reason to really change anything in here right now.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

I would have a concern from the stand point of putting the financial burden on a Camp-at-Large that does not have a website; how're they're supposed to do that. You have formed a Department-at-Large and to me, the better solution would be to specify by the Department-at-Large be responsible once they meet the standards of providing a website for these memorial forms and not push the responsibility down to the individual camps. So that's my comments. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Okay, we got a motion on the floor, right? We're back to the motion again, with all the friendly amendments to it. Does everybody understand the motion? Do we need to read this again or is everybody all set? Go ahead.

Bruce Butgereit, Department of Michigan

Bruce Butgereit, Department of Michigan. I understand that Brother Busch does scan the form sixty-twos, so I might recommend that we make the change there to number four to say sixty-one and sixty-two.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Busch.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

I would accept that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, a question.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

The forms sixty-one should've already been submitted to the committee for their review. You have to submit a copy of the sixty-one to the Civil War Monument and Preservation Committee for the awarding of the grant or to the Grant Committee. But the original of that should have gone to the committee for their review prior to even going to the application for the grant. I know we shortcutted that because we had some camps that were applying for grants and not submitting the evaluation form to the Civil War Memorials Committee for their review. But the fact is that that form should already be in the hands of the committee and not wait until the end of the year to get it off the Grants Committee.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

I agree. Normally, what I do is if I have a form sixty-one on a monument and I get sixty-two information, all of it's attached into one file so we have one large electronic file that has all the information. If I don't have a form sixty-one and the committee gives me their form sixty-twos at the end of the year and there is no form sixty-one, I create a file with what I was given and it just stays at that until we get somebody else to do a proper assessment. But I try to electronically record everything

and put it all into one file so that hopefully the committee can go back in a following year and have one file that they can look at and see everything that they need and say yes, a form sixty-two's been submitted five years ago or whatever. Do we need to submit one? Do we need to actually have to put money out for this again? So, the plan is is for everything to be in one file for one particular monument.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Does everybody understand that? Now we're now gonna vote on a motion. All those in favor with the motion and all the amendments to it, changes, please raise your voting cards. Oh. Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes. Brother Busch.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Brother Walt Busch again. The job description on page 41 of the National Civil War Memorials Committee. Purpose. " The purpose of the National Committee on Civil War Memorials is to provide guidance to the Departments and Camps regarding the locating, physical examining, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors. This includes all sizes of monuments, with or without sculpture, those with Civil War era cannons, inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows, stained glass, historical markers, and even small plaques. Activities. The National Civil War Memorials Committee members have the responsibilities listed below. Acting as a liaison with his own Department and a mutually agreed upon group of other Departments in his geographic region of the United States of America. Each committee member shall promote the collection, organization, and maintenance of the National listing, including a computer database of Civil War Memorials as described above. The committee chairman may call upon his fellow committee members to help make this information available upon request. Encourage Departments and Camps to establish and appoint a Civil War Memorials Officer at each level to oversee Department wide and local memorial assessments and preservation activities. Provide guidance to Departments and Camp level efforts to locate, assess, and record the physical condition of Civil War Memorials. Provide guidance to Departments and Camps regarding the observation of care and upkeep for Civil War Memorials and to bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located. Perform all other related responsibilities assigned by the National Encampment or Commander-in-Chief. Assure they're ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the orders of business. That ends the recommendation.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that we approve this change in the job description for the Civil War Memorials Committee.

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

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Seconded by Charlie Kuhn. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your voting cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief

Would this be a good time to make a few announcements from the local host committee?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, it would be.

Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels, Department of Wisconsin. Brothers, welcome to Wisconsin.

Encampment

(cheering and applause)

Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief

Still awake. I thought everybody was dozing off. I was watching from the back of the room, nodding off already. A couple of months ago, Brother Glen Roosevelt emailed me his registrations and as part of that email he wrote, "I respectfully request temperatures in the seventies, sunny, low humidity." Remember that, Glen? There is nothing that my host committee can't do, if given proper notice.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief

We've got a number of Brothers that have served admirably as well as Sisters and some of them are wearing nametags that indicate host committee. There's a large tag with a yellow bar at the top that says, "host committee." Some of them are wearing them and some of them are not. The Brothers that are here from the Department of Wisconsin, would you please rise? This represents just a small portion of the help that I was able to depend on over the last two years as we looked forward to this weekend.

Encampment

(applause)

Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief

Over the weekend, if you've appreciated the service and accommodations, don't hesitate to thank not only our Brothers that you see here in the room, but also the Brothers that are out doing chores right now, that are running around, and the Sisters that are located in the other rooms. You'll see many of them, please offer them your support and thanks because we could not have done that without them. I could not have done that without them. I was telling a couple of Brothers earlier that, you know, those of you that have hosted a National Encampment well know, over the course of two, two and a half years, you meet, you talk about things and it's all a lot of theory. You know, theoretically, yea, we're gonna have this Encampment. And then it comes down to the last two weeks and you go, we're really gonna do this thing. Wow! All the boxes start arriving and the supplies and people start asking questions about where they're having meetings. We have a couple of announcements. Since there's a vague thing in your program we'd like to clear up so if you have a pen, you can write these things in on your schedule. Tomorrow morning, the SVR breakfast will be in Moorland one, two, and three, the Moorland Ballroom, which is in the lower level. And you can find that on your map on the back page of your program. So if you're attending, planning on attending, the SVR breakfast, it will be in Moorland one, two, and three. The Sunday council meeting will be back in Wisconsin three and four, where it was last night. Rather than move it to another location, felt it would be easier just to keep it where it had been, rather than where it's scheduled on your program. The church service on Sunday will be in room Wisconsin seven, should be across from the host committee rooms. I will now put on another hat that I wear as the Encampment Safety Officer. No, this isn't if you didn't like your name being misspelled on your name badge or your table was too small or your table was too big or we didn't have enough ribbons or whatever the case is. This is for safety. You know, often times during our National Encampments, we overlook a lot of the safety issues that may come up. And so it's important to point out the exit locations. They may seem obvious to you, but there is a lot of construction going on on the north side of the building right now. So, if you're able, probably to the north side of the building, please use that. If there's an emergency that you need to exit the building, well past the construction equipment. The closest urgent care and hospital is Elmbrook Memorial Hospital. It's on Barker Road near North

Avenue. It's about three miles away. I am not aware if we have any medical staff as part of the Brothers that have registered today. If there are medical staff if you'd make yourself known in the event that there's a medical emergency here. We also have an urgent care, which is about the same distance away on Highway 100, right off I-94, as you came to the hotel. Please report any mishaps to the staff. We did report the mishap this morning where the county executive stepped off the stage. So the staff quickly responded as well as some of the wires weren't taped down completely. So the staff took care of that and we appreciate that attention. But if you have any other mishaps that you know, please report them to the hotel staff. The hotel is a public fire and weather plan. A lot of times when you check into your rooms, you just kind of ignore that. That's that plate on the back of the door and it's like, okay, fine, there's other things on your mind and you tend to overlook that. Please review that. Heed the fire alarms. Those of us that were at Louisville, Kentucky remember that well. You may not see the problem in a big hotel and as in Louisville, Kentucky, fortunately, the problem was not a serious one but nobody knew that at the time. And some folks did not exit in a timely manner. Don't assume that some kid pulled the alarm or that there's a band with a smoke machine that set off the fire alarm. We don't really know that. Our pre-established meeting point will be in the paved lot on the west side of the building where most of us entered the building. There's a large vacant lot not close to the building but the lot beyond the one where everybody is parked that will be our designated meeting point. And the purpose of that is accountability. Find the route to the primary and secondary exits from your hotel room, please. Please count the number of doors that you are from the stairwell or the nearest exit if you're on the ground floor. Do not use the elevators, obviously in an emergency. Lastly, some of you may come from a small town where the doors are unlocked and everybody knows each other. You should be reminded that we are in a large metropolitan area near a major shopping center and adjacent to a major freeway. Exercise caution. Trust, but verify who is at your door before you open it. Guard your hotel room number. Share it only with those that you know and trust. Call the front desk if there's somebody knocking and they claim to be from the hotel staff, and you're not expecting them to be knocking on your door. Thank you, Brothers.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Guard, we have visitors at the front door. Would you check, please? I want to see what's going on first before we break for lunch. Is that the ladies break for lunch? Okay. We're going to break for lunch. Be back here at 1:30 promptly. It's two minutes to twelve right now? Be back here promptly.

[three raps, ***]

[break for lunch]

[three raps, ***]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Chaplain.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I have announcements.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Going backwards. Brother Gene.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

We have two announcements. First one is for MOLLUS members. There will be a MOLLUS members photo session at the end of today's session by the flags over there. The next one is the Resolutions Committee under Mark Day will meet at 6:00 p.m. tonight in the hallway near the pool.

Three. One more. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina would like to invite all Brothers present who are descended from soldiers who fought in the Atlanta Campaign and are planning to attend next year's Encampment in Georgia to please stop by our table and give your name to the Brothers Brad Quinlin. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina has something special planned for descendants

of those who fought in the Atlanta Campaign. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina will be selling loyalty bonds to help fund the 2014 National Encampment. See Brother Brad Quinlin in the vendor's room. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina promises that temperatures will not be in the seventies at next year's Encampment.

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

If you purchased a Department of Georgia and South Carolina coin yesterday and lost it, see Brad Quinlin in the vendor's area. It's been found. PA luncheon tomorrow will be at the Red Robin over the lunch break. Commander-in-Chief and wife invited.

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

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Any candidate that's seeking National Office is invited to attend the Pennsylvania luncheon to give us a little sales pitch on why you should be elected.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Continuing on. Constitution and Regulations. Brother Grim. Do I need to sit down, Bob?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Probably.

Encampment

(laughter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

This is the report of the Constitution and Regulations Committee. My name is Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Ohio. The report is on page 43 in your booklet. The changes made to the regulations at the 131st National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C&R. An updated annotated C&R has been posted to the SUVCW website. The committee has received several proposed changes to the regulations and recommends the following five proposed amendments to the regulations. The committee does not recommend approval of proposal number six, which is a proposed amendment to the constitution. I might add that the committee voted by majority vote on some of these proposals did not have a unanimous vote on all of them. The proposed changes to the regulations are noted in bold type for new language and strikethroughs for the language being eliminated. Proposal number one. This is a resolution from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Affects chapter 2, article 4, section 1. If you have the C&R, it's on page 27 and 28 of the C&R. Note this change will remove a duplicate phrase from this section of the regulations. For some reason, the term "Department Secretary" and "Department Treasurer" was included in there twice, and we recommend the removal of that. And the committee so moves.

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

I second that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All your voting cards all in order? I mean, all in favor? All opposed?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Proposal number two on page 43. This is a proposal submitted from the National Treasurer with modifications by the C&R Committee. Affects chapter 3, article 5, section 3. Pages 39 in the C&R. This change will eliminate the need for the National Secretary to be involved in the payment of bills and preparing financial reports. The paragraphs added in section 4 will clarify the duties of the National Treasurer. And basically, we're gonna strikeout "he shall draw requisitions on the treasurer for all bills the same to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief" from section 3 of this article. And then at the

bottom of that section, “he shall make a monthly report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Council of Administration.” We want to remove that. and the committee moves that you adopt our recommendation.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion’s been made and seconded we adopt the resolution. Any discussion?

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I just have a question. The second part of the strikeout says “the same to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief.” Does that mean that the Commander-in-Chief doesn’t have to approve appropriations by the treasurer going forward?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

I don’t think so. I think you’ll find in the new change to this that the last line of it, it says that the Council of Administration or pre-approved by the Commander-in-Chief. You’ll find that.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I think what I read in that in that line is that the Commander-in-Chief will approve reimbursement to officers but I don’t think it’s anywhere else in that or I don’t read it anywhere else.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Well, I think the part that we’re striking out has to do with monthly reports. “He shall make a monthly report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Council of Administration.”

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Brother, I’m sorry. That’s not the part I’m talking about. Up above where it says, “he shall draw requisitions on the treasurer for all bills the same to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief.”

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Rich, you want to speak on that?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Tucker. What’s in the regulations right now hasn’t been done for decades. We no longer even have the forms for the National Secretary to fill out, which are old warrants that then the Commander-in-Chief had to sign. The Commander-in-Chief has not approved any expenditures that were approved by adoption of the budget. The adoption of the budget has stood as the authorization for the treasurer to pay those bills as long as they fell within the limits of the budget. So what we’re doing is eliminating language that’s been in there for years and not followed anyway.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

So, as we currently stand, the Commander-in-Chief does not have to approve.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief does not approve any payments unless there’s an exceedence of the budget and then that goes back to the Council of Administration and/or the Commander-in-Chief for approval.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Does that answer your questions?

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Yes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Now we have section 4 on that page 43. Says, "The National Treasurer shall receive, hold, and account for all monies paid to him and pay out the same." And we want to strikeout "upon the order of the National Secretary approved by the Commander-in-Chief." The committee recommends adoption of this change.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any second?

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

Unknown

Question. Not only does section 4 strikeout language, but there's additional language that's been ad...proposed to be added to section 4. Are we going to do that separately or are we doing all of section 4 activity right now?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

We're going to do that separately. New language.

Unknown

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Section 4. All those in favor please raise your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

There on section 4, we want to add new language, "He is empowered to make all payments required by contract, lease, or rental agreement. He shall make payment of all bills incurred by the National Quartermaster in a timely manner. He shall make payment of all invoices presented to the National Organization for payment. He shall disperse all monies specifically allocated in the annual budget or the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. He shall make payment of all debts incurred by action of the National Encampment or Council of Administration. All invoices shall be presented to the National Treasurer for payment unless otherwise specified herein. No Brother, except the National Treasurer and Assistant National Treasurer or Treasurers, shall make payment of any invoice directed to the National Organization. Upon approval of the Commander-in-Chief, he shall make payments to reimburse officers and committee chairmen for all reasonable expenses provided the sum of all such expenses does not exceed the amount specified in the annual budget. He is empowered to pay all bills incurred as specified in subsections a through f in the absence of an approved annual budget during the period 1 July through the conclusion of the National Encampment. He shall not make payment to any Brother for expenditures not specifically authorized by these regulations, actions of the National Encampment, actions of the Council of Administration or preapproved by the Commander-in-Chief." And the committee recommends adoption of this change.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake

Question. Steve Hammond, Department of the Chesapeake. In letter d, you read it. "you shall make payment of all debts." It says "debts."

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

It's just a typing mistake and We will correct that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion's been made and seconded. Any discussion? Other than Brother Hammond. All those in favor please raise your cards. All those opposed same sign.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Okay, then, proposal number three. This is a proposal from the Special Committee on Promotion and Marketing with modifications by the C&R. It affects chapter 3, article 7, sections 1. And in the C&R, you'll find this on page 49-51. This change will convert the Special Committee on Promotion and Marketing into a permanent standing committee. And the current language has a list of all the standing committees and we're simply going to insert the name of this committee among those and then that'll appear there on page 44 of your list. The committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Severall

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion's made and seconded to approve the insertion of Promotion and Marketing from a special to a standing committee. Any discussion? Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm gonna stand in opposition to this. I was a member of the C&R Committee and I voted against this at the time it was proposed to the committee. I was not the only committee member that voted against it. This special committee was just created last year and I don't think they have a sufficient track record yet to demonstrate the value as a permanent committee. I would like to see a couple of years of activity first to see what they propose and why that should be done outside of the existing committee structure that we have committees charged with this already other committees. And I'd like to wait and see before I feel it's appropriate to make this a permanent committee. So I stand in opposition to this.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Remember, it's only five minutes.

Mark Day, Chairman of Promotions and Marketing Committee

No, I'll be very short. Mark Day, Commander, Department of the Chesapeake and Chairman of Promotions and Marketing Committee. The reason we were asking for this be created or made a standing committee is the actual work of this committee has been going on for two years, I believe, and not just one. I was made the committee chair last October following the Annual Encampment last year. The broad guidelines that we have now that we're operating under don't really define very well what it is this committee is doing. It is set up to basically to investigate what could be done to get us to do a bit more marketing and promotions. To brand our organization and to try to work towards getting information out there from Civil War. We could gain membership, etc. The problem here is that we need to have this become a standing committee to give it purpose and to give it some sort of continuity and to give it structure. And that was the purpose of why we submitted this. And there were several other things were submitted at the same time as far as changes, which I see are being addressed in the next aspect or the next thing the C&R will bring up. We just feel that this is a committee that needs to be standing because it needs to be permanent. That there was a permanent committee, I believe, back maybe twenty years ago and that committee for whatever reason went away. And in order to really say that this organization is committed to this, promotions and marketing, and that we're going to move forward on this, we need to have this to be a standing committee. It has to have permanence. I guess that's the word I want to use. We have to have a committee that has that sense of permanence. That we are as an organization behind this and we are going to move forward.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

I might mention that if you look at the bottom of the proposal, you'll find a new section 10, which defines what the committee's function will be. And we're not asking you to vote on it on that yet.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Don, go ahead.

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

Don Palmer Department of Missouri, Past Commander-in-Chief. I just wanted to make a correction to the nomenclature that was used in describing this committee. It was noted as a special committee. Technically, it is not a special committee. It was a committee that I appointed during my term in office and it was reappointed by Perley when he came in. So technically, it should be defined as an appointed committee and those committees exist only at the whim of the Commander-in-Chief. They are appointed or reappointed. So really, technically, it's an appointed committee. Now, I got some say in it. That committee was formed based on a lot of research that I did when I was Senior Commander-in-Chief doing some bench marking of some success what I would consider successful organizations. And one of the elements that those organizations had we didn't was an effective marketing and promotion campaign. Branding was a key part of that. Advertising was another. You know, if you look back in history, as Brother Dave mentioned, we used to have a marketing committee and I think it goes back further than that. Probably close to forty years, based on what Brother Wolz, our National Historian, told me. So, we've been doing it on an ad hoc basis. The last concerted effort that we had was in the nineties and that was the marketing aspect that helped us double our membership growth from the period of 1990-2000. But then we stopped. And then, also recognizing that, it was something that we needed to start again. And the fact that it was a committee that really served a purpose and it was key element in changing the way that we do business. So, again, it was an appointed committee and it was reappointed, but you know, you can reappointed again. You can make it a special committee with some defined endpoint or you can recognize it is an element of business we need to capture and keep moving and make it a standing committee. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

All the way up there in the back.

Stephen A. Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief

I just wanted to announce that we have a visitor when you're ready to accept a visitor after the discussion, Brother Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Brian Pierson, Georgia South Carolina. Commander, I'd like to echo the words I heard, both from the two proceeding gentlemen. This is a function that we intend to do for a long time so we should have a very stable organization or committee to oversee it. Not do it in an ad hoc manner with an expiration date on it. If we decide the organization decides that we're going to stop doing it then I think any function that has a fine deliverable with a stop date, then you have an appointed committee or a temporary committee. But if it's something we're gonna have to keep doing for the foreseeable future, then it's very appropriate that it be a standing committee. That's all, sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. One more.

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

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. The only thing that concerns me about establishing another standing committee is ending up with a mirrored image at Department, a mirrored

image at the Camp and with some, particularly at Camp levels, some Camps don't even have enough people to fill the seats as officers, let alone fill extra committees which they aren't really going to do anything with. So, that would be the only concern I have. As far as us needing this, yes, we do. We should be advertising, doing something on a level like this.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Charlie. Rich.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr. No one is saying to disband this committee. What Jim is saying, and I was the other dissenting vote on the committee, is that it is premature to make it a standing committee until the committee has shown that it is worthwhile having it as standing committee. Brother Day has been doing a fantastic job with it, he and his committee members. But they don't have a track record yet. And what we are saying is that there needs to be track record before we make this a standing committee that's going to exist in perpetuity. The other thing is saying that we have not done it. It has been all along the responsibility of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to promote the Order. It fell by the wayside. We've had probably the last ten Senior Vice Commanders-in-Chief have not taken that on because there was a decision made that we were not getting enough return on our buck for the advertising we were doing. Now that was ten years ago, maybe eleven years ago. But it was stopped. It's still in the regulations, if you read it. It's still the purview of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. So what we have is a committee that is taking on an assignment of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. And again, they don't have a track record to work from. You make it a permanent committee and two years from now, it falls flat on its face. Now we've got to go back and undo that and take it all out of the regulations. Again, no one is saying to terminate the committee. The committee is doing a good job. Jim and I both felt there is a need to wait, at least one more year, before making it a standing committee. That doesn't mean we can't clarify what that committee is doing. The proposed section 10 can simply be adopted as an amendment to the authorization of the committee to give it more direction as to what it is doing and rather than make it a part of the C&R at this time.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You're last.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Eric Graff, Wisconsin, Department of Wisconsin. I just want to ask just do it. You're way, right away. These are some major corporations that have a call sign, a brand. People recognize it everywhere you go. There was some research done by our Past Department Commander. People think we're a re-enacting group. We've had a budget deficit over the last ten years. Our membership is down. This is very important. I really think that this falling by the wayside or not being a permanent thing of the future; unfortunately, we live in a sound bite society and we need a voice for us. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Everyone's heard the discussion. I'm cutting off the discussion. Everyone's heard the discussion. All those in favor on the committee's recommendation, raise your voting cards. Lower them please. All those against it. One, two, three, four. How many you got, Bob?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The ayes have it.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

It passes. We're gonna hold up just a minute, Bob. Steve, we're ready.

[three raps, ***]

Stephen A. Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I'd like to introduce Bob Shappell, who is Department Vice Commander of the American Legion State of Wisconsin.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Please escort the Commander to my station.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, the mic is yours.

Robert Shappell, Vice Commander of the Wisconsin American Legion

Thank you. Good afternoon, everybody.

Encampment

Good afternoon.

Robert Shappell, Vice Commander of the Wisconsin American Legion

At least you didn't get me right after lunchtime. You had to listen to that so you should have that food worked down on you now. My name is Bob Shappell. I'm Vice Commander of the Wisconsin American Legion. And on behalf of the 60,000 members of the Wisconsin American Legion and our newly elected Department Commander, Ken Raynes, I thank you for inviting us today and welcome you to the great state of Wisconsin and the city of Milwaukee and Brookfield. You know the American Legion is the largest veteran's organization in this country, with over 2.4 million members and about 15,000 local posts. Here in Wisconsin, we have 517 posts and they range in size from about fifteen to over eight hundred, depends on the community. My first thought was, well I'll just go on and on and on and tell you all about what the Legion does. But you know what? If you're interested in that, I'm going to hang around a little bit afterwards and you can ask me. What I really like to do is talk a little bit about our Legion Foundation, what we believe in, and how the things that we believe in are pretty much the same things that you believe in as an organization, and what our two organizations have in common. When the Legion was formed in 1919. The returning sailors and soldiers from World War I were worried about how their comrades would be taken care of. So they formed the American Legion based on four things. Number one, national security and troop support. The defense of this country and how we take care of those who serve. Second thing, veterans' affairs and rehab. How do we take care of those who come home and are physically or mentally injured and need help? The third thing was an understanding the future of this country was based on those who come behind us. So our third pillar is children and youth. Our fourth pillar rides right along with that. It's Americanism and many of our Americanism programs. So each of those pillars, we have a lot of programs but they pretty much fall into three areas. And here is where I believe our organizations are much alike. Cause those three areas can pretty much be labeled as service, honor, and the future. So let me talk a little bit about service. The word service, at least to me, means a little bit different now than it used to do. When I grew up as a small child in Pennsylvania, where's the Pennsylvania delegation?

Department of Pennsylvania

(cheers)

Robert Shappell, Vice Commander of the Wisconsin American Legion

From a little place called Hamburg in Berks County. Fine, fine farming community. And no, I'm not Amish. People always ask me that.

Encampment

(laughter)

Robert Shappell, Vice Commander of the Wisconsin American Legion

They're the best. So I grew up in the sixties, a child of the sixties. And I'm sure some of you are too. And if you look back at that time, you realize that almost 45% of the adult males in this country were veterans? Almost 45%. Which meant that those individuals most assuredly and their families and

people who knew them understood what military service was all about. Another important thing to remember is during that same time in the early sixties, 75%, that's three out of four for you math challenged folks out there; three out of four of our senators and congressmen were military veterans. Nowadays it's less than one out of four. So not only does our general population have less of an understanding of what military service means, but our elected officials have less of an understanding. So we in the American Legion believe is that those who serve today need to be taken care of. They need to be supported. They need to have the right tools to do their job. We also believe that although we are no longer serving in a military service, our service to our community, state, and nation continues. First, we support those who are serving now. Second, we support those in need. The second thing where we have a lot in common is that word honor. I looked at some of your displays over in the display room and I read a little bit about your organization. And you honor those who have served. You honor everyone who has served. We do the same thing in the American Legion. We honor their service, particularly during those solemn times of the year when we have ceremonies and Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day. We honor those who leave us. You know, last year across this country, the American Legion performed over 109,000 military funeral honors. I can't even tell you how many we've done in this state because I seem to be doing two or three a month. And you know sometimes, the men and women who deserve the honors don't ask for it. My father didn't ask for it and he had his funeral preset. I asked for it. You know it means so much to the family when we show up and honor an individual's service. We also honor those who are missing from us for reasons we can't explain. That's our POW's and our MIA's from all the wars this country has had. And every activity and event of the American Legion, we recognize our POW's and MIA's. We have an empty chair set for them waiting. Knowing that they can't be with us. And that even if they have died and have passed on, their families are still suffering. We honor those who serve by placing flags on the graves of those veterans from Memorial Day through Labor Day. And then make continuing rounds to make sure those flags are kept in service during that time and nothing happens to demean them in the display. I mean, they gave all that they had. We can't do any less. So service and honor, things we all have in common. The third thing is the future. Your organization does a lot for education, for making sure that those who are following behind us really understand what this country and what this democracy is all about. Our children and youth programs do that. The goal of our children and youth programs is three fold. Strengthening the family unit. Next, helping children in need. And finally, setting up programs in our communities that are ongoing to help children. We use our Americanism programs to further our children and youth programs and that they are the education backbone of what we do. We educate. We train. We teach fair play. We teach honesty. We teach integrity. Within this state alone, we have over two hundred American Legion baseball teams, nationwide program. Large part of that is yea, baseball. A lot of major leaguers out there played Legion ball, but when you talk to them, they'll say they never played on a team where they talked about honesty, courtesy, and integrity the way that American Legion baseball does. The posts in this state sponsor over 250 Boy Scout troops. Last year alone, from those troops, we had almost four hundred Eagle Scouts. We have various scholarship programs. I see from reading about your organization that you believe in the constitution of this country. We have an oratorical program with high school kids and they can talk about anything they want so long as it's the constitution of the United States. That's their topic. We start at the post level and it goes to national level and there are thousands of dollars in scholarships involved. But what gets me every time is listening to these sixteen, seventeen, eighteen-year-old kids who actually know something about the constitution. You don't see that very often. We teach flag etiquette. We believe in the flag. We believe in respect for the flag. Many, many programs but the one dearest to me and dearest to many Legion members is our national legacy scholarship. The goal of this scholarship is that every child of every service person who has died on duty since 9/11 will get a college education. Not just a few bucks. A college education. We're working toward our pool of over 24 million dollars so that this can sustain

itself. We're getting there. We're making progress. But can you think of a more noble cause than ensuring that the children of these brave people who sacrificed everything will have an education? So your organization does so many good things and I hope you can see where we have a lot of same values. We do a lot of the same things. Yea, our membership rules may be different. We may wear different uniforms. We may have different traditions that we do. But inside, we believe the same things. The bottom line to me is that together both organizations, we honor service of those who have served honorably. We can do no less. We care about upholding the ideals of the constitution. We care about the duties of good citizenship and patriotism. And we care about the future of this great nation. So I thank you for inviting the American Legion here today to your Encampment to share these ideas. And hopefully that together we will continue to do these things to make this country more knowledgeable, what service is, to understand what service truly means, and to honor all those who have served in our military. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Before you all sit down, only the non-Legion members sit down. There you have it. Including myself. I am a Legion member in New Hampshire. You may sit down.

Robert Shappell, Vice Commander of the Wisconsin American Legion

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Legion members know we always salute the flag when we come by the flag, so we're used to it.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl Past Commander-in-Chief. National Regulations, chapter 5, article 13, section 5 requires that amendments to the regulations be passed by a 2/3 vote. I'm not certain that the last motion passed by a 2/3 vote. It had a majority, but I'm not sure on 2/3, so I call for a division of the house and ask the vote be retaken on a rising vote and an actual count be taken.

Several

Second.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

That does not require a second. It is not debatable. It is not amendable.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I heard you, Adam. It does not need a second. All those in favor of the previous motion, please stand. Guide, Color Bearer, would you count? One on the left. One on the right.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The motion was to approve proposal three of the Constitution's Committee recommendation.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

If it passes, it passes. Let's make sure we do it right.

Eric Graff, National Guide

Brother, Commander-in-Chief, we count Ninety Two Yea.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Ninety-two yea. Please sit down. All those opposed, please stand. Take the same vote please. I'm not voting either way.

Eric Graff, National Guide

Brother, Commander-in-Chief, we count forty nays.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There are Forty Nays. Due to the mathematicians, it takes eighty-two to pass and we had ninety-two. The motion Passes. The Promotions and Marketing Committee is now a Standing Committee. Okay. Let's do section 10.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Okay. Now that we've created a standing committee, at the bottom of page 44, you find a new section 10 which describes the duties of the committee. Says "The Promotion and Marketing Committee shall continually develop branding, advertising, and associated marketing strategies and materials to promote the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the general public." And the committee recommends adoption of this new section.

Steve Aarli, Department of Illinois

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion's been made and seconded. Any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes. At this time you're not done yet are you, Bob? You're nowhere near done, right?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

I got a couple more.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. At this time, I'm gonna do a visit with my two senior officers to the Auxiliary and to the LGAR. So we are going to take about a fifteen-minute break. Give you all a chance to breathe before we go into some more of Bob's lustrous wording.

[three raps, ***]

[recess]

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Before we get back into Brother Bob's presentations, I'm going to present a Charter, just signed. It's been in the works for a while and a Brother from Pennsylvania moved to Florida and started a new camp in Florida. Brother Acheson, a lot of people know him. He is now living in Florida. I saw him when I was at the Department in Florida's Encampment. Matter of fact, I talked to him two days ago or so I knew this was coming up. Brother Jim Ward, Past Department Commander of Florida. I know you were here. You still here? There you are. Come front and center please. This is a brand new Charter for a camp in Jacksonville, Florida. And it's got, let's see, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight members, Charter members. That's a good start. The very first one. He started this camp to get the middle part of the state going. He said he was in the process when I was down there. It wasn't done. But it is now. And now presented to the Past Department Commander Jim Ward.

Cher Petrovic, Photographer

Everybody look at me.

Encampment

(applause)

James Ward, Department of Florida

Thank you. And I should also note that Brother Custer, Past Department Commander, is here and I was the first person to try and get this going Department Commander and he was the second. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Commander, Four announcements.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Let me get mine in. PCinC's and PNP's dinner tonight is in Wisconsin room seven, which I believe is right around the corner. We'll find it. Six o'clock. Thank you. We had a lot going on over there.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, wait. Gene, go ahead.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

It's just a few announcements from the floor. The first is that the delegates from Indiana are requested to make contact with Mr. David Lamb of the Department of Iowa so if you could please do that for him. Next one is the Ceremony and Rituals Committee will be meeting at the end of the day's business session back there in the back. Robert Pugsley is going to be down there to take care of that. So, you need to meet back there. All members of the Pennsylvania Department, assemble please in front of the department flags for a photo again at the end of the day's activities. This is from the Central Region Association of the Annual Conference in Bardstown, Kentucky. It's some information about an event, tour of the Civil War Museum of the West and Women's Civil War Museum developmental training session, Fun with Robert's Rules. We have to find some way of getting Brother Orr there. ... Dinner program Old Kentucky Homefront of the Civil War. This will be held in Bardstown, Kentucky at the Hampton Inn. If you need more information, please see Marti Aubuchon or come up and take a look at the flyer I have here.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Let me see. Is there cornbread and grits?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Grits? What's grits?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

(laughter) Come to the south. Brother Bob.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

All right. Back to the C&R Committee report. Page 45 of your handout. Proposal number four. Similar to the last one we worked with. This is a proposal from the Special Committee on Vision and Planning with modifications by the C&R Committee. It deals with Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 1. Basically, we want to add this as a standing committee to the list of committees. Then at the bottom, we would put a new section 11 which would explain the duties or functions of the committee. And the committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Take the adoption up first and then the motion.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

We'll vote on the adoption of the standing committee first then we'll vote on the duties of it.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion made and seconded. Any discussion?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Sir, Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm also a member of the C&R Committee and this is again one of the issues that was not a unanimous vote of the committee. Myself and Rich Orr also voted no for the same reasons as expressed the last time so we don't need to

get into that anymore. But again, we wanted to see a track record established before we moved it to a permanent committee status.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go right ahead.

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Commander, Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia South Carolina, Committee chair. With all due respect, my remarks on the last one are the same as well. This is a function that we're gonna be continuing on for a long time. The committee has been around for two years. It delivered and presented a Strategic Plan 2020 under Past Commander-in-Chief Palmer's administration. We are now in the analysis phase, tracking the key metrics and we're going to present the analysis of that at Remembrance Day Committee meeting up there as well. But again, this is something we need to do. If we don't have a plan, then we're gonna be rudderless. If we don't see how we're on our plan, how we're tracking on our course, we could be going off course and we could be suffering continued membership decline. I mean, I just heard some stuff about the Women's Relief Corps that's troubling. I know from Georgia South Carolina our friends down there, they've got thirty thousand members in the SCV and we've got six thousand. So, well, a lot of good progress to date. And we're gonna continue doing a lot of good progress in the future. Sir, that's all I've got. Thank you.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Again same thing as the last one is the concerns I have is we end up mirroring every committee and every officer at the Camp level and at the Department level. And you're right, Sons of Confederate Veterans do have thirty thousand members, but guess what? The American people still think they're re-enactors.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

With that discussion, I'm gonna call for a vote. All those in favor we gonna cheat? Please raise your cards. All those opposed, same sign. How many do you think we got there? I believe we have 2/3 in this particular one. I'm gonna call it...

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

...a pass. Now we go on to the second half. Do you want to read that just in case.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Okay, page 45, we have a new section 11. Relates to the duties of the Vision and Planning Committee. "The Vision and Planning Committee shall develop and continually evaluate strategic plans for the Order and track key metrics associated with the established plans." And the committee recommends adoption of this.

Steve Harley, Department of Illinois

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's Harley, right? Okay. Thought I recognized that voice. Motion made and seconded. Any discussion?

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

It says, "The Vision and Planning Committee shall develop and continually evaluate." Shouldn't it be "recommend" a plan? The plan has to be adopted by the organization. Doesn't it?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No, I think it "shall" be like "shall develop and continually Evaluate." I think in this case "shall" does work. Not "recommend" because the committee is wanting to move forward and if they wait for recommendations it's gonna be three to four weeks sometimes before they get anything done. so we

want to give them a little leeway to “shall recommend” or “shall develop and continually evaluate.” They need to be able to have some leeway to develop the procedures and go forward. If they need guidance, we will give them guidance. We do have Past Commanders-in-Chief on that particular committee and some competent members and if we have to add members or they can pull from any member in the organization.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Brother Commander, my question really doesn’t go to the development of the plan but what to do with it once it is established. Right. Exactly. So, that would have to be recommended through either the Encampment or the Council of Administration.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

May I ask a question...

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tucker, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I think what I hear you saying is that only the Encampment can actually adopt a strategic plan and that this committee should be recommending that. Is that what you’re saying?

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

That’s correct.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I wanted to make sure I understood that. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

What’s your opinion?

[quiet discussion]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Just a minute. We’re in deep discussions up here. We’re doing some word changing on the job description as we go. So it may get changed again.

[quiet discussion]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Kevin, what do you have wording?

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

It’s just as a friendly amendment. What I would insert it where it says “Section 11. The Vision and Planning Committee shall develop and continually evaluate” and I’d just insert “and recommend strategic plans for the order and track key metrics associated with the established plan.”

[quiet discussion]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That works. So it sounds like it works.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

The committee will accept that friendly amendment.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Is there any other discussion? Motion’s made and seconded. Discussions stopped? All those in favor please raise your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

All right. On page 45, we have proposal number five. This is a proposal from the Department of Florida with modifications by the C&R Committee. Effects Chapter 5, Article 3, Section 3. This will

allow Departments to authorize the Department Insignia for attachment to the membership badge bar or ribbon. Section 3. “The criteria for badges, decorations, and other devices, and orders are: membership badge authorized for each member who has been admitted into the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.” And then a new paragraph, “The Department may authorize without cost to the National Organization a bronze or silver, but not gold or gold colored device attached to the top of the bar or ribbon, being a symbol of the Department adopted by that Department. Usually being a corps badge or other such symbol as deemed appropriate by the Department. Such device shall not extend beyond the edges of the ribbon of the badge nor shall such device cover more than 50% of the ribbon of such badge. The department symbol device shall not be worn upon the membership badge in combination with any other badge device allowed in this article.” And the committee recommends adoption of this amendment.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Do I hear a second?

Paul A Pardee, Department of Florida

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion’s made and seconded. Any discussion? Yes, Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. I happen to have question. I see the Department of Florida was very particular in providing some historical data fo those particular devices. Am I to understand that these devices aren’t mandatory to be used by the Department, but are just an example of what has happened in the past?

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Yes. that’s just historical evaluation by the Department. It has nothing to do with the regulations, strictly up to the Department of this regulation as to what device they would come up with.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Adam.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Am I up?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, you.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Okay, good. Adam Gaines, National Membership. Can I speak?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, go ahead.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Okay, good. My only problem with this is because a lot of Brothers have like two or three or four attachments on their ribbons already. I mean, what do they need more for when they can just get another badge or whatever.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

...One badge.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Did I do something wrong?

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Nope. You can only wear one badge.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Okay.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

One membership badge. Go ahead.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Okay, thank you. You know, I have seen some Brothers that have like so many pin ons on their badges, I'm surprised they're not weighed down by them.

Encampment

(laughter)

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Well, if you look at the last part of this, it says, "shall not be worn upon the membership badge in combination with any other badge device allowed in this article."

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That takes care of your question.

Unknown

If you weren't a life member and you didn't have a gold star (indistinguishable) some other thingy on your badge.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Okay. Well, sorry about that. I kinda feel like an idiot now.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No question is bad unless it's not asked.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana. Who's going to govern what they use? I mean, if somebody's got a star and somebody else wants a star, are they gonna be able to do that? I mean, each department's going to decide what they want. I know there's historical precedent for some Departments of what that device has been, but the Departments that don't have historical precedence, who's going to govern what that symbol's going to be so that it's not duplicated.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

There's no governing of this. It's strictly up to the Department. If they want to adopt the same thing that their neighbor Department adopted, that's their privilege under this proposal.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next.

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

I have some experience in badges and pins. If you look on my display in the display room, you'll see a kepi with a star on the top. That's from the Department of Ohio. Their badge was a star. Now, you have to come up with some kind of consistent standard for each symbol. In other words, it couldn't exceed certain size. It would have to attach in a certain manner. This could be done, but this needs to be turned over to people that can kind of put it together so it's consistent throughout the Order. Does that make sense?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, it does.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Well, this proposal limits the size of the device in that it can't be covering more than 50% of the size of the ribbon here.

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

I understand that. But if you wanted, you know, you can't have one Department would have something that's ¼ inch in diameter and then the next department has one that ¾ inch in diameter, but it's still meets the criteria.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Well, our thinking is that each Department would make that decision for themselves, what size and what device they want.

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

Okay. Well, you don't want it to run amuck.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. The old regulations so stated and New York does it, What we have is the Maltese cross and as I was to understand was supposed to be in sterling silver nothing else. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Hold up, please, there. Gene, do you got a question?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Yea, I want to weigh on this one. I'm against this and this is the reason I am against it. Right now, everyone wears pretty much the same badge, and those accoutrements and attachments that can be placed on those badge are the same for everyone in the order. Now we're putting something on to our recognized badge that not everyone can put the same thing on. We're gonna have things from one Department, theirs is gonna be different than something from another Department. I think our membership badges should be the same. I think that sets one thing that should same thing for everyone in the organization. And we shouldn't be adding accoutrements to it to make it different than anyone else's would be. There's all kinds of opportunities in other areas you can distinguish yourself or to distinguish your attachment to a certain Department or certain unit. I don't think we should use our National Badges to do that. So, I would go against it for that reason.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

All the way in the back.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I completely agree with the National Secretary. I believe that our membership badge is what makes us all equal Brothers. You can wear a hat device. You can wear something on your lapel. But National Badge should be, if not sacred, it should certainly be special for all of us. The other thing is if a Department were to not choose a device, can anybody wear whatever they want to? Or is that going to be written into the regulation that you can't wear anything? I think that leaving the Membership Badge alone is the best policy. And you can wear a hat device or something else to show pride in your Department.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Shelly, did you have something to say?

Shelly

He said what I said or what I was going to say. He reiterated.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Go ahead.

Rocky L. Bartlow, Commander Department of Kansas

Commander, Rocky Bartlow, Commander Department of Kansas. One concern I had was who would regulate the symbols. One thing that's concern to me is I would hate to think a Department would do it, but we would hate to have Brothers in an encampment wearing for instance a swastika as the symbol on their badge without the National having an approval of it. That would be a concern to me. Who's going to regulate the symbols that go on it. Thank you, sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Rocky. You're last. Last one.

James Ford, Past Department Commander, Department of Florida

Well, how appropriate. Somebody from Florida should be the last one. James Ford Past Department Commander Department of Florida. I will say thank you for all the comments that have made both for and against. I will just point out one other perspective that has not been brought up and that is that there is already provision for a device for Past Department Commander badges. That's the one that has to be silver, as I understand it. The intent of this was to democratize that and allow something for all Brothers to be able to wear even if they were not Past Department Commanders and not to require it to be silver. I will just ask Brother Mike if I summarize that correctly?

Michael E. Farrell, Department of Florida

That's correct.

James Ford, Past Department Commander, Department of Florida

Thank you.

James Ford, Past Department Commander, Department of Florida

I defer to Brother Farrell.

Michael E. Farrell, Department of Florida

I bring up the point that the other Brother made about the Badges all being equal in the Order. Right now, it stands that the badges are not equal in the Order. Only one type of badge is allowed to display their Department symbol and that is Past Department Commanders. I know that many of the Brothers in the Order would also like to display what Department they hold their membership in. That's where this was actually generated from the ground up, from the Brotherhood. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Hold on just a second. Okay. There's a motion and second on the floor and all the discussion is over. Yes, Charlie? One question.

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

I just have a question. They're saying that we can wear devices on our Badges now. The only think I know we wear is Meritorious Service Star. That's the only thing I know we can wear on our Membership Badge. Years of service, yea. That's a standard number that we buy, you know, twenty-five, fifty, or whatever. A life member bar, yea.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There's several things that can be worn on the Badge as it is right now. But not the Departments. Okay. We're gonna bring this to a vote. Discussions over. All those in favor, please signal by raising your cards. Okay. Can you repeat the motion please.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Well, the motion is to approve, my screen just went blank. The motion is to approve section three of proposal five, which would allow the wearing of the device on the membership badge.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Does everybody understand that now? All those in favor, signify by raising your cards. All those opposed, same sign.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion fails.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations

Okay, on page 46 of your packet, we have proposal number six. This is a proposal from the Department of Tennessee to amend the Constitution, Article 7, section 1(c). And you can find this on page 6 of the C&R. This change will modify the requirements for Honorary Membership. The limitation of Honorary Membership to persons of acknowledged eminence will be dropped and both

American and foreign citizens have acknowledged eminence who have supported the Order for over a long period of time or by single outstanding act may be granted an Honorary Membership. You can see Section 1 paragraph c, Honorary Members. “The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation of a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant Honorary Membership to” and we would strikeout persons and insert “individuals who” and then we would strikeout “of acknowledged eminence who are essentially or especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the constitution and laws of the United States of America and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and” and then we would keep “or known not to be eligible for Membership in our Order” and then we would add “and who meet one of the following criteria: 1) American citizens of unimpeachable loyalty and patriotism, who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act; 2) American citizens of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the constitution and the laws of the United States of America and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same either by prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order; 3) Foreign citizens of unimpeachable character and eminence, who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order either by prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act and whose words and deeds demonstrate appreciation and support of the historic role played by the United States in promoting peace and liberty throughout the world.” And then the rest of the paragraph would remain the same. The committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal. We think that there are already devices in place that would allow people to be recognized for their service.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? I see a parade already.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Yea, I know, me again.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That’s all right. who’s me again?

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large. I think that when we consider expanding membership we should think since we are the legal heir to the GAR, we should think of what the men of the GAR would want us to do if they were here today. And if you look at the GAR, they had posts in Canada, Peru, England, and God knows how many other countries. And we should just keep that in mind when we are voting on this amendment. And I hope that sounds okay.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes it does.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

And that’s what I got to say.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Adam.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

You’re welcome.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Chaplain. Right.

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Department of Illinois. I agree with the committee in saying that this particular section is not broken. It does not need to be fixed. By putting additional language in there, I think we open ourselves up to criticism from organizations such as the Internal Revenue Service for determining who is patriotic and who is not. There are those who feel that the President violated the Constitution in some of his actions, I'm talking about Lincoln now.....

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(laughter)

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

...by declaring martial law on Maryland during the recent unpleasantness. By the same token people said such as myself, are now speaking against Lincoln, would be said to be unpatriotic. And it's not broke. It does not need to be fixed. Leave it alone. Agree with the committee.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. In the back.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Doug Fidler PDC, Department of Tennessee and the author of this proposal. Commander-in-Chief, what I'd like to do is actually withdraw it following a very enlightening discussion with Treasurer Orr. I felt that it would be best to do that. However, I would though recommend that the language be clarified. I'm going to leave that to Secretary Orr's profound edition to be able to come up with far better reason than that. What I'd like to do is actually render it moot so that we can then carry on.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Point of order.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's my line.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I thought that was Jim's. Go ahead.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

No, that's me.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. While I appreciate that Brother Fidler, the author of this motion, it is not his any longer. It is the proposal from the Department of Tennessee. He does not have the ability to ask for it to be cancelled. He is not acting for the entire Department that voted to submit this. I would move, because of that, that this be put to a vote before this Order and move forward.

Several

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

You don't need a motion for that. The motion's already there.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Don't need a motion or second for that. Got point of order. Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, acting as Encampment Parliamentarian. There's a different reason also that it cannot be withdrawn. Is that the motion was made, seconded, stated by the chair and open for discussion. Once that is open for discussion, it is the property of the Encampment and it requires a vote to dispose of it or another motion to table or postpone or whatever. So this is the motion's on the floor. It's being discussed. It cannot be withdrawn.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Sir, then I would recommend to the body that they vote no, but that they urge that the actual language for the criteria for this award is looked at, you know, in seeing if it could be you know, improved or made...

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

...Actually, on this one, a vote of yes would be a vote to agree with the recommendation of the committee which was to oppose it. So, to not approve it, you have to vote yes, is what I am saying.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, you do.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Right. Okay, well, I'm going to vote no and I urge others to. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're bringing this to a vote now. Thank you, sir. All those in favor of the committee's recommendation to not approve it, a yes vote will vote it down, please raise your cards. All those in opposition to that, please raise your cards.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

While most of you were at lunch, Brother Fidler and I had a conversation for about an hour on this matter. I have two motions as a result of our discussion. He alluded to the first one which is, I move that this Encampment instruct the standing Constitution and Regulations Committee to examine the criteria in the Constitution regarding Honorary Membership and to clarify some of that language. And along with that as an aside, I would ask that Brother Fidler forward his concerns about what isn't necessarily as clear as it could be to the chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, once the incoming Commander-in-Chief says who that is.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion's made and multiple seconds.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Does everybody understand the motion? That's good. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed, raise your cards.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

It passes.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief again. As a companion motion to that, I would in light of the fact that the Council of Administration will not meet again this administration year, and we have not awarded the Founder's Award during your administrative year... Brother Doug, you're going to have to help me with the names. I forgot them. I move you that this Encampment approve the awarding of the Founder's Award to the two gentlemen, and I'm going ask Brother Fidler to identify and that the award be during your administrative year.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The reason for this particular one is no recommendations for the Founder's Award were this year. This just came up here, what four hours ago? Okay. Under discussion, there's a grave of a Union veteran, who was a British subject. He came here, he fought in the Civil War, he returned to England. The superintendent of the cemetery where he is buried, and one other gentleman in England, have worked extensively to salvage, literally salvage, his grave. It was an atrocity. And they've now got it to the point that it is a work of art. Brother Fidler's purpose in amending the Honorary Membership requirements was to propose Honorary Membership for these two gentlemen. We have, in the past, for similar types of activity, awarded the Founder's Award. We have awarded it simultaneously to more than one, to two different organizations or two different individuals when they were involved in the same project. That's why even in the C&R Committee, our discussion was for this type of service to a Union veteran, that the Founder's Award was a more appropriate avenue than Honorary Membership to start with. Generally the Founder's Award is recommended by the Commander-in-Chief and approved by the Council of Administration. But as I said, there will be no more meetings of the Council of Administration so we're sort of circumventing that process and since the Encampment is the supreme authority, they can do whatever they want regardless of what the normal process is.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

This particular motion for the Founder's Award has my approval. So now he's got to bring it to the body. Go ahead, Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I just wanted to clarify. I thought the Founder's Award was only awarded to one person, but as I understood, what you just said, we do have a precedence of awarding it to more than one individual. Is that correct?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

The last one that we issued was to a library and a reenactment group who worked together to rehab a GAR meeting room, that was issued jointly. I believe there was one in Iowa that we issued two individuals who did work on a cemetery that had a number of GAR graves in it. So there is precedent to doing it that way.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's all I needed. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Don. Is there any other discussion?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

We need the names from Brother Doug. Brother Doug, we need the names of those two individuals names for the record. Did he leave the room?

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

I will get those names to you shortly. What I need to do is check for the complete name rather than, you know, nicknames. I just don't have it in mind for this moment.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Please provide those names once we get this approved.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Yes, sir.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, as Parliamentarian. We need the proper names for the record when the motion is discussed and adopted by the Encampment. Could you have those to us by tomorrow morning?

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Yes, sir, I could.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

I move that we table this matter 'till tomorrow morning.

Several Unknowns

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor of tabling the motion until tomorrow morning please raise your cards. All opposed to that, please raise your cards.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion tabled 'till tomorrow morning. Bob's done. National Site Committee.

James Houston, National Site Committee

Jim Houston, Department of Ohio, Chairman of the National Site Committee. You'll notice on page 47, the middle there's a comment about 2015 and 2016 Encampments indicates that further information will be presented at the Encampment. And so I'm ready to do that. The National Encampment Site Committee, this is for 2015, has reviewed proposals submitted by the Department of Missouri to host an Encampment in St. Louis and the Department of Chesapeake proposing Richmond, Virginia. And is the committee's decision that the 2015 Encampment will be awarded to the Department of Chesapeake and we have carried out on that decision. You should know that both proposals were thoroughly reviewed. And in addition the hotel suggestions were reviewed and met all our requirements. However, we believe that the drawing power for attendance in Richmond in 2015 will be greater than St. Louis because 2015 is the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, which ended in the Richmond vicinity. And therefore, it offers attendees the unique opportunity to visit related key attractions, such as Appomattox, the Richmond Battlefields, the Petersburg Battlefield, as well as the Civil War related sites within the city of Richmond, many of them are within walking distance of the hotel, which is the Omni Richmond Hotel. In 2016, as I indicated the committee previously has authorized the Department of Illinois to host the 2016 Encampment and that contract has also been signed with the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. I might mention that, of course next year, as you've heard, the 2014 Encampment will be in Marietta, Georgia, sponsored by the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. They have as I mentioned, tables here in the hotel to give you literature and talk to you about that. And we encourage your attendance next year in Marietta, Georgia.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Jim.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Just a point of information, the speaker system in here, this is four speaker systems in here. This speaker system here, very, very low. So when you talk into the mic, make sure we can hear it. The previous people that were in here, burned out the speakers. So, it's when you put them in here any higher and they crackle and we don't need that. So please speak up just a little bit in the mics so we can hear 'em.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Through you to Brother Jim. What's the hotel in 2015? I missed it. And the reason I'm asking is everything that's going on here is being posted on our Facebook website.

James Houston, National Site Committee

Right. thank you, Brother Orr. The hotel in 2015 is the Omni Richmond Hotel.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Omni Richmond. Okay.

James Houston, National Site Committee

I might mention there was a comment previously about Atlanta and how far it is from Marietta. I might mention, and I'm sure some of the folks will talk about that the site of the hotel, the Hilton Hotel in Marietta, is on the site of the former Georgia military academy, which was burned by General Sherman as he marched through Marietta. One of the other interesting factors is that in the lobby of the hotel, the Hilton Hotel, is a canon on a carriage. One of four that's set before the the academy and General Sherman took all four with him, but the state of Georgia petitioned to get two back. One sits in the lobby of our hotel. The other one sits on the grounds of the State Capital.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Very cool.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It just goes to show, you don't let an Ohio boy play with matches.

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Department of Illinois. I'd like for everyone to give a round of applause to James Houston for the work he's done on his leading that committee, carrying much of the burden on his own shoulders.

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(applause)

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Here! Here! Outstanding work.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Very much earned.

Brian C. Pierson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Yes, sir. All I was gonna say is the hotel has been rebuilt since it burned down. So, you don't have to bring carpentry tools.

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

Brother, Commander-in-Chief, if I recall correctly, 2016 puts us in Illinois. Is that not during the time the anniversary of the foundation of the GAR?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's why we are going there.

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

Good.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

And right now, we are looking at working with the other Allied Orders to have all five of us in the area at the same time. I know the DUV is there. The WRC is there. I believe they got certain dates. We're trying to work with those dates now. So, it looks like we'll have all five Allied Orders there in 2016.

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(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Fraternal Relations. That's you Jerry.

Jerry R. Sayre, Fraternal Relations

I'm Jerry Sayer, PDC, Department of California Pacific. The main job of the Fraternal Relations Committee is extending invitations to the heads of the other Allied Orders and other like societies to our

main events throughout the year. The last three years I have chaired this committee and previous to me was Brother Campbell, and all five years, one person does the letter writing, sends out the letters. I felt it possibly did not need to be a committee but might be better if it was made into an officer position since only one person does the job. That's my recommendation.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You making that as a motion, sir?

Jerry R. Sayre, Fraternal Relations

Yea, that would change...I will make that a motion...

Several

Second.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Point of order.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, point of order, please. Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, changes to regulations require that those be submitted to the chairman of the C&R Committee, the National Secretary, and the National Counselor at least thirty days prior to the National Encampment to be considered on the floor. So I suggest that that is out of order at this time.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

On suggestion of the Parliamentarian, I am ruling the motion out of order. Very good. Next year. Write it up and present it again. Cause you may be on that again. I talked you into it one, I might talk you into it again. Graves Registration. It's only 4:00 o'clock. We don't want to stay all day.

Bruce Fraill, National Graves Registration Officer

Bruce Fraill, Past Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island, National Graves Registration Officer. Our first recommendation is to recommend the National SUVCW approve the purchase of booth space at the National Geological Society's Conference in Richmond, Virginia this year, 7-10 May 2014. The cost will be estimated at \$500.00 for the booth, electricity, Wi-Fi, and handouts. This would be basically to get what we do with the Graves Registration Project out to the Genealogical Society. We've been doing this pretty much on my dime for the last two years.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Are you making that a motion?

Bruce Fraill, National Graves Registration Officer

Yes, I am.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I need a second.

Steve Aarli

Second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes, sir. With the purchase of the computers we've already approved, we're in a deficit by our budget. From which fund are you going to take this money. And the Brothers need to be aware that this is putting us into more of a deficit budget cause there's no way to increase the income, aside of the budget.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

You know, we still have a motion and a second on the floor.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I realize that. Any suggestion before do this, where we should take the money from?

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

The Graves Registration has a budget of \$5,500.00 that was designated for the database reconstruction. This year, we're only looking at spending about \$1,000.00 of that. So, if there could be any configuration of budget, maybe we could do that within the next year to be able to get this fitted into the budget for this year and for next year.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, the \$5,500.00 that remains is a contractual obligation that's carried from year to year. It was a total amount that the conversion was to cost. So, we either need to go back and change the contract. If you're changing the amount we carry that amount from year to year because he hasn't submitted the bills.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

All right. We were also approved, it was either \$750.00 or \$1,000.00 a year maintenance budget for Graves Registration. That has not been carried on the budget since it's been approved.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That has not been carried on the budget because there's been no maintenance because he hasn't finished the database. I'm not saying don't do this. That wasn't my question to start with. My question was what fund? Do you want to take it out of the general fund or the GAR fund, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief fund? That has to be designated in your motion so that I know where I'm taking the money from.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Then I ask for your advice on that. What fund would we be able to take...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I would offer an amendment that the this money be taken out of the general fund.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You accept the amendment?

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Yes, I do.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Whew. Okay. We have a motion and a second. And it's 4:00 o'clock. I know that. The motion and a second. All those in favor of spending \$500.00 for the Genealogy Seminar in 2014 to promote our Graves Registration, please signify by raising your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Thank you, Brothers.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That your only one?

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

No. The second one is the creation of new experience pool structure within the Graves Registration Project. The reason being we need to put people with experience and the desire to work towards the goals into the positions of Graves Registrations Officers on the Camp, Department, and National level. A) Camp level Graves Registration Officers should only be required to have a submitters account and a working knowledge of the structural book; B) Department GRO's should be able to be chosen from any Camp Graves Registration Officer that has served for three or more years with a steady rate of submissions, this is to make sure they know what they are doing; C) Aids to the

National Committee on Graves Registration should have served for four years or more at the Camp level, or combined as Department Graves Registration for one year or more; D) Members of the National Committee on Graves Registration should have served as a Department Graves Registration Officer for two years or more or as Aids to the Committee for one year or more; E) National Graves Registration Officers should have served as a member of the committee for two years or more or as aid to the committee for two years or more. The Camps would still be able to complete their own Camp GRO, the Department Commander would still be able to pick a Department GRO and the National Commander-in-Chief would still be able to pick the National Graves Registration Officer. But we would be giving them experienced men that know how to do the job.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, point of information. The Brothers need to know that the Council of Administration unanimously turned down this request at its April meeting because it usurps the authority of Camp Commanders and Department Commanders to appoint whoever they wish, regardless of any qualifications established by this committee. And they have the authority to appoint whoever. You are limiting them to appointing Brothers who have qualifications that are being established by this recommendation.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

I basically believe they should have qualifications to hold these positions. These positions lead us directly to the public. And we have a system here if we don't know what we're doing, it's going to fail. Okay? These men are in positions to help other Brothers and if they don't know what to do, then who's supposed to help the other Brothers?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I am simply providing the information that the Council of Administration unanimously voted not to approve this, and why.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

And I basically disagree because the Camp, Department, and National Commanders still have the right to pick the men that they wish. We're just giving them pool of men with experience. There is quite a pool already that fits that criteria. Right now we have about twelve Brothers in the Order that fit that could be National GRO.

John Conrad, National Camp-at-Large

John Conrad, National Camp-at-Large. The way this is worded, no person who has served as a Camp Graves Registration Officer of a Camp-at-Large would be eligible to serve as a National Graves Registration Officer who has registered over 275 graves and certainly has the experience to do this. We don't think the proposal is right to segregate a certain group of our membership and say you're not eligible.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana, Past Department Commander. I'm Past Grave Registration Officer for the Department. As such, when I stepped down from that after six or seven years, there was only one guy in the entire Department that was qualified. Last year, he got into some problems with his personal life and there was no one in the Department that could step forward and take that job over. I stepped back in to fill in. He has since stepped back into that job. But there is no one else in our Department that's qualified, and I am aware of everyone in there, that meets these criteria. There is one gentleman who winters in Texas and I don't know his exact age, but I'm gonna tell you he's approaching eighty. He's not going step into this position and we're not going ask him to. So, it's not as easy as there's a lot of people sitting around who've been in for three years or two years that you can pluck from to fill this job, even on the Department level, let alone the Camp level. We probably have three Camps that don't even have a Graves Registration Officer.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I rise in strong opposition to this because if nothing else, there's more requirements to be a GRO Officer than there are to be Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay? And the thing is, this does limit what the Department Commander or Camp Commander, or even the Commander-in-Chief can pick. And it's just a bad idea.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I rise in opposition also. I believe that the effect of this would be to raise Graves Registration to an art form. It might be better to look at a way of reviewing what's submitted before it's given to the public. Then you could have one point of review rather than try to find eight or ten experts to put it forward. I think you'd get more manpower on the ground doing Graves Registration and somebody to make sure that they are doing it correctly. I just think it's backwards. I think it's wrong. I think we need to use the manpower and leave the experts for the review.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander, Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Rhode Island. I rise in support of this. I think that we've talked for many years about knowing where we came from, who our ancestors were, how the Sons of Union Veterans really started from the GAR members. Now, we're looking at finding out where they're buried. Recording their locations. To know a little bit more about them and to put Flags or flowers on their graves in the appropriate times. We've struggled for years. When this program first started, we had 125 graves registered, 125 graves. We struggled for years and as a past National Graves Registration Officer, I was proud to get to the level I got to. And when it was taken over by Bruce, he's moving this project along. But we're at a point right now where if we don't do something a little bit different to move this project along even more, we're not gonna find anywhere near the amount of our ancestors that fought in the Civil War. So, I think that we need to do something and if we don't try this project, and if you read these, it says they're recommendations. You don't have to do this, but it's recommended to meet these criteria. But if you don't have someone who does meet that criteria, then you can make an appointment subsequent to that. So, I request that this be considered favorably.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Bruce. Rebuttal on any of that?

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Okay. I'll going to make it simple. We need people with experience. We need people to step up to the plate. Okay. We can't award positions to people if they don't know what they are doing. All right. We are looking for people now in places who don't know where they are. It's not like when we first started this, you could go anywhere and find a grave. We have people who are coming into the system. We have over 3200 submitters right now. 3200. About half of them are active. Okay? They have questions. I can't handle all of them. My committee can't handle all of them. That's why we worked on getting the programs and the accounts for the Department Grave Registration Offices. We're finding they don't have the experience to answer these questions. We have to do something. Okay? Or this program is gonna go stagnant. We're at 602,000 graves that are located. We're doing an incredible job. And I want to keep it going. As far as the Camps-at-Large, are Camps, whether they're with a Department or not, they are represented. We have Brothers that are Grave Registration Officers in those Camps-at-Large.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

One more.

Steve Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

Steve Hackett, Department of Rhode Island. I personally see no problem in passing part two here because as I read it, it says “should only.” It doesn’t say “must.” We’re shooting for the stars but it still gives the other leeway.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Harley, last one.

Steve Harley, Department of Illinois

Steve Harley, currently Department Secretary for the Department of Illinois and currently for about the last six years the Graves Registration Officer for the John Logan Camp #26 of Rockford, Illinois. I’m just gonna speak as part of the idea. I have physically walked 98% of the cemeteries in Winnebago County, 95% of the cemeteries in Boone County, Illinois, probably 50% in Stephenson County, Illinois as well as into McHenry, Ogle, and Lee Counties in Northern Illinois. I have physically visited probably 5,000 Civil War soldiers within this area and I’ve also found from probably in excess of two hundred Civil War soldiers that were not currently on the graves database. I think it’s been a horrendous job. I’ve done this for, like I said, the last five or six years. It’s one thing for somebody just to get a list of names on a piece of paper and type them into the database but it’s another thing to be able to go out and physically confirm that these guys are actually buried in these cemeteries. And I couldn’t tell you right off the top of my head how many cemeteries I’ve been to, but it’s probably several hundred. And I walked many, many miles through these cemeteries on my own. And I would walk them, any of the guys that want to go out and, you know, come along. We have had through two or three of our Camp members that have gone out through some of the cemeteries. But it’s a tedious job. It’s kind of sometimes can be a lonely job. It’s something that we need to do to be able to physically go out to confirm that these guys are there, as to what their markers are look like, and to document what kind of shape they’re in. So I just want to say that I do support Brother Bruce’s ideas. That like I said, it’s one thing just to sit behind a computer and type off a list, but it’s another thing to be able to go out and physically visit with our soldiers. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

This particular item has come up before at the council meetings on the Electronic Board and at the meetings. It is my decision they may not like it but I’m sending it to Programs and Policies. Let them work up the language on it in the future and we’ll come up here again with this and probably in November? I hope. I’m not quite sure in language myself. I think it needs to be tweaked a little bit there. I know your passion, Bruce, on this. Some of the four hour conversations we’ve had amongst ourselves. I think we need to tweak it a little bit and not make it quite so strong in some areas and some of the language needs to be tweaked on this thing a little bit. And I think we can do this. That’s why I am sending this to Programs and Policies.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Thank you. Number three, on page 50, we’d like to remove. Number four is basically to review the committee that we had established with General Order #6, series 2012-2013, dated 3 December 2012, section 2, a new temporary committee has been formed called Government and Headstone Application Committee. The membership of this committee will be Steve Aarli, Illinois Chairman; Steven Hall, Pennsylvania; David Burkett, Oregon; Steven Seisman, Arizona; John Eger, Indiana; Steven Twaining, Massachusetts; and myself. The primary duties of the committee will be, and this is the wording of this General Order itself. “The primary duties of this committee will be to work with the National Committee on Graves Registration. Assist people inside and outside of the Allied Orders in reaching, researching, and providing VA headstones, whether they are for unmarked graves or replacement headstones. They should also, with the assistance of the National Graves Registration Committee, design videos or workshops to show people the proper way to complete forms, raise headstones, level headstones, and install new types of headstones. They will also receive the data from

the checkboxes of the grave registration forms, which is part of the new database design, and transmit that data to the local Department and Camps for their action, of which they will assist when needed. All contact with Department, Veteran Affairs should be gone through.” Basically, what we’re looking for is that job was sent out to the Programs and Policy Committee. It was tasked to create a job description for this committee. To this point, it has not been done. And that committee is basically hands tied because of that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So this is a job description you are doing? Am I correct?

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Basically, we would like to be able to make the job description that I submitted to you at your request be considered the job description for that committee so they can move forward.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

As a job description, I’m going to have it, unless you make a motion on that. Are you making this a motion?

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

I would like to make a motion that the job description that was set up in your General Order #6 be considered the job description for this committee.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Do you have that?

Ed Norris

I’ll second it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You want to pull the job description up by my General Order? Okay. Motion’s been made and seconded. We’re pulling up the General Order right now. I don’t have it at the top of my head.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I have it. Do you want me to read it?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Would you please?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

General Order 6, series 2012-2013, 3 December 2012, item 2. “A new temporary committee has been formed called Government Headstone Application Committee. Membership of this committee will be” etc. I don’t need to repeat those. “The primary duties of this committee will be to work with the National Committee on Graves Registration; assist people inside and outside the Allied Orders in researching, improving VA headstones, whether they are for unmarked graves or replacement headstones. They should also, with the assistance of the National Graves Registration design videos and workshops to show people the proper way to complete forms, raise headstones, level headstones, install all new types of headstones. They will also receive the data from the checkboxes of the graves registration form and submit the data to local Department and Camps for their action, of which they will assist when needed. All contact with Department of Veteran’s Affairs should be through the office of the National Graves Registration Officer. The Programs and Policies Committee is asked to create a job description of this committee. The next Commander-in-Chief can then decide whether to continue the committee as a standing committee or a special committee.”

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

The wording of the job description as I would see it would end ”transmitting the data to local Department and Camps for their action, of which they will assist when needed.” The rest of that shouldn’t be part of that job description.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Point of order.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Point of order.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I believe a point of order is we do not have temporary committees. We have special and we have permanent. If this is to be a special committee, then it needs to be stated as such even in your General Order and it needs a cutoff date as required by the C&R. I think that's really what you want to do. If not, this committee dies when you're out of office. So, make it a special committee with an end date or it dies with you. No pun intended. Unless the next Commander-in-Chief reappoints it. Which means we're going to be doing this thing again and again, so why not just call it a special committee and give it a life of three years and be done.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

I would support that whole-heartedly.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. First off, I got to get this job description approved.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Your general order stands as the job description until this Encampment or any Encampment or the Program and Policy Committee comes back with a different job description through either the COA or National Encampment. There's no need to take action on a job description. It's here in the General Order and until that is changed by a subsequent Commander-in-Chief or National Encampment, it stands.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

I would make a motion at this time then to make this committee a special.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion on the floor as it is. I'm ruling that motion out of order.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Which one?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The motion was to set up the General Order #6b which was the job description of the committee.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Which it already is. So I'm ruling that particular motion out of order at this time.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So there is not now a motion on the floor.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There is not.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

All right. I would like to make a motion at this time to make this committee a special committee for a term of three years, to also look into extension at that point.

Unknown

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Second from who is that way in the back? Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby again. Brother, I think you need to make that three years and a specific date of 8-9-16.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Oh.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It has to have a specific end date. You can do eight nine the way you were. I was simply going to say that it exists until the close of the 2015 Encampment. Because we don't know exactly what date that would be.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

...2016 Encampment? That would be three years.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I stand corrected. 2016 Encampment. It would exist as a special committee until the close of 2016 Encampment unless extended by the National Encampment or made a standing committee.

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

I would agree with that, yes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Motion made and seconded to make this a special committee for a period of three years, ending Encampment 2016, which will be Springfield, Illinois. All those in favor, signify by raising your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes. Thank you. Is there somebody at the door out there? How many escorts do you need?

[three raps***]

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, I'd like to introduce the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Judy Rock.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, it's my pleasure to introduce Past National President Janice Corfman.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, it's my pleasure to introduce Past National President Lynn Bury.

Escort

Commander-in-Chief, it's my pleasure to introduce Past National President Phyllis Houston.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Ladies, would you like to speak?

Judy Rock, President of the Ladies GAR

No, I hate talking. (laughter) I could talk all day. Commander Mellor, it's a pleasure for us to be here to bring greetings to you and your cohorts, your minions, (laughter) yes, your minions. It's been a wonderful year. I've enjoyed every minute that I've been involved with the Sons and the Allied Orders. I think we've accomplished a lot in bringing things closer together and that has a lot to do with your direction and I appreciate it. I've made a lot of good friends with the Sons, especially the Michigan Department. I'm from Michigan. I've brought you a couple of gifts. This one is our favorite.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Janice Corfman, Past National President of the Ladies GAR

I'm Janice Corfman from Ohio. Many of you, I know, knew my husband, Charles. And it's just wonderful to see such a large group here. I can remember when we first started going to these conventions, the men were struggling. And over the years, you have built up to a wonderful group and it's just wonderful to see. Thank you.

Lynn Bury, Past National President of the Ladies GAR

Brothers, it is so nice to be here. To bring you greetings. I know my husband is wandering around here someplace, but he's, I don't believe in the room right now. It's the first one he's been to for quite a while. And I would like to repeat what...yes, oh...he's hiding. You could've waived. I would like to repeat what our National President said. I have had the pleasure of meeting with your Commander-in-Chief a couple of times this year and it's always been a great deal of fun and it is certainly promoting the fraternity between our two organizations. I would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to attend our wine and cheese party tonight in National Headquarters. I know you have entertainment of your own after the campfire. But if some of you would break away and visit our Headquarters, which is room 250, we are celebrating the grand opening on August 24th of our National Headquarters, which is a long, long time in coming. So, you know, please drop up if you can and celebrate with us. And better yet, if you can come on August 24th to the grand opening itself, we would love to have you and see you there. One last message, oh, I'm sorry. You're right. We have postcards available. The headquarters will be housed in the original administration building, which is now a museum at what used to be called the Sandusky Soldiers and Sailors Home in Ohio. It's now the Ohio Veterans Home. But it's in a lovely 1890's building and we have room to do with as we please. And it's working out really well. We're very, very excited. Yes, it's free. I have a message from Brother Robert Wolz, your National Historian. We spoke to him Monday night. He is out of the hospital and doing well, even though he lied and told me he wasn't in pain. But, you know, that's Bob. He's working frantically to finish his book. The minute he got out of the hospital, he received from his photographer over 250 pictures of badges. And he is sitting there recuperating and shoving pictures around on the desk to organize them for the book. He's hoping to have them all to the publisher, ready to go next month. Several of us in the women's organizations have been assisting with our end of things. He's excited and we're all excited. And I think it's going to be really outstanding and something we'll all be proud of. So, on his behalf, I know he's really upset he's not here because this is his fiftieth year. We'll take him some souvenirs. He's counting on coming next year for sure. I thank you all and it's good to see you all. And I thank you, Perley.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Phyllis Houston, Past National President of the Ladies GAR

I'm happy to see such a nice group here and I hope you are all having a good convention. I know we are. So, enjoy yourselves and have fun.

Lynn Bury, Past National President of the Ladies GAR

That's Sister Andy, by the way.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's Sister Andy?

Lynn Bury, Past National President of the Ladies GAR

Yes, that's Sister Andy.

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

Thank you, Ladies of the Grand Army, for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence here with us today. For more than a century we, the LGAR and the Sons, have marched hand in hand to honor the Boys in Blue, who saved our precious Union from the evil forces of rebellion and disunity. How good it is to walk with like-minded Sisters in unity and harmony. That

march has been long and fruitful. But the march continues. Our tasks become even more difficult in this 21st century, as fewer Americans feel that central bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors, marines and cutter service, whose memory we honor. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new century and beyond. The spirit of the Boys in Blue march with us. Thank you for joining us today.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Andy.

Judy Rock, National President of the Ladies GAR

Thank you. I'll see you later.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You will. Ladies. Escorts.

Unknown Lady of the GAR

Thank you.

[three raps, ***]

Clapping

[one rap*]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Before we get into any other long discussions, it is now quarter to 5:00. What is the schedule for tonight? I got to move it too. For those of you going to the banquet, for the Past Commander-in-Chiefs and Past National Presidents, I will see you there. Now, Chaplain, please close the Bible.

[three raps, ***]

[End of First Day of Meeting]

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
132nd National Encampment, August 10, 2013**

The first hour of the Saturday morning session did not get recorded. This time took in the committee reports from the following National committees: History, GAR Records, Legislation, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Military Affairs, Program and Policy, Battle Flag Preservation, Scholarships, Civil War Heritage Defence Fund and Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. Recommendations missed were from the National committees on GAR Records and Civil War Memorial Grant Fund.

Unknown

...and ascertain the condition of local GAR records and materials. Item six. Advocate and promote national policies.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

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

Yes. Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn Past Commander-in-Chief. I don't know that we really need to act on this. This is an inter-committee form that they're using to communicate among each other. Correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Partially, you're correct, Charlie. But it's also the form where the committee's authorizing me to pay the grant and it goes into our financial records. Part of this is information that our auditors have asked that we use to document awarding of the grants. So, it's an outside document as well.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Objection.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

The form is a tabled SUVCW Memorial Grants request 2012-2013. If this Encampment accepts that, you can't change the dates without action of a National Encampment each year. I, therefore, move that we adopt this form minus the dates under the title. You're repeating the dates in the grant request.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Would the form still be legal if you just enter a little thing on the side "date" and then put a line where you can actually hand write what the years were? That would take care of that.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

The grant request number is going to incorporate those years again. So, it's right there. Then the other thing is that it names specific people. Again, if this form is approved, then you can't change that to reflect changes in the membership of the committee without action of a National Encampment.

Robert M. Petrovic

Can I make two suggestions then? Delete 2012-2013 right under grant request. And down below for the committee members, put committee member number one, committee member two, committee member number three, and write their names in every year. We'll take out who to send the forms to. I'll re-write this and submit it later.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Okay, Commander, I'm going to modify my motion that we approve the form generically, without the specific information and authorize the committee to insert the names each year as appropriate so that we have those names recorded on the form for audit purposes for the National Treasurer.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any other discussion? All those in favor of the motion, raise your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Robert M. Petrovic

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Bob. Whew. Okay. E-Bay Surveillance, page 66. Who's here on that? Brother Dickson. Is he here? I don't see him. Go ahead, Gene.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Recommendation of the National Committee on E-Bay Surveillance, James R. Dickson. The committee would like to get a clarification regarding in actions that the committee can take on certain items of interest of the SUVCW and the GAR that does not appear on the market. These items being in certain historical aspects of high-end importance to the history of the Order.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. This is not a recommendation. They're asking for clarification on a policy which the CofA can give them. We don't need to vote on it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Agreed. We're referring this to the Council of Administration.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next one, Mr. Busch, With the fancy hat this morning.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Walt Busch, PDC and Credentials Committee. I just wore a uniform for thirty-three years. Got to do something different.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

What page, sir?

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

We're on page 66 for job description of the Encampment Credentials Committee. But before I get to that, I thought everybody would like an update. Of the 202 people that were pre-registered for the Encampment, 179 are present. We have 202 total present: one Commander-in-Chief, fourteen Past Commanders-in-Chief, fourteen Department Commanders, fifty-five PDC's, eighty delegates, thirty-six alternates, and two...we got them listed as visitors, one's Junior and I forget what the other one was. I think he's just a member that didn't want to be listed as an alternate. We have one recommendation which is the job description responsibilities of the National Encampment Committee. The reason we re-wrote this is we feel that there is a better match to what we are currently doing. Job description for the Encampment Credentials Committee. "Purpose: the purpose of the Encampment Credentials Committee is to assure that each Brother who attends the National Encampment meets the eligibility requirements as defined in the National Constitution and Regulations. To tabulate the counts necessary to allow all eligible Brothers to participate in the business of the Encampment and to represent their respective

departments. The Encampment Credentials Committee is an Encampment Committee; that is, it exists only during the Encampment and is discharged following completion of all its duties relating to the Encampment. Activities: 1) The Chairman of the Encampment Credentials Committee will be appointed as an Assistant National Secretary so that he can process the pre-registration forms and monies and so that he can give out credential cards at the National Encampment when a Brother does not have one. 2) The Encampment Credentials Committee is charged with the administration of all activities pertaining to the registration process of the National Encampment. This process consists of receiving payments of the registration fee and a valid credentials card. No attending Brother may participate in the business of the Encampment without a valid credentials card. 3) Credentials cards must include the registrant's name, Department, Department or National Past highest office or other status. Credentials cards may be signed by the Departments' Secretaries, Department Commanders, or the head of the Department delegation to the Encampment. The office held information will be used to determine the voting strength of each department. 4) The committee shall validate the office held, delegate status information against the last form 49 turned in by the Department. Information turned in on the form 49 will be considered the valid information for the delegate count and the Past Department/National office status. 5) The committee shall determine department voting strength from the BIGS report or other appropriate information supplied by the National SUVCW prior to the Encampment. 6) The committee shall supply to the Encampment whenever requested account of a Brother's attendance and including enumeration of each of the following offices: Commander-in-Chief, Past Commanders-in-Chief, Department Commander, Past Department Commander, Delegates, and Alternates. Sub-totals by Departments are required as is an overall total of all Brothers attending the Encampment. Responsibilities. In preparation for the National Encampment, the responsibilities of the committee include: 1) Receive all National Encampment pre-registration cards by the cutoff date determined by the committee chair; 2) The pre-registration blank form is to be given to the National Webmaster so that they can be put on the National Website and in the hands of the *Banner* Editor or printer by the date prior to the winter issue of the *Banner*; 3) Maintain a computer program containing at minimum: delegate's name, Department, pre-registered or not, whether status is Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Officer, Past Department Commander, Department Commander, Delegate, Alternate, or Junior/Associate, and whether present at the Encampment or not; 4) The Encampment Credentials Committee shall upon request supply the Host Department Committee with an updated head count, total of how many members are planning to attend; 5) Encampment Credentials Committee shall send the collected pre-registration fees" almost done "to the National Treasurer on two three week basis since the checks need to clear the bank for both the National Organization and for individuals. While at the National Encampment, the responsibilities of the committee include: 1) Receive registration fees and credentials from Brothers not previously registered. Receive credentials from Brothers who have previously registered then upon determination of valid voting status distribution of delegate voting cards as prepared by the National Quartermaster; 2) The creation of voting cards mandated by the National Organization is responsibility of the National Quartermaster. In the event of a shortage, the committee and Quartermaster will agree on a suitable alternative; 3) Voting cards will be used to identify eligible Brothers when show of hand votes are requested; 4) Conduct all roll calls where Brothers in attendance are polled during the voting activities of the session; and 5) Conduct the final roll call of all Brothers in attendance just prior to the election of officers to determine the official voting strength of each department."

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Are you making that a motion, sir?

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Yes. That is our recommendation.

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

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's a job description.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Charlie Kuhn. Any discussion?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I have an objection.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We have an objection.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander, in purpose, item number one, of the final phrase it says, "so he can give out credential cards at National Encampment if a Brother does not have one." That exceeds the authority of the Encampment Committee. Only the Department or the National Secretary can issue a credentials card. If a Brother doesn't have one, that's where he has to go, to his Department or if he's entitled to credentials from the National Secretary, the National Secretary. The Encampment Credentials Committee does not have the authority to issue a credentials card and I move that that section be stricken from this recommendation.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

I have no objection to that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

We already have a motion on the floor. Is that a request to amend the motion that was already on the floor?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I am moving to amend; to strike that.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well, Walt, it's all of, under activities, it's all of item one.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Strike all of item one?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right, because the National Secretary doesn't have the authority, so an Assistant National Secretary would not have the authority either to issue credentials, other than to National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina

Sir, Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina. Responsibilities, item number three. Just an administrative change where it says "maintain a computer program." I'd recommend that change to a database or spreadsheet or some other electronic means. A computer program is like MS/DOS or something like that. I think that's just more accurate. Really, what you want is a database or a spreadsheet that you can cross check things electronically. Not a program that runs a computer.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

I amend that to say "maintain a database."

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts. If this is a special committee that ends at the end of the Encampment, doesn't this job description end at the end of the Encampment?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, it's a special committee as opposed to a standing committee only in the only to the extent that it is an Encampment Committee, as specified in the Ritual. Therefore the committee is appointed for a short duration every year. But in fact, Program and Policy Committee

should probably give consideration to making this a standing committee since the committee starts functioning already in February. They're working for at least half of the year and we need to know who is on that committee well before we get here. I can tell you, in February he's sending me pre-registration checks already. So, he's got six months' worth of work into that committee. To say that it's a special committee is not really a good description. It's not a standing committee, but it's not a special committee either. It actually exists because of the Ritual.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion to amend the motion. Did you accept all changes, sir?

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Yes, I did.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We'll just have to vote. Any other discussion? Discussion's over. All those in favor please signify by raising your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved. Passes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Let's see. Who else has a book? Okay. Restore Memorial Day Committee.

Michael Beard, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

Michael Beard, Sesquicentennial Committee. I would like to make a recommendation.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Then go right ahead, sir.

Michael Beard, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

Sesquicentennial Committee's report is on page 68. It mentions in the last paragraph an e-mail that was supposed to have been attached, but it was not. I'd like to read that email into the record because the recommendation is based on it. This comes from John Connor of the Department of Rhode Island. "Brothers, after the conduct of the 3 July Gettysburg Commemoration, the submitter of the Elisha Dyer Camp #7 Sesquicentennial event application was informed that the endorsement had been disapproved. The disapproval arrived days after the event actually occurred and ostensibly for the following reasons. Quote 'Insurance concern. No explanation for insurance coverage especially if there is an artillery salute.' Close quote. However, the application for the Sesquicentennial event stipulates only a statement that the event will not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk. Such a statement was provided on the application. No further explanation or specificity is required by the application nor was any additional explanation or clarification requested after submission of the application. More importantly, it was clearly stated in the application that the artillery salute in question would be provided by the Rhode Island National Guard and the State's constitutional militia, not the Sons of Union Veterans. Presumably, the SUVCW is not expected to underwrite actions conducted by either the United States Armed Forces or the State's constitutional militia, even if some Brothers also happen to be members of the Guard or any other official organization. Nonetheless, if further explanation had been requested, the undersigned could have and would have provided it. For future reference, it is requested that the Council of Administration provide some clarity regarding minimum insurance or other standards required on the application. Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, John A. Connor, Camp Commander, Elisha Dyer Camp #7, Department of Rhode Island." He is correct that the application, insofar as insurance is concerned, only states a statement the event will not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk. And that instruction has caused us problems and some of the events are not being approved. So the committee would like to recommend that this Encampment change the form and change the insurance requirements. And here's the motion we would like for the Encampment to consider.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Your motion or recommendation?

Michael Beard, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

It's a motion to change the application for the Sesquicentennial form that we currently have on the Website. So this is what the current statement would now say, "The sponsor must provide information to indicate the event will not present a significant insurance risk to the SUVCW. For example, the sponsor could indicate they are insuring the event, that another organization is insuring the event, the SUVCW is included on the event policy, or some other appropriate circumstances are present that minimizes exposure. Insurance from the National Organization is possible but requires at least a ninety-day lead-time. To use National's policy, please contact" and we would insert the appropriate contact information.

Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I have a second over here. Mark Day. Any discussion?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander in Chief, practicing attorney, and for the last twenty-one years when I am at work, they call me Your Honor. This statement, as proposed, does not protect the Order. It is not true. If the Order endorses an event, we have liability. If a sponsoring committee has an insurance policy that does not state as an additional insured the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we have no coverage. In a lawsuit situation where someone is injured in an event and it doesn't matter who caused the injury, they are going to sue the hosting and sponsoring organizations. We would have to hire an attorney and appear in court. At that point, we've already lost. If you've ever had to hire an attorney, you know what I'm talking about. That's an expense to the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that we'll have to hire an attorney to appear on behalf of the Order. The motion should read that the sponsor must provide an insurance policy that names the Order as an additional insured or the organization has to obtain its own insurance or that it's on land owned by the National Parks Service. The National Parks Service covers that eventuality. But anything short of that and the Order is subject to exposure and liability.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I'm also going to object to this specifically because of the word "significant." The Council of Administration has been very specific that there is no insurance risk to the National Organization. Saying no significant insurance risk leaves the door open for an insurance risk to the National Organization.

Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake

Steve Hammond, Department of the Chesapeake. I've been on this sub-committee with Mike. My personal feeling is that we should discontinue this completely. All we have done is created more pain for the people asking. What if somebody wants to turn around and have their own and not ask for the endorsement? Fine. I think that's what we should do. It's just causing more headache up and down the line then we ever intended and will ever encounter.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Hold on a second. One at a time please. Go ahead.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, we have never said that a Camp or a Department cannot sponsor an event on their own. When you request designation as a Sesquicentennial event from the National Organization, you are in fact asking the National Organization to endorse that activity. When the National Organization does so and designates it as a Sesquicentennial event, then the National Organization is open to liability. If the Department or the Camp wants to sponsor it on their own and something happens, you're the one that is being sued, not the National Organization. If you don't have insurance, depending on your state laws, each individual member of the Camp may be subject to personal liability.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Rear mic.

Guard

Commander-in-Chief, we have a visitor.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Why don't we suspend discussion just for a couple of minutes. It'll only take a minute.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I'll even get dressed. Be nice gentlemen.

Escort

Commander, may I present Ellen Higgins, Senior Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans 1861-1865.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Morning, Squirrel.

Ellen Higgins, Sr. Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans

Good morning. Thank you. You can have them sit.

[one rap, *]

Ellen Higgins, Sr. Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans

Thank you. That's better. Now I have them at eye level. Good morning, gentlemen. My name is Ellen Higgins. I'm the Senior Vice President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. First a little background, maybe. I'm better known as Squirrel. Feel free to say that. Perley uses it quite well now. I got him trained. I have to tell you that our President, Carole Morton sends her greetings. I have a letter that I am going to read in a few minutes. She lives in California and I live in New Jersey, a mile from the ocean and yes, I was affected by Sandy. I'm still recovering from it. My family home was destroyed. We're trying to repair it at the present time. It's a long process. Federal government, FEMA, all that nonsense, it's just red tape. Anyway, President Carol, has asked me to sort of handle things on the East coast, therefore, this past year I've had the pleasure to be in Perley's company quite often at several events in D.C., Gettysburg, anywhere along the East coast. So we've become very close and I've enjoyed my company with your Commander immensely. I'm sure that it's going to continue this year as well. I'm sure I'll see you along the way somewhere. But something very unusual happened in the Daughters at our National Convention last week. It hasn't happened in over one hundred years. Our President was nominated and elected for a second term. People were expecting me to become the National President. I have agreed to put that off for a year. Hopefully, I will go in next year, God willing. But, our President has done a phenomenal job bringing our organization forward. And we've grown so much. I personally wanted her to continue in that roll. So, I nominated myself become the Senior Vice again and I nominated her for President. So that's why I'm here as Senior Vice President. And I'd like to read a letter if I may. "Commander-in-Chief Mellor, gentlemen of the Sons of Union Veterans, and honored guests, I bring you greetings and salutations from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, and it's National President, Carol Morton. She regrets being unable to attend and very much wanted to be here as a gesture to reaffirm the unity between the Sons and the Daughters of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our fervent wish is

that your National Encampment be successful and enlightening and enjoyable to all in attendance. Thank you for your faithful service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders. The Daughters eagerly look forward to our continued joint participation at many patriotic events yet to come. Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Carole Morton, National President, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865.” And Perley I submit this for your records, to the Secretary?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Brother Andy.

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

Thank you, Sister, from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, for joining us today. For nearly 150 years, we have jointly honored those brave ancestors of the GAR, who saved our union from destruction. We continue to resolve to keep green their memory. Sadly, that sacred duty grows more difficult each year. And each generation has fewer Americans who feel that close bond of kinship and loyalty that personified our ancestors of the Allied Orders. Let us resolve today to continue our warm and cordial association in these changing times. We cannot doubt that the spirit of the Boys in Blue march with us. Thank you for joining with us today.

Ellen Higgins, Sr. Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans

Thank you. Thank you for your comments.

Encampment

(applause)

Ellen Higgins, Sr. Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans

I just wanted to add that the Daughters we eagerly look forward to working with the Sons for the 2016 Encampment in Springfield. Can I tell a story? Of the letter opener? Perley just gave me a gift of a letter opener. He gave our President, National President, Carol Morton, one last year at Gettysburg. Carol is in California so, of course she had to fly to Gettysburg. She got in line at the airport and...um...she was...

Encampment

(laughter)

Ellen Higgins, Sr. Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans

...she was pulled aside because she had a weapon in her bags that she forgot all about. The letter opener. She had two choices, to put it in the circular file or to send it home to herself. And it was a great expense to send it home to herself. It did arrive, I think she said two to three weeks later. So not only was she detained for the letter opener, she also was detained for storms or whatever. So she sat there. It was not a very pleasant trip home for her after Remembrance Day. Thank God, I'm not flying. I'm driving. I've been on a trip, we had our National Convention in Lincoln. I started out from New Jersey last Sunday. I'll be gone two weeks. We went to Lincoln, Nebraska. Then we did some site seeing along the way. We ended up at Mt. Rushmore, which was phenomenal. Then we ended up here. So, I'm just over three thousand miles. It'll be four thousand by the time I get home. I'll be home a couple days and then I'm gone to Florida for a week and a half.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

And I will see you tonight.

Ellen Higgins, Sr. Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans

Yes. Thanks, Perley.

Ellen Higgins, Sr. Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans

Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you.

[three raps, ***]

Clapping

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Next on speaking.

James Ward, Department of Florida

James Ward, Past Department Commander, Department of Florida. Two items. The first, as a question through you Commander-in-Chief to Brother Orr. Should somebody meet the ninety day application requirement and asks for coverage under the National policy, do you have a rough range of costs that would be to the Department?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Anywhere between Zero and Tree Thousand Dollars. It depends on the number of estimated participants.

James Ward, Department of Florida

Okay. Thank you. And the second. We have an October event that was applied for in a timely manner that is being held up on this issue and part of the issue seems to be that it's on a county park instead of a National Park. If the language is changed, instead of saying National Parks are covered which I understand you have an arrangement or we have an arrangement with the National Parks Service apparently the National Counselor is or the National Treasurer are content with. We need some kind of language that identifies what's needed for county and municipal authorities.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

National Parks Services states that anything happening on their land are covered by their insurance policies. If they sponsor that, it is covered by their insurance policies. Or co-sponsors, I'm sorry.

James Ward, Department of Florida

So, our problem and our experience has been, we meet the ninety day application deadline. We used the language that was on the form. It was challenged as not being sufficient. Now, we'd be happy to apply for consideration for October 5, 2013 Sesquicentennial event and we can't meet the ninety day rule now because it's October 5th, while all this back and forth has been going on about our application. So, one way or another, this has to be improved as a process. And of course, we would like approval of our October 5th event. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I have not received it from the SCS sub-committee. We have no pending right now.

James Ward, Department of Florida

Well, it was applied for and we've had exchanges of communication with the chair of the Sesquicentennial Committee. They've been in touch with Brother Pahl, I believe. And we've been trying to meet the requirements that have been set.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

What's the title of your event.

James Ward, Department of Florida

It's the Hillsboro County River Raid, where a blockade landing force was landed and blockade-runners were burned. That was a successful event for the Union which didn't always happen in Florida.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No, it did not.

James Ward, Department of Florida

I was just handed something. Forgive me. It says, there are thirteen things that are in preparation and oh, no, hang on. So it's under, so we're approved.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Are we going to the back microphone? No. Did he say it was approved?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Yea. That's why I don't have it on my desk.

Michael Beard, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Beard, Sesquicentennial Committee. It was approved by the Sesquicentennial Committee and forwarded to the COA. The COA currently has it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Uh-oh. It has not been approved.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

It will take me a while to get in here, but I'll find it, if I have it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Rear mic.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Jeffrey Albanese, Past Department Commander, Department of New York, and an attorney for thirty years. I am not called Your Honor, but I have been called a lot of other things.

Encampment

(laughter)

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

In speaking to Brother Hammond's re-remarks, I tend to agree. As an attorney who has represented insurance companies in personal injury actions, I find it hard to imagine an event in which a crowd of people are invited to some location in which there is not a potential for some risk of liability against the organizations that's sponsored the event. I agree that by formally approving an event by the National Organization, there's a greater exposure to liability. I don't think that by simply saying but you can still do event, that the National Organization's going to escape that potential for liability. The way this organization is organized, the control that it exercises over the Departments and the Camps, if I'm a personal injury attorney and I'm looking at somebody to sue and I see a Sons of Union Veterans Camp that doesn't have any insurance and a Department maybe that doesn't have insurance but the National Organization has an insurance policy, guess who I'm suing? I'm suing the National Organization along with all those others. So, I think we need to really consider this insurance that the National Organization has. I think any event that any Camp holds which involves the accumulation of people in a cemetery where there are woodchuck holes and stones that people can trip over, etc., can expose us to liability and I think to simply say that because the National Organization somehow is going to claim we don't know what our local groups are doing since we're encouraging that kind of thing by our local groups, that saying we're not going to have liability is shortsighted. Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, in response to the Brother. Our current policies would cover the National Organization if we are sued because of an action of a Camp which we have not previously approved. That's part of our existing policies.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

I know. But if you, just by saying we're not going to approve you as a Sesquicentennial event, but it's okay to still do it, you're still exposing yourself to liability by saying that.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right. But if we approve the event and it doesn't have its own independent insurance, our policy is negated. We have no insurance.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Yours is an exclusion. You're saying?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Okay.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Front mic.

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

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Two things. One. We do have a motion on this. Correct? It's kind of a question.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's why we're still in the discussion.

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

Okay. There was a motion made.

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

Okay. So, I thought maybe could send this to the CofA to settle but it can't be.

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

I want to make a statement first. The whole deal with the Sesquicentennial committee started during my administration, I believe Brother Baird, did I appoint you as a... I thought so. I brought this forward hoping to bring some light to the American people over what was happening, what our forefathers did during the Civil War. I was hoping that by the National Order recognizing these events, that it would make it a good thing, you know. I see that through this nightmare, and I see this all the time coming up. I get all these emails coming from the CofA about the SES events. Then there's all this discussion that follows it and it's insurance, and it's this and it's that. It's turned into a flipping nightmare. I'm almost sorry I even brought the idea up at this point. It is a sad state that our nation lives on such litigious issues that we have to think that we have to sue our fellow neighbor because we stepped in a groundhog hole on his property. It's ridiculous. It's absolutely insane and that's been propagated by attorneys and I'm telling you, I'm sorry it has, by attorneys and judges who continue to let it sit in their courtroom.

Henry Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio

That's not so, Charlie.

Encampment

(laughter)

Henry Shaw, Jr., Department of Ohio

That's not so. Speak of that you know, sir.

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

That's just my opinion. I'm sorry, Henry. I know you're a judge. Jim, you're a judge. We have some other people who are attorneys here. But I mean, we got people who think that they're going to get rich by suing other people. Ultimately it's like a dog chasing its tail. I'm sorry I brought the whole issue up, but, you know, I thought that maybe this organization could benefit from it by making this Sesquicentennial Committee and pursuing this. I make a motion that we table this right now and send it back to the Council of Administration so we can move forward and accomplish something here today. That's my motion.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. This second motion supersedes the first one. Does everybody understand it? Just table it and send it back to Council of Administration to get beat to death again.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor of tabling it and sending it back to the Council of Administration. Boy, that was quick. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Done, it passes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes sir.

Henry C. Duquette, Department of Rhode Island

Henry Duquette, Department of Rhode Island. I would like to point out two other significant typographical errors and then get into an issue concerning this aforementioned Rhode Island Gettysburg Gun Ceremony. Item fifteen on page sixty-nine and repeated on page seventy, item five. Indicates that the Rhode Island Gettysburg Gun Ceremony was initiated by Connor Camp of the Department of Ohio. Of course, this was the Elisha Dyer Camp #7 from the Department of Rhode Island. Brother Connor being the Commander of said Camp. So we should fix that. I also want to point out in item number five, that the CofA disapproved the event over insurance concerns, which we understand, on July 7th, when the event was scheduled for July 3. That gave us no opportunity to address the concerns of the Council. We, of course, went ahead and had the event. But we really would have preferred to had the Signature Event designation. That being said, though, we really would have appreciated some word well in advance of the date of the event. I would like to put this motion on the floor to address that situation. That all Sesquicentennial Signature event approval or rejection decisions and/or requests for additional information and clarification be communicated to the applicant at least thirty days prior to the event date to give the applicant time to respond and/or order medals, stamps, passports, and other SSE related materials and prepare advertising.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Is that a recommendation?

Henry C. Duquette, Department of Rhode Island

That's a motion.

Unknown

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Second. Okay. I just wanted to make sure. Any discussion?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, if that's going to be the case, then as a member of the Council, at least for the time being we're going have to request that they be submitted at least six months in advance and not ninety days. You have to understand the process. That application goes to the committee. The committee reviews it. It has to be sent out to all the committee members and they have their discussion by email. It is then forwarded to a sub-committee of the Council of Administration so that we can streamline our debate. That committee is composed of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and I believe it's three non-voting members, who are all Past Commanders-in-Chief. Non-voting members of the Council of Administration. They then make a recommendation to the entire CofA, the ten voting members of the CofA who then vote yes or no based on that recommendation. It's not simply, it goes to the Council of Administration to decide. Yes, it's a bureaucratic process, but it's there for a reason. Because those four

Brothers that are doing the in-depth exam for the CofA, are the ones that have acquainted themselves most with the requirements that we have plus the requirements of the law to protect the Order. If you want a decision back, guaranteed decision thirty days in advance, then we're going have to back up when they have to be submitted to six months. Right now, the Sesquicentennial committee has forty-five days to review it and thirty days for the sub-committee of the COA to review it. Then it is immediately put to a vote. There's no discussion unless one of the members of the CofA requests to divide the question, if there's multiple events being considered at the same time. I know most of you are not familiar with the procedure we've established, but there is a lot of time involved. The bulk of that time is in the committee review. So if you want a guaranteed thirty days, but expect the Council then to turn around and say you've got to submit it six months in advance.

Henry C. Duquette, Department of Rhode Island

So first, Brother Secretary, I'm Henry Duquette, D-u-q-u-e-t-t-e, Commander of the Department of Rhode Island. Brother Orr, I appreciate the process. But from our end, and anyone else who has been in ...practically anyone else who's on this list, I'm sure supports this idea, that we have to have some kind of window of opportunity to know the status of our application so we can move forward. The idea of learning five days afterwards, plus or minus, yes or no, makes no sense to me. I think that's incompetence. Whatever you need to do to alter the process in order to give us a window in order to go ahead with these events, with or without approval, I think is just what you have to do. As far as I'm concerned, you're in charge of the process. If you need six months ahead, we'll apply six months ahead. I think it's extremely important that you have a deadline to get us information so we have time to prepare for these.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'm not objecting to the deadline. I'm just telling you you've got to apply sooner.

Henry C. Duquette, Department of Rhode Island

It will have an impact. But that impact doesn't affect my request, my motion, my decision.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Rear mic first.

Bruce Fraill, Department of Rhode Island

Bruce Fraill, Department of Rhode Island, Past Department Commander. I agree that we should move on this motion so that we do have a time to be able to re-respond to a rejection. And if that means that we have to make another motion so that we put into play an additional thirty days, sixty days, ninety days to be able to submit, then we do that also.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Front mic.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. Sir, in the back, you're the Department Commander of Rhode Island?

Henry C. Duquette, Department of Rhode Island

Yes, sir.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Sir, I would submit that what Brother Orr recommended was that moving it six months ahead. Did you accept that as a friendly amendment to your motion? And that takes care of everybody's problem. Will you accept what Brother Orr said about making a six-month window, where you have to apply for it six months in advance so that we can take care of it to get you your thirty days notice prior to the event?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Right now, the motion specifically says that it must be communicated at least thirty days prior to the event date.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That's where it's at now.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, and Brother Orr, if you would accept his moving it six months in advance for notification that gives you what you want, then it's taken care of when we vote.

Henry C. Duquette, Department of Rhode Island

Brother Darby, Henry Duquette, Department of Rhode Island. I'm uncomfortable with doing that. I don't think that's any of our business from this end of the floor. As I said to Brother Orr, whatever they need to do to alter their processes, their business. I don't know that I want to put a stake in the ground that says now move the application date six months ahead. The Council and the committee might get together and say well, we don't really need six months. Maybe we only need four months. I'd rather not do that as part of this motion. If you think the motion is going to fail because the committee has to change their process, let's take a vote and find out.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I have one more in the back that stepped up. Okay.

Mike Downs, Department of Indiana

Mike Downs, Department of Indiana. A couple of years ago, I put together a program and went through the Signature Event process and I found it terribly frustrating because of the lack of communications about the application. This needs to be improved on your part, I think that's what it needs. I totally agree and support this thirty day timeline, because if you're putting together a program, you're working with other components that need to know that are really depending on what type of program it's going to be. So this amendment needs to be passed if you're going to be doing programs like that. It seriously does. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Front mic, please.

Michael Beard, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

Commander, Michael Beard, Sesquicentennial Committee. The process right now with the ninety days, forty-five of that is given to the Sesquicentennial Committee and forty-five of that is given to the CofA. Most of the time in the first few weeks that we have it, is getting the application in a form that we think we can get the CofA to approve. So the turnaround at the committee level is usually two weeks from the time that we get it. So, if we're going to ask that the CofA have a thirty day thing, I think we can negotiate out with us as to how many days we're going to need in advance to do all that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I just want to comment. I'm not objecting to this motion. There's nothing that says you need to wait until ninety days before the event to submit. We have had submissions a year and a half in advance. The people who have are doing those events have had plenty of time, because they're getting their answer in the ninety-day period for the most part. There's nothing that says you need to wait until it's ninety days before the event to submit. If you're having an event in 2015, you can submit it tomorrow and we'll act on it and give you the approval well in advance, if it can be approved. It also gives you more opportunity to iron out any issues if it gets rejected and resubmit it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Does everybody understand that by approving this motion adding that getting back to the Brothers within thirty days of the event that it could quite possibly add to the amount of time that's gonna be submitted to the Sesquicentennial Committee? Where right now, it's ninety days, I believe.

So that could be increased very significantly in the very near future. Probably within tomorrow morning. All those in favor of this motion, please signify by raising your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

It passes. Okay. Who do we have next? Restore Memorial Day. Gene will take care of that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

It is page 72, at the bottom of the page is where the report starts. The recommendation is later. Here we go. We feel our membership is not doing enough to assist in this matter in a couple of ways. Yea, that's what I'm reading. Our proposals are as follows. A General Order needs to be put out urging and encouraging all of our members to get more involved in speaking with their families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and members of other organizations they may belong to. Number two. To encourage our Allied Orders to support this matter as well. Number three. To urge and encourage all of our members to make contact with their Washington D.C. representatives by emails, letters, phone calls requesting asking them to support this effort especially in the House of Representatives where a bill is already pending. And to ask their Senators to introduce a bill in the Senate. And finally, I am requesting the following Brothers to be appointed to the committee Restore Memorial Day. Brother Jay Gardin of the Department of New Jersey and Brother Al Platt, of the Department of Georgia.

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

I object to this. You're requesting the Commander-in-Chief to do things that he has the free will to do anyway he chooses.

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

I move that we reject this recommendation.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief. You may want to consider dividing these. Because Charlie's objection, I have the same objection but it only applies to some of them, not all of them.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Then go ahead and divide them. Which ones do you want to divide? Do you want to divide the last one out of it?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The first one and the last one.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Committee appointments are definitely the prerogative of the Commander-in-Chief and it's the Commander-in-Chief's prerogative whatever he includes in General Orders.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's fine.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Encouraging the Allied Orders and two and three can be taken up individually or together as one, but I think we need to reject the first and the fourth and whatever you do with the other two.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Is that what your motion was, Charlie?

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

Yes. That's fine.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Please sit down. His motion has been...who seconded that motion?

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There you go. You got that, Gene? Motion made and second to exclude items one and four. All those in favor signify by raising your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved. Items two and passed, items one and four excuded. Next one. Committee on Juniors.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay. Here we go. National Committee on Juniors, page 77. Number one. That the National Organization Special Committee on Juniors be continued by the incoming Commander-in-Chief and that at his discretion additional members be appointed to the committee, replacing those who do not wish to serve.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, it's a special committee and by our own decision, it has to have an end date. You just can't say continue it. You want to say continue it for one year and then we take it up again. Next year, that's fine. We can't just say continue it, because that's indefinite.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Item number one, I am ruling that out of order at this time, cause it is a special committee and we had discussed this already.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Number two. That the proposed 2013 Junior Program be approved for implementation by the Order, with specific grade requirements, to be presented to the Programs and Policies Committee by the Special Committee on Juniors for their review, amendment, and approval.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any discussion?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes. I'm going to object to this because of the wording. The Program and Policy Committee does not have the authority to make, approve, review, or amend. Then they send it to the Council of Administration for approval.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

If we change the wording, can we do that?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. In item two, on the last sentence, I would add "for their review, amendment, and recommendation for approval." The word "recommendation" be added before "approval" and I think that takes care of Brother Rich's issue.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I haven't got it in front of me. Read it.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It basically says that the proposed 2013 Junior Program be approved for implementation by the Order, with a specific grade requirements to be presented to the Programs and Policy Committee by the Special Committee on Juniors for their review, amendment, and recommendation of approval. So you're adding the word "recommendation" prior to "approval." I believe that handles Brother Rich's issue.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You all set, Rich?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yep.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Gene, you all set?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I got it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I approve that.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Number three. That the achievement ribbons be designed and purchased, seventy-five for each grade.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Objection. I'm objecting in order to provide information to the Brothers. When you design a ribbon, the ribbon portion of a medal, the minimum purchase is one thousand yards. We've gone through this before. When we buy our ribbons, cause nobody else uses them exactly the same as our design. We have to buy a thousand yard roll. How many years are you going to take to use up a thousand yards at three inches per medal?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any other discussions?

Steven Hackett, Department of Rhode Island

Steve Hackett, Department of Rhode Island. I'm a member of Armed Services Society of America and I know I can get ribbon in the colors red, white, blue, and red-white-blue in distances far less than a thousand yards. It's usually a couple of bucks per six inch strip. Further investigation can be made and maybe the thousand yard length is not what we really need to be worried about.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, the Brother is correct if it's an established ribbon design. You can purchase it in much smaller quantities. However, this recommendation is to design a specific ribbon that would be different from anything in existence. That's what it says to design a ribbon. That means it's something that doesn't exist. It doesn't say to investigate and find something out there that already exists.

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio. You can buy assembled drapes in quantities of a hundred. I get them for \$.45 apiece. Believe it or not, the SUV members ribbon is available in an assembled drape. And I think some Boy Scout units use it also. Many combinations are available. I make a friendly amendment that instead of "design" that "choose an assembled drape" might be a more practical way to go.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Quartermaster. Gentlemen, I sit back here and what I am hearing is we're trying to always fix something that isn't broken. I don't see what's wrong with what we've got now. Thank you.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I would offer a friendly amendment that said basically “the achievement medal or the achievement ribbons be purchased seventy-five for each grade.” We get rid of the “design.” You can go wherever you want and pick whatever color you want that’s already made and you’re spending pennies. So, if we drop the word “design” and just say “the ribbons will be purchased, seventy-five for each grade,” we’re good to go.

Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina

Brian Pierson, Department of Georgia/South Carolina. If you refer to page 76, the fourth paragraph from the bottom, it uses standard colors. It has the description of the ribbons right there. Red, white, and blue and then a red, white, and blue ribbon as well. I don’t see anything in there that shows any specifically designed ribbon so I concur with the previous comments on that one. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. So, someone’s objected so we need a motion. Is there a motion on the floor? There was an objection.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I didn’t object. I was just providing information on what the costs were.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

The person who wrote this, is he here?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

He’s not.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Then would you accept a friendly amendment to do away with the word “design” and move on?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I will accept that.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

It has been changed to Don’s friendly amendment. We can do it using existing colors and schemes. We’re deleting the word “design” and we’re “purchasing the ribbons.”

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Here we go. Next one, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That all the above work should take place in the four and a half months following the National Encampment and that the full program and be launched in January of 2014.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussions?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I’m gonna object. To place a limit like that on a Program and Policy Committee is unrealistic, especially for a brand new chair. So, I move you that we do not adopt this recommendation.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I have a motion made and seconded that we do not adopt this motion. We don’t want to overtax them in four months. Discussion?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. In regard to the perspective new chair of that committee, how long do you think it'd take you to handle this little job?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We've taxed him with a lot of stuff already.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, you prioritize and do the easy stuff first.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

He's got to answer to his wife, too.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. How 'bout if we just put down by November, ...by Remembrance Day. Is that too short of time?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Read that again. Basically what they're saying.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That all the above work should take place in the four and half months following the National Encampment and that the full program is to be launched in January of 2014.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, then I would say Springfield. That puts you into April of 2014. Would you accept that as a friendly amendment?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I would not.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I got an objection here.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm the one that made the the motion, and I do not accept it as a friendly amendment. The committee's been charged to do it. I leave it to the committee to do it as they can, trusting the Brothers appointed to the committee to do it as rapidly as possible. The man that's gonna be whoever's elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and therefore appointed Program and Policy Committee Chair, is going to be brand new to the job. They have a lot of other things to do. They're charged with doing it. Let them do their work and report back to us as they can. I don't want to put a deadline on it.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

A yes vote would be not approved. A no vote would be approve the motion. All those in favor of this, raise your cards. All those opposed. Motion carried. Thank you Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Anytime.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Number five. That the Special Committee on Juniors and administrating the new program should be permitted reimbursement for the expenses in purchasing postage and supplies, cardstock, ink, envelopes, and letterhead, the amount not to exceed \$200.00 for 2013-2014.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Objection.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, there's already a line item in the budget to reimburse committees, as long as they file as long as they complete and submit the reimbursement application to the Commander-in-Chief for his approval. And second, letterhead is available from the National Quartermaster for committee chairmen. We're not going to pay to print it twice. So there is no need for this. And \$200.00 is a rather large amount to pay for what they're going to have. I mean, if they issued a certificate to every Junior we have, it shouldn't cost them more than \$10.00. This is an amendment to the budget. It isn't necessary. It's already covered in the budget.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I'm ruling this out of order.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next, sir.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That's the last one for the Committee on Juniors. Next is Committee on Promotion and Marketing.

Mark Day, Promotion and Marketing Committee

Mark Day, Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake and Chairman of the Promotions and Marketing Committee. Most of the recommendations that we had in our report, which is found on page 79, were taken care of yesterday by the vote of this body during the Constitution and Regulations. Those those motions were to have this committee made a permanent standing committee. So, we only really have to deal here with today number one, which is "It's the recommended the Marketing and Promotions Committee be given a link on the National Website under the category of either communications or programs. By doing this, we would have one specific place on the Website where Departments and Camps, or Brothers, could go and download the information, the marketing information that is being created by the committee."

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Question for the current chairman of the Technology Committee. Do we not already have a process in place to grant those kind of requests that that be made to the Technology Committees who can approve them so that we're knowing that the parameters existing. And so therefore this is really not necessary to be done at this Encampment?

Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster

Ken Freshley, National Webmaster. Yes, the current procedure is to submit a request to the National Webmaster, who will research and deem if it's proper or not and then post it. So, I don't believe there is need for this.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Well, I'm going to make it very quick. I'm referring this to the Webmasters for his determination.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Who do we have next? We have Vision and Planning there?

Brian Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Brian Pierson, Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. I just noticed in there that obviously I sent my report but it got stuck in the out box. I resent it to the Secretary so, he has it electronically. If you want, I can read it. It's brief.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

You go ahead and read it.

Brian Pierson, Vision and Planning Committee

Committee to present the 2020 Vision Plan at last year's Encampment which outlines specific goals for the Order. In addition, key metrics were developed to measure our progress to the goals. In order to facilitate communications, I know Brother Don Palmer and I have been talking about providing a CD. We'll be working on that later, that has the plan and we'll distribute that to the departments. The phase we're in right now is to continuously track and report our progress versus the metrics to determine our overall movement to meeting the goals and also to show where we may need to adjust our strategy or focus our efforts. To this end, the committee has been developing an analytical tool kit and standards to provide meaningful reports. I expect the reports to be fully implemented by September upon which then it should be a relatively easy and standard process to maintain vision on where we are going. The committee will analyze information from the annual officer, committee and department reports presented at this Encampment and then present the results of the analysis at the CofA meeting at Remembrance Day. The committee will, if required, contact the reporting individuals in order to flesh out any required data or clear up anything that's in the reports. It's expected that the analysis will be able to show both quantitative and qualitative data that will prove useful to meeting the goals of Vision 2020. This concludes my report.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Very good. Okay. Moving right along.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I don't think there's any more recommendations by committees. The next recommendations are all Department Commanders.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Recommendations only, sir.

Timothy P. Reese, Department of California and Pacific

Department Commander, Tim Reese Department of California and Pacific. Sir? On page 82, 7.1.1. Right after the first bracketed sentence where it says "and badge" to have that stricken. And in the following sentence where it says also that concern the badge and patch have the words "badge and" be stricken.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Can you just read it from where it says "Eagle Scout, Sons of Union Veterans?"

Timothy P. Reese, Department of California and Pacific

Oh, okay. "Eagle Scout, SUVCW certificate recommend that the National Office devise a patch bracket similar to the BSA's God and Country small rectangle patch with a knot in it. It's usually sewn above the left breast pocket and then have 'and badge' be stricken be created in conjunction with the certificate for Court of Honor presentations. And then have the words "badge and" be stricken. And then, "patch will only be presented at live Court of Honors where the SUVCW are the presenters and the certificates will be available for mail outs" and add the word "only." And then it says "thinking is to increase invitations to these BSA Court of Honors."

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I'm going to object for a number of reasons. First, square knots, and that's what this patch is called, that formally is the right name. It's a square knot. And it is in the form of a square knot. This is a patch that is part of the official uniform of the Boy Scouts of America. It must be approved by the Boy Scouts of America and the square knots are only available through the Boy Scouts of America national supply office. We cannot control them in any way, shape, or form, if it would get approved. Without approval of the Boy Scouts of America, you're creating a fictitious badge that any boy who wears, is not in uniform.

Timothy P. Reese, Department of California and Pacific

Well, during the devisement, wouldn't that be to file a request to the BSA National Office if we had the sample to offer them for their approval?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The cost of having a single square knot made as an example is gonna be astronomical.

Timothy P. Reese, Department of California and Pacific

I was referring to the square patch, not the actual emblem that was within it, but as offered as an example as to the size of it. But, devise a design for it and to be submitted to the National BSA Office.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There's no option for design.

Timothy P. Reese, Department of California and Pacific

Okay

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

With the exception of District Award of Merit which is an overhand knot, all of those are square knots. That is the design they must be in. The difference is what the color of the square knot is, or colors, to designate what award. It's the same as in the military where you wear the ribbon instead of wearing the whole medal. Again, with the exception of the District Award of Merit, all of those square knots replace a medal on the Scout uniform.

Timothy P. Reese, Department of California and Pacific

Okay. I stand corrected. I withdraw the recommendation.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next. Department of Kentucky.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Page 96. Kentucky. We have no body here. Right? Go ahead and read it.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Kentucky submitted by Linden "Bucky" Lairson. My immediate predecessor now Past Department Commander Bernie O'Bryan suggested that each Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp and each Department get or have access to the National site template for a single page on our National Website with the means to update content easily, including a link to their own Website should they maintain one. We would support a Department and Camp fee to fund the expense. This would give us a National template and links could be given to additional pages should camps or departments want to do so.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion. Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to post an objection and move you that this matter be referred to the National Committee on Communications Technology.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Don't need a second cause I'm moving it. So moved to Communication and Technologies.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next one is Department of New York.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Jim, you might have to explain this to me.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Be happy to, Keith.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Answers are \$1.00. Correct answers are \$2.00.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Since you made the motion and I seconded the motion, a vote still has to be taken place. Does it not?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Did we make a motion?

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes, I so move you was what Jim said. And therefore I seconded the motion.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

He made a recommendation.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

No. He made a motion.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I said make a motion.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I could have swore he made a recommendation to the Commander-in-Chief.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

He may have done that but he said I so move you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Therefore, I suggest a vote in place.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Orr suggests, and far be it from me to disagree with Richard on anything...

Encampment

(laughter)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

...that the word that I said was recommendation and...and I...I, you know...

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

No, you actually said moved.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion on the floor.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

To send it to Communications and Technologies, seconded by our 'steemed Past Commander-in-Chief. All those in favor, signify by raising your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes. Moving right along. Department of New York. Page 107. Commander Pugsley, I know you are here. There you are.

Robert L. Pugsley, Department of New York

I'm the Commander of the Department of New York. My name is Bob Pugsley. And I did make a recommendation, which is actually more in the form of a question. Is that issuing a National identification number for the members. I've had, a lot of members ask me so I included that in my report. So that's the extent of that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Don't understand it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Brother Pugsley, you're just asking why we don't have one or do we have one?

Robert L. Pugsley, Department of New York

Yes, I should not have really phrased that as a recommendation, but as a question that a lot of the other Brothers have asked me about having a National number, same as like the SAR does.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. I can tell you we do not have an official national number although I think Brother Demmy does have numbers associated with the names in his database. The reason that, and we debated this many years ago when we first started the membership database, we could not come up with a way that was going to work to issue a number. The most preferred method was to first number the Department in which you were a member and number the Departments based on seniority rank then within each Department, the Camp number, and then each Brother in the camp from member number one to whatever their member was now. Too many camps and departments could not identify the members that they ever had. And some of them had complete rosters from the time they were organized. And then the question arose, what do you do when someone transfers to another Department? What do you do when someone is a dual member in multiple departments or multiple camps? Are they going to have multiple numbers? It eventually was just decided it was an unworkable situation because of the way we allow Brothers to belong to more than one camp. The alternative was do away with dual membership and nobody wanted to do that. It doesn't mean it can't be taken up again. I mean, if you would like, I'd be willing to make a motion to refer this to the Committee on Membership chaired by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Robert L. Pugsley, Department of New York

Okay. Well, that would be fine then.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that we move the issue of a National member number to the Committee on Membership as chaired by the incoming Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Multiple seconds. Motion's made and seconded that we move this to incoming Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the chairman of the Membership Committee. All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap,]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So done.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The last one.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania. Page 114.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, our Department Commander isn't here. To move this along, I would recommend that you refer this to the Marketing and Promotions Committee.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I am going with the recommendation from the Department of Pennsylvania is being forwarded over to the Promotions and Marketing Committee.

[one rap, *]

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I have no more recommendations.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Now we go back to the ones that are very lengthy that I already know about. I got 11:20. When we get back here at 1:00.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Okay. Okay, we have a few announcements and stuff on the floor. First off, will the member who bought two portfolio bags from the foundation table at the back please go back and talk to them. They're wanting to talk to you. The Department of Ohio will be meeting at the flags up front for pictures at the break coming up. Announcement from the Auxiliary conveyed by Brother Dean Enderlin. Allied Orders of the GAR Civil War Sesquicentennial 150th year t-shirts are on sale next-door sizes large to three extra- large. They're \$10.00. The Wisconsin Brothers, please stay for a group photo after the afternoon's meeting. And this is for all the departments who want to take pictures. Depending upon what time we finish, we have no control over this room, whenever they start rolling the tables in to set up. So, I don't think it'll be a problem if maybe we could move the flags out to the hallway. If we have to do that to get pictures but Wisconsin's gonna be doing theirs at the end of the session today. I think I got all of them that were given to me.

[Three raps*]

[Lunch Break]

[Three raps***]

[One rap*]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We are moving on to our Resolutions. We're gonna come back to officer's reports and do Resolutions first.

Mark Day, Resolutions Committee

Mark Day, Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake and Encampment Resolutions Committee chairman. Committee met yesterday evening to review submitted resolutions and we have the following recommendations. Resolution was submitted by the Department of Nebraska requesting the establishment of an Emeritus category of membership for Brothers aged ninety years or more. The committee recommends that this request be forwarded to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for action.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Mark Day, Resolutions Committee

Second, A resolution submitted by the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, asking that the Veteran's Affairs Administration be asked to grant an exemption on their next of kin policy to organizations such as ours. There was a second resolution from the Department of Ohio which was similar in nature, asking that groups of researchers, historians, and heritage groups all be known or

identified as entities which can identify veterans and procure markers. The committee is recommending that this is sent to the CofA for action at their discretion.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Mark Day, Resolutions Committee

And finally, the Committee on Resolutions would ask that a resolution be submitted from us asking that the National Secretary be instructed to prepare and send letters of thanks to the hotel and the Encampment Host Committee.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That'll be done in the housekeeping rules.

Mark Day, Resolutions Committee

Fair enough. Then I'm done, sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Norris. Officer's reports.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

We're gonna start with the Commander-in-Chief's report, which you do not have. He had two recommendations. Number one. I recommend that the next Commander-in-Chief continue the Committee on Juniors and that the committee develop a program for Juniors to be active in their Camp and Department. We concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Two. I recommend that both the SUVCW and the ASUCVW conduct a joint installation of offices as a point of business on Sunday morning, one right after another. We do not concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? Well, we're done there.

[one rap, *]

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

All right. We're gonna move on to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief recommendations. These are on page 8. Number one. That the National Organization require proof of lineage for each generation back to the qualifying ancestor or ancestors for new membership applications. Not requiring proof likely happens back to the time when our members were literally sons of veterans. However, most members are now several generations removed from their qualifying ancestors. Majority of the hereditary societies require the proof of lineage, requiring proof will make our Order more respectable among hereditary societies as well as ensuring that applicants actually do have the required lineage rather than just taking their word for it. We refer this to the incoming administration for more detail on the program.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Two. That the National Organization establish a method by which each member's additional or supplemental qualifying ancestors may be formally recognized. Many heritary societies have such programs in place and includes formal recognition to certificates, badge devices, etc. An additional fee is often charged for formal recognition of an additional qualifying ancestors. We refer this one to the incoming administration for more detail on the program.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Three. That the National Organization establish a database of members' qualifying ancestors. This would make it possible for members to one, whether someone else has the same qualifying ancestor or ancestors or might be interested in the same regiments, etc. We also refer this to the incoming administration for more detail on the program.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Next one's are from the National Treasurer. These are on page 16. First one the following amendments to the regulations be approved for correct archaic procedures currently in the regulations with actual practices. These have been reviewed by new auditors and they have no objections or negative comments. We found this was not a recommendation.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It's already been taken up by the C&R Committee. They already approved them.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Do I need to read all this?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, they were already approved by the C&R under the C&R Committee's report.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Number two. The committee on Constitution and Regulations take under consideration amendments to the regulations which will automatically suspend a Camp which fails to file its 990N as required by federal law, in which fails to file its installation of Camp Officers' Report or Annual Report by the dates specified in the regulations and consider similar automatic suspension for the Department which fails to file the EIN report by the dates specified in the regulations. The committee did not concur with this.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

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

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Right now, our regulations, if I understand correctly the only reason we can suspend a Camp is for non-filing of paperwork. Correct? Okay. Right. I figured that was understood, if we didn't pay their dues or pay their whatever. If we don't file those reports on time, that leaves a lot of people in the dark. That lets people do what they want to do. And that's wrong. I mean, everybody has to live by rules. If you don't file your taxes by April 15th, you damn well better have an extension filed or you're going to be sitting in Leavenworth making little rocks from big rocks.

Encampment

(laughter)

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

There're rules on this earth. Even the Bible tells us Jesus was asked, should we pay our taxes. He said, who's likeness is on the coin. He said Caesar. He said well, render unto Caesar what is Caesars'. So even He paid his share of the taxes. It's rules we have to live by. And, it's that simple. If you want to belong to the organization, this is the rules. If Camp Secretaries and Department Secretaries can't file the stuff on time, then we need to get rid of them. It's that simple. I hate to say it, but that's the way it is. You're going to have to step down from that office. Get somebody else that's going to do the job. That's just my two cents. I'm a Secretary for a Department, it's a pain in the butt when I got to deal with camps who don't file their paperwork. In Pennsylvania, we suspend them, and we move on. They're under suspension. That's what we do. That's what you need to do. If you're Department Secretary and they don't file, too bad. I get some people tell me, well we're waiting on people to pay their dues. Well, you know what? I don't care. Suspend them and move on. Drop them as a member. When they got to pay the extra ten bucks to get back in for reinstatement fee, they'll think about it next year, after they got the notice six months earlier. So, I'm tired of mollycoddling people.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

How do you spell mollycoddling?

Encampment

(laughter)

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

M-O-L-L-Y-C-O-D-D-L-E. Mollycoddle. E-I-E-I-O.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Rear mic.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I disagree with Charlie. I think that a lot of this is a training issue. I think that there's been in the past a few Encampments kind of an attitude of hammering our members into submission, instead of training them on how to do it correctly. I think that a lot of times we have new camps and new secretaries that are behind, that we have to help along a little bit. I think there are sanctions already in place for camps and departments that don't submit their paperwork on time. The sanction is they don't get to vote in this body or in their Department Encampment. I think there are people too willing to just take away our Brothers' rights because they didn't do what some arbitrary timeline suggests. We already have sanctions in place for people that don't turn in their paperwork on time. I suggest we stick with that. I'm against this resolution. Sorry.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Front mic. Thank you.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I would say that the Sisters of Perpetual Pain would call this the largest run-on sentence ever before the history of man. However, I see where we're going to suspend the camp for not doing a 990N, but not doing the same thing to the Department. It says that a similar suspension for a Department failing to do an EIN report, which I believe is directly to you, not the IRS, an annual report specified in the regulations. So, we're suspending a Camp for not doing a 990N, but we're not doing the Department. And it's still the longest run-on sentence.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. We're not adopting action here. If you read the recommendation, it's to refer the matter for study to the Constitution and Regulations Committee. That's all we're being asked to do. To have a committee look at the issue. So, I support that. We should study it and look at it, and determine whether education or sanctions or a combination is the most appropriate way to go. So I support what is being proposed that this be referred to the C&R Committee for study.

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

They disagreed with it. Correct? The committee disagrees with sending it to the C&R Committee.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

That's correct.

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

You disagree with sending it to the C&R Committee.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

My recollection is this. I don't think we read that correctly.

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

It was what?

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

I don't think we read this correctly. As it going to committee versus actually being implemented.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

You reported that the committee did not concur with the recommendation.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Yes, that's correct.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, that's correct. And the recommendation was to send it to committee.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

That's correct.

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

That we don't punish the camps that way.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

So, let me restate it. When we were reading through it, I think we got hung up on what was going to happen to camps and departments that did not file the EIN report. I think we missed the part about going to committee. We have a couple of committee members here and if they have some other opinion, maybe they can voice their concerns.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

So what is the committee's recommendation on the officer's recommendation?

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

I think we would concur now.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Discussions over.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Send it to C&R.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Three. The attached form for reporting EIN data to the National Treasurer be adopted. The form will be available as an Excel spreadsheet. We concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

I should take those separate, a, b, and c. The following policy be adopted and the C&R Committee be directed to draft language to insert the policy in the regulations. A. When a Department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the regulations for three or more consecutive years, a fine of the greater of \$1,000.00 or 20% of the per capita due shall be imposed on the Department. We did not concur.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Objection.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Discussion. I heard it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. It is patently unfair for four Departments habitually not file on time to the twenty-two other Departments who manage to file on time. We actually have two Departments, one of whom has not filed on time nineteen of the last twenty years. And the other who hasn't filed on time for more than twenty consecutive years. That's abusive. And there is absolutely no excuse. It's not the same Department officer doing it. It is the attitude of those Departments. We have another Department that's now at the four year mark of not filing on time, because he has a personal problem with me so he doesn't file. He thinks he's punishing me. Suspending these Departments has had no effect because they pay, except for one, two weeks before the National Encampment and they get reinstated. Something needs to be done with these Departments. Whether you fine them or you say if they're suspended, the suspension must last through the National Encampment, they cannot be reinstated until after the National Encampment and take away their rights to be represented here, that's fine. But something needs to be done because they are slapping every other Brother in this Order in the face.

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

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief again. And that's the exact same thing that I was trying to relate about camps working at a department level. There are the same camps every year that never file on time. It's just the next step up.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

What was your recommendation?

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Did not concur. We think it too excessive.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Rear mic.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Brother Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I'd like to reiterate trying to hammer hammer people into doing what you want I don't think is the right approach. Couple of things. One. Some of the departments that he's talking about. I know one of them a \$1,000.00 fine is the end of that Department. So, you're summarily executing a Department. The Department Secretary, who is responsible for submitting those reports, cannot submit the reports if the camp reports aren't brought to him. So, you're summarily executing the Department and later on we'll talk about the Department Officers, for not doing their job. This is a volunteer organization. As much as we'd like to hold a pistol to somebody's head, we can't make them do their reports. You can't make them. All you can do is not allow them to participate. Those sanctions are already in our C&R, not allowing them to participate. I think we need to leave it the way it is. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Rear mic.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Quartermaster, and a member of the Department of New York. I understand where Rich is coming from. But I also know by talking to our Commander, and our Counselor, talking to our Past Department Commander, sometimes there's things that departments cannot control. This happens to be one of them. We're working on the problem. We're going to do everything we can within our power to ensure it doesn't happen anymore. But at the same time, we have to look into a lot of things to find out why it's been happening, year after year. I can tell you now, we will come here next year to convention and I'm sure we'll be paid on time. But until then, all I've got to say, and I'll make it quick, is I don't think it's right to charge a department \$1,000.00 or 20% or whatever, when it's not the department's fault. It's the officer that's in charge of that checkbook. That's the one that needs to be taken care of. I can tell you now, we're doing everything we can to make sure it happens okay from now on. Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

This is the last one.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well, quickly in response to Brother Danny. Since his Department Secretary/Treasurer is the one not following because he thinks he's hurting me. Their Department is well aware that he's not filing, but yet they continue to elect him the Secretary/Treasurer. So to say punish the Department for the actions of the officer, it's the action of the Department. Brother Tucker, Massachusetts is the one that has only filed two out of the last twenty years on time. That's a multitude of officers holding that position. It's an attitude within the Department. Connecticut is the one that hasn't filed on time in over twenty years.

Bill Johnson, Department of Illinois

Bill Johnson, Department of Illinois. Gentlemen, Fraternity, Loyalty, Charity.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Bill.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes, to those departments that file on time.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Albanese, I will let you speak.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Jeff Albanese, Past Department Commander, Department of New York. You know, I resent being told that I knew that for some reason our Department Secretary/Treasurer has a problem with the National Treasurer and that's why he files his reports untimely. I don't know that. You just told me that. I understand he's filed his reports a week or so late for the last several years. How many times have we been suspended? We were suspended this year. This is the only time we've been suspended. We don't know what the issue is with him. All right? There's a problem. We're going to have to resolve it. But if you're a Department Commander, you're newly elected, you're in office for three or four weeks, you don't even know that these things aren't filed. All of a sudden, you find that out. You get it done. If you get it done within the grace period that this National has given us, which is usually about a week or two, then I'm not sure what the problem is. And I think it's unfair to suspend or punish an entire Department for what one person does. Yes, that might have to be corrected. But, we still need to find out what the problem is before we can correct it. This deciding to suspend or remove from office a person who's been elected. He hasn't been appointed. Needs a little more than just we don't like what you did

this one instance because you were a week late, we're going to take you out of office. Because until this year, as far as I know, he was a week or so late.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brother Albanese, that's not correct information This year he filed about the 14th of July.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Right. I understand.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Last year, he bounced the check twice. The year before he bounced the check twice and never actually made the payment to National until late in July. They're due the 31st of May. That's six and seven weeks late.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Was that communicated to anybody?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It certainly was to him and I can tell you that Brother Wheeler knew about it cause I was complaining to him about it.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

As far as I know, he, until last year, I only knew he bounced one check and when I wrote to you, you told me he had bounced a check the year before. And that was the first time I even heard about it. And by that time, they were paid. I don't want to argue about this. I'm just saying that punishing a Department is unfair. Punishing the person is a different story. All right? But punishing a Department, taking away their charter, that they may have earned over a hundred years ago, is patently unfair. And as someone said, we're all volunteers here. It's difficult to get people to hold these jobs. That's why you have something in everybody's rules here, if you hold these positions for ten years you get this honorary title. It's hard to find people to take these jobs. And every year, there are new forms, new rules. It's difficult. I'm not saying that's an excuse in this case but it's difficult to get people to follow these rules because there are so many of them and they are volunteers. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Just as a word of note that most Commanders-in-Chief, myself included, we hold off as long as possible before we suspend departments. As long after that deadline. I'm not sure the exact date. I put a General Order out. But I held off as long as I could. Make sure you get them in. As of right now, the committee does not recommend that. Am I correct?

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

That's correct.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The committee does not recommend it. And I am going with the committee.

[one rap, *]

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

4B. When a department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There was an objection. You have to have a vote.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You want to vote on that?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The committee's going to be sustained. There needs to be a vote because there were objections.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. let's do it.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

James Pahl, National Parliamentarian now. When we are acting ad seriatim, and there's an objection filed, that means that someone is objecting to the recommendation of the committee. The Encampment cannot act until a motion is made then as to what to do.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No motion's been made.

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

I move that we follow the recommendation of the officer.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Did we have a motion on the floor?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We did not.

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

I I don't want to follow the recommendation of the committee. The committee did not concur with the recommendation of the officer. I want to follow the recommendation of the officer.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Do I have a second?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer (Bud) Atkinson

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I have a second down here. And a second up here. Bud was the second on that. Does everybody understand what we're voting on?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The recommendation of the National Treasurer was to do number four of the recommendations. That specifically the one dealing with the fine. The committee did not concur. The motion is to support the officer's recommendation.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Everybody understand that? Don't like it, vote no. All those in favor, signify by raising your voting cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The no's have it.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

4B. When a Department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the dates specified in the regulations for four or more consecutive years, the Commander-in-Chief shall exercise his authority under Chapter 2, Departments, Article 4, Officers, Section 7 of the Regulations and remove those Department Officers: Commander, Secretary and Treasurer, for failure to perform their required duties, in addition to the penalties in part A of this policy. The committee did not concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? Rear mic.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Daniel Murray, Treasurer, Department of Massachusetts. My question is to the National Treasurer. I know when my due dates are. If the National Secretary doesn't send me the reports, the Commander doesn't want the camps suspended, what am I supposed to do? Am I just supposed to send

you a blank check and let you fill it out, or am I supposed to write it for so much money? It's not exactly my fault if it's not done.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I would agree. It's not your fault.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

But you want to have me thrown out of office because I didn't write you a check.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That would be up to the Commander-in-Chief which of those officers he removes. The specific language isn't there that would go into the regulations. But, those are the three officers that are responsible for ensuring that that report is filed by the 31st of May. If the Department Commander fails and actually part A of this had the intent to force the Department Commander to suspend the Camps that don't file on time.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

But you included Treasurer.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We have too many Department Commanders who refuse to do their job and suspend the camps. And thereby allow the the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer to file the report on time and then go through the reinstatement process for those camps that fail to file on time. The bottom line is camps are not filing on time.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Well, that's right. I know it is. But that's up to the Department Commander, not the Treasurer. I only write the check. If I don't have the paperwork, I can't write the check.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I agree.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Therefore, I don't even know why the Treasurer is even mentioned in this.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I would be amenable to taking the Treasurer out but it's in there because we have had departments where the paperwork went to the Treasurer and the Treasurer sits on it and doesn't write the check and file it on time. Granted, usually we don't even start looking at these until two weeks after the due date. Brother Demmy anything that is postmarked, and I think he's received them five and six days after the date but postmarked the 31st of May, that's fine. It's in the mail, that's received as far as the date is concerned. But, there are other departments, it may not be in your case, but there are other departments where the Treasurer is the one that's sitting on the report.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

...sit on the report and most of the time I end up shipping it out express to get it out on time, when I do finally get it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes, you do.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Dan, you don't have an objection to what the committee said? Did not concur.

Daniel Murray, Department of Massachusetts

No.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So there is no objection there. Is there any other discussions?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes. I'm objecting.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We have an objection.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Because something needs to be done. And it's not just training. Because by time an officer's a Department Commander, he should certainly know when reports are due, what reports. There's no excuse not to. The list is posted on the website as to when every Camp report is due to the Department and when every Department report is due to the National. There's no excuse. The forms are not that complicated to complete.

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

Brother, Commander-in-Chief. Charlie Kuhn, Past Department Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief. Yea, that too. I disagree with Rich on this one because four years would be different officers every year. So you can't, in my mind, punish this set of officers while the other ones got away with it. It could be different officers every year. So, just going after those officers, after a four-year period of time, if you're going to do it every time, that's a different story. But you can't say well, it's four years. Now in Pennsylvania, I've been there for six years doing this. And you've been there for a long time in that seat but nevertheless you can't just punish those guys for they may be the unlucky fools to be there at the moment.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Last one. Rear mic.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. First, the National Treasurer said that the Department of Massachusetts has an attitude about sending in their documentation in on time. I would say that you don't know the Department of Massachusetts or its attitude. I do take offense to that. I do know over the past few Encampments, the resolutions that you put forward, have always hammered individual members or departments. It's always been about fines and suspensions. So, I would say that you may have an attitude, so you may want to look at that. The next is to the question how the departments elect their officers. National can allow them to participate or not, but if you want to just appoint officers in each department, that's a whole different question. If you don't like the ones that we elect, you're doing that de facto, if you're removing them.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Gentlemen...

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Everything that we already have in place for suspensions if people don't get their work in on time. There's no reason to beat them over the head with a stick on top of that. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Gentlemen, remember Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. One last time.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Brother Kevin, eighteen out of twenty years is an attitude or it's incompetence. You can take your pick.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I object, Brother Commander. You said that was the last word. If you're not going let me come back then...

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Nope. I am not going to stand up here and argue amongst ourselves. We are not going to do that.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And this is the first time...

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

...That's it...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I've never, ever recommended a fine. I have not recommended any fine to this body for any action previously.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Brother Commander if you allowed Brother Orr, can I just rebut? I'll be very nice.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

One second.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Okay. Brother Orr, a few years ago you said that any department that did...you put forth a resolution any department that didn't send representatives to the National Encampment get fined \$1,000.00. I was there. You can look in the records.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We're gonna vote. So we have a motion and a second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

What's the motion?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Let's get the motion.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No. There...there's a motion on the floor. There's a motion...Gentlemen. Gentlemen.

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

Restate the motion, please.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There is a motion on the floor. And you made it.

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

No. That was the last one I made...

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay. There is no motion on the floor, then.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

There's an objection.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Parliamentarian. Richard objected to the report and he made a motion to follow his recommendation. There was a second somewhere. I heard that second so there is a motion on the floor to follow Rich's recommendation. That's what I have.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. You got the same thing, Gene?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

That's what I have, yes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. There is a motion on the floor to follow Rich's recommendations. A yes vote will would mean follow the recommendation. A no vote will not. All those in favor, signify by raising your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No's have it.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

4C. When a Department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the regulations for five consecutive years, the Charter of the Department shall be automatically revoked. The committee did not concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Does everybody got that? Page 18. 4C. Any objections?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You have an objection? Go ahead.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Five consecutive years it is a systematic attitude within a Department to fail to adhere to the National Regulations. By not adopting these regulations, you are saying to every department in this Order, they don't need to follow the regulations. They can file their annual report whenever they want. You tell me how we know how much money we have to spend if every department fails to file on time. You've no idea because the money that comes in with that report is the money for the following fiscal year to cover our operations. We don't have any idea what it is. You can't prepare a budget. You can't do anything. And you're sending a very loud and clear message we are not taking action to force compliance with the regulations. You're sending that message to every other department to just ignore the requirement to file by the 31st of May.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Front mic.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I have one question. Who is authorized to revoke a charter now?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment. By a vote of this National Encampment, we'd be making it an automatic revocation.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Which would take the ability to revoke the charter away from the Commander-in-Chief. Is that correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

He still has the ability to revoke it for other reasons.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, that's true. But this is automatic. So whether he feels that there's extenuating circumstances that would cause that, if you pass this, you have taken that away from the Commander-in-Chief.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

You've taken away the authority to not revoke away from the Commander-in-Chief. And what you are saying is if five consecutive years of not filing on time, that's five years. That's not a one-time incident. That's five years of not filing on time. It's just not going to be tolerated.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I just have a problem with anything automatic other than my transmission.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

In the Department of Ohio, our Secretary/Treasurer is elected for three years. Now, if that person screws up for three years or four years and we get rid of him number five shows up and he's trying to get his ducks in a row, I think the Commander-in-Chief should be able to say no, it ain't going to be automatic. So, I got a problem with automatics so I stand against this.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Rear mic.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Quartermaster. On this I do feel, and he is correct on that, that, you know, I believe the Commander-in-Chief should have the last word on it. But I also feel Rich is completely right on this one. Five years is a long time. And if you haven't got your ducks in a row in five years, you've got a real problem. I do know we have a real problem. And I do know that it will get fixed. If somebody goes five years and suspended five years in a row is what I'm getting to. If you're suspended five years in a row, then I would say at that point, something needs to be done. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Front mic.

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

Brother Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Here again. The term revoke is awful harsh. We already have it for suspension. I kinda agree with Brother Wheeler that if you are suspended for five years, If you are late filing, and they didn't suspend you. Let's say you were a week late and you got it in and you didn't get suspended, to revoke their charter just for being late five years is wrong. No, just suspend them? You should suspend them every year that they're late.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Front mic.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin. Motion to make a friendly amendment...to aut...

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

...There is no motion on the floor.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Oh. Well, I make a motion to have a friendly amendment. Is that possible?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No. You have to make a motion...

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

I make a motion we have the voting rights for that fiscal year suspended. Not their charter, but after five years of not paying on time automatically suspend their rights at National Encampment for that fiscal year until they are in order.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The Commander-in-Chief already has that option. That authority.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Then I guess we should exercise it. I take it back, then.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, if I understand the Brother correctly. What he is saying is that the Commander-in-Chief could not reinstate that Department. If it's a fifth consecutive year, they could not

be reinstated until after the National Encampment. So they at least for one year would not have representation here.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Correct.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

As it is right now, the problem is they get suspended and they file the second and third week of July and they get reinstated just in time to attend the National Encampment.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Yes. That is what I was saying.

Unknown

I second his motion.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Now, we do have a motion on the floor. And a second. Discussion on the motion?

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I would just say that it seems like we're close on this. I think that it seems that the question is if the National Commander-in-Chief is allowed to be lenient or allowed to entertain circumstances. Brother Orr thinks that he should not be allowed to entertain those circumstances and that it should be automatic. And some of us, myself included, believe that the Commander-in-Chief we elected him for a reason and that is to be judicious and take into account those kind of circumstances. And again, the policy's already in place to suspend Departments, not allowing them to vote in National Encampment. I would oppose the motion by Brother Orr.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I don't have a motion.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Motion is not by Brother Orr. The motion is by Brother Eric Graff. By young Eric.

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I oppose Brother, young Eric's motion.

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

Thank you. Sometimes, youth brings wisdom. Maybe that is a fair punishment that they aren't allowed to vote at that Encampment that year. And instead of revoking their charter, the men are still in that Department. Still members of the Sons even though they paid their dues and their Secretary or Treasurer didn't file the reports on time, they're still members of the Order. But unfortunately this year, because they didn't file on time for the fifth year in a row, they lost their right to vote here. Maybe that is a fair thing.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm calling it this time. Go ahead, Charlie. Sit down. Thank you. Does everybody understand what the motion was?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Would you restate the motion, please?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

The best I can get it is motion from the floor with a second that after the fifth year of failing to file reports, the Department will not be allowed to vote at the National Encampment even if they file their reports and dues before the Encampment.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Eric, to the mic, please.

Eric Graff, Department of Wisconsin

When a department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the regulations for five consecutive years...

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Thank you. You have it written there?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Does everybody understand that? A yes vote agrees with this. A no vote does not.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Just that one year. All those in favor of this motion, signify by raising your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes have it.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Adam.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Adam Gaines, Member-at-Large. I have a question. Say a Department is not allowed to seat their delegates but one person shows up, would we still be able to vote that person in to vote as a part of my Department, like we did this year?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

They have to have dual membership and I allowed a person to sit in this Encampment this year because of their department... Was it suspended?

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Right.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That was the Commander's option.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Okay. Cause I know we've done that at a couple of Encampments when somebody...

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

...A vote to seat them.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Yea. But would we still be able to do that?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We can do that. Yes. We can. And I have done that.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Then I have absolutely agree with that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I have done that and Past Commander-in-Chiefs have done that.

Adam Gaines, National Membership-at-Large

Okay.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Adam. Rear mic.

Unknown

just a point of order. I don't think that that is true, Perley. I think you just lost that option.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

No.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

I think on the fifth year you're not going to be able to seat anybody.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I had You're correct. On the fifth year I will not have that option. But this year, I did. So I took the option.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I think so. It took the option away from the Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

For that year.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The Encampment did. This doesn't say that this can't be changed in a future Encampment. But as of right now, it stands as of this Encampment as a rule. Next, Ed.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Council of Administration Member Palmer page 21. Number one. Successful organizations, including non-profits, have developed leadership-training programs for all levels of their leadership. These programs are essential in maintaining tactical and strategic leadership consistency across the organization. Two benchmarks that have been implemented, Successful leadership training program such as the Sons of American Revolution and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It is recommended that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to develop leadership-training modules to be included as part of the Memorial University curriculum and report back to the 2014 National Encampment on: 1) the details of these modules and 2) options for delivering of the training. It should be recognized that several departments within the SUVCW already conduct leadership training for the department and camp officers. And this committee should review these existing programs and identify any best practices to be included in the national training program. We concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? So moved.

[one rap, *]

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

We're going to move on to the National Patriotic Instructor. Recommendations on page 28. One. The Memorial University Program should be completely revised and rewritten. I believe it is a very worthwhile project for all our Brothers in our Order. The current program is too difficult to access and complete. The main issues have been the ability for Brothers to sign into or complete the material of interest is very relevant but the ability answer easily and have a quick response to answers is not something that we can see in a clear manner. I would again respectfully suggest a committee of competent computer savvy Brothers of the Order be appointed to work on this issue in a timely matter, as quickly as humanly possible. We did not concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief. James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm going file an objection and suggest that this is very similar to the previous request from Council member Palmer. I would suggest that be referred along with the last one to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Front mic.

John W. Bates, III, National Patriotic Instructor

Commander-in-Chief, John Bates, National Patriotic Instructor. Well as I said in the report, I certainly feel that Memorial University is a very worthwhile endeavor. But it is too difficult for a lot of Brothers to complete. It is too wordy sometimes and we need to make it to multiple choice, we really do.

And the wording is important. But you can get a question wrong because a letter or a comma or a period is in the wrong place. That was my whole intent of the thing. I would strongly urge that we look and reconsider that.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

By seriatim, I am moving it into the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

[one rap, *]

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Number two. The new Patriotic Instructor should, I think, have one or more assistants to help share in the day-to-day duties of monitoring Memorial University. It is already been nearly improbable task to answer all inquiries as to the mechanics of this program in a timely and efficient manner. We recommend that this be moved to the National Committee of Americanism in Education.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That particular committee is under the Patriotic Instructor. I am gonna move this on to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

[one rap, *]

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Three. I believe a National Patriotic Instructor monthly program on Civil War history should be compiled and distributed to all departments in our Order. This could be written and published electronically for distribution. Pertinent topics could be suggested by any Brother of the Order for consideration. We concur. We already believe it's in place.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Four. A National Patriotic Instructor's Award should be considered. This could be awarded to the most patriotically active camp or department in the Order. A definitive criteria could be established and distributed on an annual basis to all those who would be interested in applying for this award. We concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Question.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You're late.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The recommendation is to consider. Who's going to consider it?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I think maybe the Commander-in-Chief should just send that to the Programs and Policy for consideration.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That sounds like a good place to send it.

Guard

Commander-in-Chief, we have visitors.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Let me finish this and then we'll bring them in.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

By seriatim, Programs and Policies has another one.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

How many escorts do you need?

Guard

Three, sir.

[Three raps***]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Go right ahead.

Escort

I'd like to present honored guest, Diane Mellor, National Vice President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Escort

I would like to present Rachele Campbell, National Chaplain for the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Escort

Commander, I would like to present Nancy Hilton, Past National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from the Department of Ohio.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Please come forward.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Would you like to speak?

Diane Mellor, Auxiliary to SUVCW

Yes, I would, Commander. Thank you. In the ladies room, they are trying to get me a stool.

Encampment

(laughter)

Diane Mellor, Auxiliary to SUVCW

That's cause when I stand up the don't know I'm there. Anyway, I bring you the greetings from our National President and all the Sisters of the Auxiliary to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are very proud to be amongst you and to be working with you in a most harmonious way. We love our Brothers dearly. And we hope that more and more of you will take us into your arms. Bring more of your wives, sisters, aunts, cousins, grandmothers, any women in your life, into one of our Allied Orders, but especially the Auxiliary. I thank you. It's been a year of wonderful travel and I owe that all to you guys. Well, some to him. It's been like a second honeymoon for us even though we sleep in a different bed every night. It's been very comfortable for us. We've gotten to re-know each other. And we only have each other to talk to. It's been wonderful and it's all because you gave me the honor of being married to your Commander. And I thank you very, very much. Love you all.

Encampment

(applause)

Rachele Campbell, Auxiliary to SUVCW

If any of you don't know who I am, I'm coming to the heir apparent. I'm his other half. And so in our case, they renewed their vows on this trip which means I need to find the divorce lawyer.

Encampment

(laughter)

Rachelle Campbell, Auxiliary to SUVCW

That much travel together, I don't know if we'll make it.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I have one here and back there.

Rachelle Campbell, Auxiliary to SUVCW

Neal, I might be available yet. No, but seriously, Sons, it's been a great honor to have all... I know you guys are all becoming family to us and we get excited every single year to come see you at National. And the Sons, to me, especially in California are a dear working force that we work side by side in tandem in California and so I love our Brothers dearly. And I was extremely honored when our National President asked that I could come bring greetings to you and hope you guys have a very successful Encampment. And furthermore, I have been honored with your Commander-in-Chief coming out to California and the fact that I really got to know Perley. A few years ago when Nancy was National President and I went to her testimonial, Perley hit it off extremely well with me and for lack of better word, my daughter fell in love with him. So, I have been very blessed and privileged this year to spend time with him and call him a dear and close friend, both him and Diane. So, I hope you guys have a rest of a good day and much business gets completed. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Nancy Hilton, Auxiliary to SUVCW

I am not Ken Freshley's wife. But I am very proud of our Buckeye son who soon hopefully after your elections will be standing in this position. The Mellors and our family have been friends for over forty years. It's been a long road, Brother Perley. I grew up with Mom and Dad Mellor. We were on the same island at the same time in two different branches of the military in Guam. They were at one end and we were at the other end. And we never saw each other, while we were both stationed over there. Perley's been a dear friend, ya'll did good. He's been a great leader this year and we're very proud of him. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be in here and tell you what a wonderful group, and don't forget, we're looking for a lot of other good men and their wives to come and join us too.

Encampment

(applause)

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

Thank you, Sisters of the Auxiliary, for joining us today. No Allied Order has a greater bond of fellowship with the Sons than yours. Together we've walked as Brothers and Sisters, descendants of the men who saved our Union, our ancestors of the GAR and of the Allied Orders. Our resolve to keep green their memory grows more difficult with each generation, as fewer Americans feel the bond of kinship and loyalty that personified the loyal veterans of the Civil War. Let us resolve today to continue our warm and fraternal association in these new and troubled times. The spirit of the Boys in Blue marches with us. Thank you for joining us here today and we wish you a productive and harmonious annual meeting. Great successes to those leaders you choose for the coming year. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

By the way, that island is only thirty-two miles long.

Encampment

(laughter)

[three raps, ***]

Clapping

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Where were we? Ed, where are you? Please return.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

We have three more. National Patriotic Instructor starting on page 28, number five. I would recommend that all Brothers in this Order take it upon themselves in a personal way to reach the young people in our Order as well as potential new members to convey the message of the Union and our Civil War and how it is important to all citizens now and in the future. We concur.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Pass.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Okay. We're gonna move on to the National Signals Officer, Kent Peterson. That's on page 29. One. The recommendation I would like to make is that we begin investigating whether there are appropriate and realistic forms of social media that we could or should be using. I am referring to technologies beyond Websites, databases, and email that we have already been using. The younger generations we want to recruit use social media almost exclusive for communicating amongst themselves. For example, research shows that some consider email to be something that their parents and grandparents use. Could we make use of a YouTube channel, for example. To aggregate videos of our activities undertaken by our camps. We recommend that this be sent back for a plan of execution by the National Signals Officer.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

And last number two. Mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets are rapidly taking away market share from conventional desktop and laptop computers, not only for messaging, but also for viewing Websites or watching videos. Many Websites, probably most, do not render well on mobile devices unless they've been designed to do so. Has anyone checked to see how their Camp, Department, National Website looks on a small screen? When websites are designed today ensuring a good mobile experience for viewers is a major consideration. Every passing year this becomes increasingly important because mobile is the fast growing trend. I am not suggesting that we start redesigning our Website now. For our members, it works fine. But I would like us to start thinking ahead to where technology is taking us and how the expectations of our viewers and future viewers will be met when they look for information about us, want to see what we do and get in touch. We refer this back for plan of execution by the National Signals Officer.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

That's the end.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Don't go away. I might need you to help in a few minutes. Now it goes into the good times. The times I have been looking forward to for a long time. It's award time. Do we need to take a break? Or are we all set? I'd like to move on so we can keep going cause we only got so much time. The awards

are going to take a good half hour or forty-five minutes or more. We have a lot. The awards take time. Brothers, we have to have men to our different areas of making these awards or getting them set up by the last day of June, as a max time. So anybody who wants to nominate anybody for these awards that we have, and we have a lot of them, please have them in to the Commander-in-Chief at least a week or so ahead of time cause sometimes it takes time. When you write into the Website and newsletters and stuff like that, it takes forever to go through these. So, just a word of thought for the future. Yes, sir.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Got an award ready to take up the Founder's Award that was tabled yesterday.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Let's do that first.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We're going to go into the Founder's Award we tabled yesterday. We need to untable it.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that we remove the motion regarding the Founder's Award from the table.

Unknown

Second.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I recommend that Brother Fidler come up, he has the additional information which was requested.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Doug, come to the front mic please. I have a motion made and seconded to remove it from the table. All those in favor, signify by raising your voting cards, please. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Here we go. Use the mic here, please.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

This is a recommendation. That the Founder's Award be be voted and presented to two people, Allan Eric Nicholls, a retired civil servant, and also Terry Hopgood who is the cemetery maintenance superintendent at the Bexleyheath Kent Cemetery, which is just outside of London. And this is for outstanding contributions to the Order for their work in identifying, locating, repairing, and maintaining the grave of Private William Blazey, First Connecticut Heavy Artillery, who was buried in the Bexleyheath Cemetery. Just as background, beginning with a tip from Past Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels, I discovered that the city in which Private Private Blazey was buried was Bexleyheath and a cemetery that I had been strolling through for thirty years on the way to town using it as a shortcut. That the specific location of the grave was located through the assistance of Allan Nicholls. He contacted Terry Hopgood for assistance in identifying the grave and also has continuously liaised with me and with with Mr. Hopgood in the process of repair and beautification that has continued some twenty months. Mr. Hopgood, who along with Mr. Nicholls, are avid supports of promoting local heritage, used his authority and influence to completely restore the grave and to promote it as a site of historical interest. Schoolchildren are beginning to come to visit it even. Mr. Hopgood, has committed himself personally to ensure continual seasonal beautification of the gravesite. A human interest story in the local newspaper last January has piqued the interest of local citizens in Private Blazey's life. In the latter part of which he ran the local sweet shop and became quite a local legend until his death in 1921. He was a person who went all over the London area talking about the American Civil War, what he had done in it, the reasons for the Civil War, the outcomes, etc. Now, coincidentally, Mr. Nicholls' daughter worked in the very same sweet shop as a teenager. He wasn't still running it. She's quite a bit younger than that. Now, even more important though, is that descendants of Mr. Blazey have now read the story

and have become avid supporters of the SUVCW and its historic mission. One has just joined the Order and there are some grandsons as well. He has expressed a desire himself to recruit members and to promote the Order in the UK. As a matter of fact he asked, can we have a camp here? He's very excited about that. I submit that the Founder's Award would provide appropriate recognition for two individuals who have honored our comrade and has also promoted the interests in our Order, not just for a brief moment, but I believe for years to come. Thank you, sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. We read it off the table. Now I need a motion.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

No, there was already a motion. You're taking up the motion that we had.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We're taking up the motion we had. Thank you. Any discussion on this? All those in favor, please raise your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Passes. Ed, you have some more work.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Now, Ed Norris, I need your assistance, please.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I know he is. He's coming up over there. We're gonna start with the lower ones and we'll go right to the top. Yes. These National Aides are for recruiting three or more. I know my General Order said that the three to five would be just a ribbon, but I decided to give them a certificate as well.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I can read the names if you want me to. The following people could please find their way to the flag stands: Gary Schell from the Department of Missouri, thirteen new members; David LaBrot from the Department of Texas, ten new members; James Ludlum, Department of New Jersey, ten new members; Frederick Lynch, Department of Ohio, eight new members; Dr. Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee, seven new members; John R. France, Department of North Carolina, five new members; C. Jeffrey Hagee, Department of New Jersey, five new members; Timothy Murphy, Department of New Jersey, four new members; and David Hand, Department of New Jersey, three new members.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Meritorious Service Awards. Some of these awards are for extremely outstanding work that I felt should have an award but did not meet the criteria for the Gold Star, but they meet the criteria of Meritorious Service Award. David Lamb, Thomas Guard, and Steven Boggle. They are all from the Department of Iowa. If anybody knows what it's about, it's the Vicksburg Battlefield Monument Restoration and Dedication on June 29th in Vicksburg. My estimation this should have been a Signature Event. It was not. I just came back from there and that monument is beautiful. They had the governor of Iowa down there. They did a fantastic job of getting all kinds of people down there in Southern country, very Southern country. I have awarded all three of these gentlemen a Meritorious Service Award.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Meritorious Service Award to Alan W. Howie, Department of Ohio. Is he here? No. I know the Commander is here so we'll give it to him. He is instrumental in reinstating camps, at a minimum. I'm not gonna go into all of it because it is too much, let's say he is very well deserving of it.

Okay. I've been trying to pronounce this now for four months. Chris Copeck, Department of Michigan.

Is he here? He's not. But the Department Commander is. This particular gentleman was recommended by, at least two Past Commander-in-Chiefs, plus several others. And I'm going to read just a little bit of it. Brother Copeck, for the Meritorious Service Award, he has put in a great deal of time uncovering and researching the first Michigan Sharp Shooters Company K. This was a Native American unit that served in the Civil War. This unit fought and distinguished themselves in some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. He's spread thousands of hours uncovering, researching the unit to bring a unique story to one of the only all Native American units that served the Union in the Civil War. It goes on and on like this. Well deserving of this award.

If anybody has ever been to the Grant Ceremony, raising of the Monitor or anything in the Southern parts of New York City and area, you'll know what George has done. He has done an outstanding job working with the Parks Service, which I found out when I was there this year that they finally got the two of them together. Now the Park Service and the SUVCW are working together. And he continues to do this all the time. Do we have a representative from New York? Commander Pugsley, I know you're here. I do believe George is well, well deserving of this.

The last Meritorious Service Award I have is for Brother Stark from Ohio. The least that can be said, Brother Stark is well-deserving of the Meritorious Service Award.

The next three, I am very proud to do. These awards had to be approved by the Council of Administration. The Meritorious Service Award to with a Gold Star. The very first one and I'm going read this to make sure everybody has it. I may not say the name right now, but that's all right. As you know, he went far and above beyond his duties for the Peace Light Memorial Ceremony. He did 99% of the work to assure the SUVCW made an impressive public appearance throughout this event. It has been hailed as a complete success and received rave reviews in the press. This is in addition to all the other service he has performed on behalf of the Order, which many would not have done. His efforts on this monument ceremony were carried out while simultaneously chairing the Pennsylvania Department Encampment, which is no small task in itself, considering the size of the Department Encampment. In addition, he chaired the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony for many years and well-known. Past Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn. Please come forward.

Encampment

(applause)

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

A little shocked. On behalf of all those that worked very hard in this Order and I accept this on behalf of them and everybody else that has served our Order and I accept this on behalf of all the Boys in Blue.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The next gentleman we're going to give this Meritorious Service Award to with a Gold Star, probably should have got this several years ago, but he has not. He has tirelessly led the National Encampment Site Committee for Twelve years. He is retiring as of this year. Many of you do not know this. Most on his own nickel. Traveling far and wide across this vast country. Never asking for a dime. And his own health failed there for a while but he continued on. He just decided to retire this year. Brother Jim Houston, please come forward.

Encampment

(applause)

James Houston, National Site Committee

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

In the third one I have for Meritorious Service Award with a Gold Star goes to a person who has no idea what's going on.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

He's off of our lines. He's never in our email. He's behind the doors at time. You don't know he's there but all of a sudden, it gets done. The work gets done. I made him my Color Bearer this year.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Maybe because he's done the job so many times he knows where he is going. I also made him DC Representative, and I'm proud to say he fostered that job so easily, so good that we had the DUV being helped, the SUVCW being helped, the Auxiliary was there and he was helping everybody. But that's not all of it. We're not done yet.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

He has tirelessly for years and I do mean years. I've got it all here. Two full pages. Okay. Go into it and we'll all be here forever. He has tirelessly for years done what everybody else doesn't want to do again. The little things. All of a sudden it gets done. They don't even know who did it, but it got done. He is involved, if you try to email him, hope you get an answer. He's never home. Can't call him cause he doesn't answer his phone half the time. He's never home. So I am proud to give this Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Lee Stone.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We are going to do the Chaplain's Award and the Chaplain will be at the mic.

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Last year, gentlemen, you gave me permission to pursue an award from the National Chaplain for Chaplains specifically who have done an outstanding job. And I want you to hear what it sounds like. My inspiration for this particular thing Skip Whitlam in Florida. We spelled his name wrong on the first certificate. The Commander-in-Chief took it there and Skip Whitlam got it. And this is what it said on the very first certificate. "Jesus told his followers not to hide their light under a basket but to let it shine from the mountaintops. He also told them not to let their right hand know what their left hand was doing when it comes to doing good works. Well, your light has been noticed by your Brothers and they have asked that you be told you have done an extraordinary job as Chaplain. You will receive the appropriate award from the Lord, but not now. Later. And not here, but there. On behalf of all you Brothers, thank you. Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Given this 10th day of August in the year of our Lord 2013." Signed by myself and the Commander-in-Chief. Along with that particular award goes this specifically designed cross which you can't see cause that one is too dark. They're all individually made from rare woods. They were designed for me by a master woodworker, he was a carpenter. I've never seen anything like it and it's a wonderful thing. So this certificate goes to Skip, so the Department of Florida will come and pick it up. And then also while I was there on behalf of then Commander-in-Chief, Don Palmer, Skip resigned as Chaplain from the Department of Florida and I happened to notice that Dave Acheson was there. Now, he was Pennsylvania's Chaplain for years. And he was my inspiration to do a good job as Chaplain. And he's the one who started the Camp that we gave the charter to yesterday? Well, he was suggested that he receive because he done such a good job in the past

years as Chaplain. First in Pennsylvania, now in Florida. He takes the Lord with him. He's getting one of these crosses and a certificate also. It says the same thing. They're always gonna say the same thing. So that goes to Florida. Terry Langdon. Are you here, Terry?

Encampment

(applause)

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Brother Terry, you spell your name with two "R's" don't you?

Terry Langdon

Yes.

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

We didn't.

Encampment

(laughter)

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

And I think we're not going to correct this. We're going to leave this imperfection here because the Lord loves us with our imperfections. And it's awfully hard to get it corrected.

Encampment

(laughter)

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

I'm going to give you this cross and you can do whatever you want with it. You can wear it, you can hang it on the wall or from your visor of your car. And you're Brothers thank you for your service.

Terry Langdon

Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Chaplain Jerry, what is the name of the first Brother?

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Whitlam. W-H-I-T-L-A-M.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

I can tell you Jerry that God might forgive my misspellings, but the Council of Administration doesn't.

Encampment

(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

My next award is the B.F. Stevenson Award to the Brother who recruits the most members and I believe this is the second year in a row. Brother David Rich, Department of Ohio, seventeen new members.

Encampment

(applause and cheers)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next one is a brand new award. It's the first year this award's being made. I can go into his bio, the recommendations I have, regular print, it's 3 ¼ pages long. This award is a John L. Clem Award. Most outstanding Junior. Again, Department of Ohio. This young gentleman portrays John Clem everywhere he goes. He plays the fiddle. He plays the drum. He's a member of the organization. I've seen his pictures in the online Facebook. I've seen other other photos of him doing the work. He is very, very deserving of this award. If it wasn't for him, the name of John Clem would never been known. But he just parades him everywhere. He goes in parades. He goes in ceremonies. Every place he can. This

year's award is gonna go to Payton Seats of Governor William Dennison Camp #1, Department of Ohio. Is he here?

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The next award I'm going to give away is the Horace Greeley Award. Most outstanding Website for the Department and Camp. I have reviewed every single Website that is posted for the departments and the camps. And let me tell you, there's some beautiful websites out there and some are identical for each other. But that's all right. However works for that Department or that Camp is fine with me. But this year, the most outstanding Website for the Department, the Department of California and Pacific.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next one. It's for the most outstanding Camp Website. Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2, Department of the Chesapeake.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next one's going to be Albert Woolson Award. Most outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature event. We have a lot of good signature events, I get them all across my emails and I reviewed every single one of them. Bentonville Battlefield Union Monument Dedication, Department of North Carolina.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have anybody here from North Carolina? I don't believe we do. But that's all right. We'll get it to them. Next one's going to be Marshall Hope Award. Most Outstanding Department Newsletter, The Missouri Union, Department of Missouri.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We have the Marshall Hope Award for the Most Outstanding Camp Newsletter. They Will Not be Forgotten, Colonel Hecker Camp 443, Department of Illinois.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Joseph S. Ripsey Award. Most outstanding new camps. There's only one submission this year. And since I signed the Charter, I knew it was George J. Stannard Camp #2, Northwestern Vermont. It's the entire whole Northern Region of Vermont. There was a camp there many, many years ago. And now they have a new Brother, moved from Rhode Island to that area and started a Camp. And he's very active up there. He already has the last time I looked, almost ten members. So, they're out there. We're getting them.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Next one's the U.S. Grant Cup Award. Department with the highest percentage of gain of new members. And I had several, but this is one that beat them all out. Department of Georgia/South Carolina, 27%.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

The Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Lender Award. Department with the greatest number of new members. And believe it or not, being at that Department Encampment this year, I saw about half of these. Department of Ohio with seventy-eight new members.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Don't sweat. There's only two left. There's five at the banquet tonight. Abraham Lincoln Award. Camp of the year. I had two camps submitted for this. One camp didn't meet the criteria; one camp did. I felt as if the camp that did I know very well. I have visited. I helped form it. I believe it. I been to their meetings. They hold the meetings in an original GAR Hall. General Frederick K. Lander Camp #5, Department of Massachusetts.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Numero uno number last. Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award. Brother of the year. This Brother, and I got to dig it out, I'm gonna tell you, he's from the Department of Iowa. Iowa had fallen by the wayside for a while. Now, they're back, which is great. Last known soldier project, one hundred Union soldiers of the American Civil War. Each of them, ninety-nine counties, researched, identified, located, and logged in the database. One person did all this by himself majority of the time. Ronald F. Rittel, Department of Iowa.

Encampment

(applause and cheers)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

He just said to me he missed yesterday morning's meeting because he was doing exactly the same thing. He was over in Whitewater doing the exact same work. Never stops. Okay. Believe it or not, that is the awards. I stand corrected, as usual. I do have one more. Under Forty Award. Department with the greatest number of new members under the age of forty. Department of Wisconsin, with seven. I know there's some people here from Wisconsin.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Jimmy, you ready? Mr. Houston, you ready? Please come up.

James Houston, Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation

Jim Houston, Secretary/Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation. I just want to inform you of some of the activities of the last year. And I'll be very brief here. The Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Program is now in its seventh year. We are pleased to report that seventy-three individuals and organizations have participated so far. The program was you may know was established to add to endowment funds of the foundation as well as provide funds for current projects and activities. In the last year, twelve individuals have become new Lincoln Fellows or increased their prior contributions. In addition, also the Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Department of California/Pacific, became a Bronze Fellow. I'd like to just mention, if you would just stand of those twelve that I just mentioned. At the Bronze level, Thomas T. Graham, Robert May, The Phil Sheridan Camp, of course. The Silver level, Robert D. Hammock, Brian C. Pierson, Steven Nash, Jeffrey Albanese, Shawn A. Cox. At the Gold level, Thomas J. Guard, Robert H. Roser, Jr., Robert Walls, Kevin Martin, and Charles Ingall from Tennessee.

Encampment

(applause)

James Houston, Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation

Those supporters funds along with those in the past have gone to a number of projects. Examples of projects with National recognition which were supported through grants by the Foundation in the past year include restoration of the Shell Monument, Memorial to General William H. Lytle, and the Chickamauga Battlefield. That will be formally dedicated on September the 20th of this year. Also the erection of the equestrian statue honoring William Starke Rosecrans in Sunbury, Ohio, which will also be dedicated later this year. So I thank you all for your contributions. Those who have not contributed, of course, we're always encouraged to help you make a contribution and you can do so by going to our Website and following the instructions. Since we are a 501(c)(3) organization, that is tax deductible. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There is one more award. I'm not presenting it, the Patriotic Instructor is. Please come up here.

John W. Bates, III, Patriotic Instructor

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. I give this award with great pleasure on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief to a young man who is the only Junior, to my knowledge, to have completed the Junior Memorial University. Not only did he do an excellent job, but he handwrote everything. I think he's a candidate for future office. So, I would like to call Junior Mets Frederick up please.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I believe at this time we should take at least about a ten fifteen minute break. I have 3:30. Be back here by 3:45.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

[Recess]

[Three raps*]

[One rap*]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

There are a couple more things to do and we're gonna get out of here at 5:00 o'clock for sure, with any luck.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Talking fast. We're going into new business. We have not been there yet. And I do know one person wants to talk under this subject and I'm going to give him five minutes and that's it. Mr. Bruce Frail, where are you? Five minutes, please.

Bruce Frail, Graves Registration Officer

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer. What I wanted to touch base on was just to clarify a little bit the VA's new policy on headstones. Briefly, the next of kin policy is something that I believe should be in place and I know a lot of you Brothers don't believe that. But the reason it's there is to make sure that the headstones are being done correctly. They're going in the right places. If possible, the next of kin has been notified. Now, that being said, if you get a rejection for not having next of kin, contact my office. There is an appeals process and we can go through that appeals process and more than likely you will get the headstone. That's it.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Bruce. I need to go back up. Hold tight just a few minutes. We did not call one of the committees, and I was just reminded of it. Ceremonies and Rituals. I believe that's Mr. Pugsley. Sorry about that sir.

Robert L. Pugsley, Ceremony and Rituals

I'm Bob Pugsley, the Department Commander of New York and there were no actual recommendations to the Ceremonies and Rituals.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes, there was.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

What do you have?

Robert L. Pugsley, Ceremony and Rituals

Not that I was aware of. I asked yesterday and this morning and I was told no.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brother Norris, where are you? Those 250 copies that I gave you today did not get to the committee. It was sent to the Encampment from the Department of Pennsylvania. Well, we can do it under new business then.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Let's do it under new business. Since the committee did not receive this, we'll take it up under new business. Thank you, Mr. Pugsley.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I have a gentleman standing at the back mics. That's what I thought. Oh, you're coming forward.

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio. Many of you know Route 6, the GAR Highway. There they are, guys. There they are. I got 'em. I got four here. Now, your camp can buy them. You've never seen one? Okay. Your camp can buy these. Your department can buy these. Individuals can buy these. This is perfect for the door of your man cave. Okay. A camp buys these for \$125.00 and that requires a camp check. An individual can buy these for \$150.00. There is a \$25.00 handling and shipping charge. I have four of them. You can save \$25.00 by getting them this afternoon. You want one. I got one sold. Only three left. I will be back in the display room and you can see me right there.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl, Past Department or Past Commander-in-Chief. Just remember, Brothers, that you cannot post those on the GAR Memorial Highway without the permission of the State that that highway is in. You have to have their permission and warrant to post the sign.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We're still in new business. Before we go on to the final part of new business is there anything under the new business that we haven't covered already today.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief just as soon as Brother Ed gets done passing these out I would move you that the proposed Dr. Mary Walker Presentation Ceremony be adopted and be made part of the Ritual. And the parts marked only apply to Pennsylvania.

Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain

Second

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Everybody take and look and read please. What is the pleasure of the body? First off, I had no recommendations for the Dr. Mary Walker Award this year.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I am giving four away. But I had no recommendations. It's the people I chose. It's been seconded down here by Brother Chaplain Jerry. Any discussion? Personally, it's a well-deserved, a well-recommended award to some outstanding Allied Orders members that we have amongst the four Allied Orders of the women. All those in favor, please signify by raising your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So ordered. Do I have any other new business? Rich.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. Commander-in-Chief, although the National Encampment doesn't vote on it, the Council of Administration has the authority to establish the budget. The budget is in your packet, starting on page 131. There will be three changes to it based on actions taken by the Council of Administration and the National Encampment. Those are from the National Encampment, the addition of \$500.00 for the Graves Registration Committee to participate in the Genealogical Society Conference in Washington D.C. And the computers which the National Organization has are rapidly getting to the point we can't repair them anymore. The Executive Director has requested that we replace his as has the National Quartermaster. The Secretary, our accountant who has one of ours, and I need to ask Brother Walt what's the condition of the laptop from National that you have? Does it need replaced?

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

This is mine.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

You have, oh. Ours quit working?

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

You never gave me one.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

You were supposed to have one. Okay. All right. So, anyway, the Council of Administration inserted money in the budget under the General Fund and under the National Headquarters Fund to purchase new computers in place of the ones we have, which are now about nine or ten years old. Other than that, the budget is the proposal is there. What you have is last year's budget, last year's actual expenses and income and the 2013-2014 budget, in the third column. Are there any questions? Okay. If there aren't, then everybody sees what it is. We do not publish this in the BANNER or on the Website. For your information, we will be posting the 990 on the Website. The IRS gives us the option of providing a copy to everybody who asks for it or telling them they can download it off of our Website. The only thing we have to put it in a PDF format that cannot be changed. It can only be printed. We have to do the secure settings on it. And I'll give that to you as soon as we're done.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Everybody understand the budget? Everybody happy with the budget? Okay, moving on. Is there any other new business to come before the Encampment?

James M. Barker, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Sargent Barker, Commander, Department of Colorado and Wyoming and points west. Just a brief announcement for the good of the Order. I have in my possession a copy of the proceedings of the 8th Annual Convention of the Division of Massachusetts Sons of Veterans. If the Department of

Massachusetts would like this for their archives, they're free to have it. Thank you, sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

They're coming to get it so stand right there.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

And we have places to put it. Is there any other new business before we go into election of officers? Come forward, please.

Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois

Terry Dyer, Past Department Commander, Department of Illinois. I'm gonna read this real quick cause I don't want to lose any of the wording. "Brothers of our Order, we, the Dr. Benjamin F. Stevenson Memorial Plaza Committee, wish to beautify and enhance Dr. Stevenson's gravesite located in the Rosehill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois. Each April, as part of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, a Memorial Service is held for Dr. Stevenson at Petersburg. Although he has an attractive monument erected in 1894 to honor his memory, the grounds around it are somewhat lacking. What we are proposing is a Memorial Plaza. A simple and stately place designed for people to honor the leader of the Grand Army of the Republic. The purchase of signature bricks, as well as any donations, will go towards the construction of the site and for any future maintenance and upkeep of that site. Our goal is to have this Memorial Plaza finished by 2016, the Sesquicentennial year of the Grand Army of the Republic. Brothers of this Order, we can create a fitting memorial site to do honor to the man who created the very organization to which we belong." We have these signature bricks and this sign has been on a table in the exhibit room all weekend and it will also be there later on. So, please come up and see it. Look at the bricks. We have all three sizes engraved. And they did a beautiful job. So, let's get together. Let's work together on this and do Dr. Stevenson the honor he deserves. Thank you very much.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Terry.

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(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Danny. Hold on a second. Yes, sir?

Jeffrey Lesar, Wisconsin Department

Camp 1, Senior Vice Commander, Jeff Flesser. This is in interest for all the National Order. I was at the high grounds in Northern Wisconsin. That's in Neillsville, Wisconsin. They have representations of all the Orders, but they have no statue of the Civil War. I brought that to their attention. They said you are the third person that has brought that to my attention. So I got some information from them and the first thing they need to know is interest from our National Order and whether we would want to go forward and do that. It is quite expensive. It would need funding on a National level and many people that could donate. I think it's a worthwhile thing that we should participate in so that we have representation. There are many people that visit that area. Even if we had a soldier to stand on a stand with the plaque, little bit of the history of the Civil War information. Just for your interest at this point, maybe it can be discussed at the National level. I just brought it up to feel the people out and see if we can possibly do something like that in the future.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Have you gone to your own Department?

Jeffrey Lesar, Wisconsin Department

I did not make it to the Department Commander, but I did bring it up in our camp meeting.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

It needs to go to the Department. Get their assistance and help and I believe with their help with the Department's help, you can get this started through the Department. You got to get them started on it first.

Jeffry Lesar, Wisconsin Department

Okay. Thank you for your input.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Mark.

Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake

This is a question for Rich. Yesterday you said that that we needed to get to you any requests for funds from that would be brought up at this afternoon. Is it possible to have that waived, that requirement waived and I'll just sit down if the answer's no.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That's up to the Commander-in-Chief. The CofA has not adopted the budget and won't adopt it until tomorrow morning.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

That would require a 2/3 vote of the Encampment.

Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake

I'm at the pleasure of the Encampment. I won't ask for that. But I had intended to bring something to you but then I got caught up in so many other things I just never got it done.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Mark, could I ask how much and for what?

Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake

The Taylor Wilson, as you know, well, I'll try to make this quick, cause Perley's always telling me I take too long. The Taylor Wilson Camp in Lynchburg, which is a camp that you've given money to in the past, is in the process of putting in another monument in Lynchburg. It costs about \$1,250.00. They've raised \$750.00 of that \$1,250.00 roughly. I was going to submit and ask if we could get \$300.00 from the National to help support that so that we could finish that. That would be the fifth monument, which we will have put in Lynchburg, Virginia, deep in the heart of Dixie. Right now, we have more markers for the Union Army in Lynchburg than the Confederates do. I'd like to increase that advantage.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Have you submitted anything to the Memorials and Monuments grant process?

Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake

The reason I'm bringing this here today because we had planned to submit for a grant. We weren't anticipating putting this monument in until next spring. We were going to submit but I have just been told that in the last week, that the site, the historic site where the monument marker was going would like to have this marker in place by September 21st. And we have already ordered the marker and all I have to do is finish paying for it in order to have it put in by September 21st.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. You have two avenues I will suggest to you. The first would be to ask the Memorials Committee to give you the grant. The other would be to go to the Council of Administration and ask for at least part of the funds that are in the budget under Special Projects. That's why it's there so that the Council has some latitude in funding those things that need to be funded immediately between National Encampments.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, let me ask is this a new monument?

Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake

It's a new marker. It's a bronze plaque.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

He can't apply to the Monuments and Memorials grant committee. However, the way that the policy is written for that they won't entertain it until the 15th of May in the coming year. He basically needs to go to the CofA to ask for that money.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. His other option is to go to the Foundation. And so you may want to talk to. Let's see. Who is it? Brother Jim Houston, Brother Don Darby, Brother Ken Freshley who's also on it, Brother Petrovic. I think Bob, you're chairman now?

Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake

I will avail myself of those avenues. Thank you for your patience.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Rear mic.

Michael W. Beck, Department of Indiana

My name is Mike Beck. I am the Department Commander of Indiana. What would be the possibilities, since it's such short notice, of passing a hat around to see if we could get that money together?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We can do that.

Michael W. Beck, Department of Indiana

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We're gonna have an auction. Fantastic.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. While that hat is being passed around, and before we go into nomination of officers and election of officers...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brothers, for your information, For the last several years, we have been auctioning off one of the quote Widow's Badges. For those who are not familiar with what this is, in 1997 there was a re-internment of a Veteran in Gettysburg the body of the man's bones had been exposed in the railroad tracks, for those of you familiar with the battlefield. The Smithsonian could not determine the identification of the body nor could they from the location determine whether or not it was a Union or Veteran or Confederate Veteran. As part of that re-internment we and the Sons of Confederate Veterans invited the then living widows of Civil War Veterans. There was one Confederate widow and three Union widows that were living at the time. The one Confederate widow and one Union Widow were able to attend. The other two Union widows, because of their age and infirmities couldn't travel to Gettysburg. As part of that, there was a medal of 99% fine silver struck to commemorate the event. There were 125 medals struck. Twenty-five were kept by the gentleman from Florida who had the medals made. Fifty were offered to the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and fifty were offered to us. We purchased the fifty. They were made available initially to those Brothers who participated in the ceremony. One medal was given to each of the two widows. It's a very simple medal. It's simply inscribed with their name and the name of their husband on opposite sides. depending on which side of the medal is facing forward, whether or not it was for a Union or Confederate medal the Union soldier and his wife, Daisy, now I'm gonna forget her name. Anyway, that's on the front, the obverse of the

medal it's one of the ones that were issued that we have. If the Confederate widow and her husband is on the front, then that's one of the ones that went to Sons of Confederate Veterans. These things have gone for rather high prices here in the Encampment. I think two of them went for \$1,000.00. That's right. A few of them that have appeared are on things such as EBay, have gone to \$6, \$7, \$800.00 range because of the rarity of the medal and the interest to collectors. So, with that, we will have the auction. So, open up your wallets and we'll go from there.

[three raps, ***]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Please close the Bible, so we can gamble.

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(laughter)

[one rap, *]

[Auction]

[three raps, ***]

[One rap*]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Well, let's see. Brother Busch. Credentials, please.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Walt Busch, the Credentials Committee. Do you want the long version or the short version?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Let's get the short version this time.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

The short version is that there have been 202 people that have registered for the Encampment: one Commander-in-Chief; fourteen Past Commanders-in-Chiefs; fourteen Department Commanders; fifty-five Past Department Commanders; eighty-one delegates; thirty-five alternates; one visitor, one Junior. And the issues, the only issues ones that we would have is Illinois has their total delegates maxed out and have eight alternates present and one visitor. And Wisconsin has their delegates maxed out at ten. They have twenty-six alternates present and one Junior. For some reason, Texas, has an alternate listed that probably should have been switched over to delegate long ago but has not. Those are the only issues that we have. Everybody else falls within the parameters of what they're allowed to have.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Very good. If we need a longer version, we'll ask you for it.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Let's hope we don't. You never know. Nominations are open for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Roll call of Departments.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Here we go. Commander-in-Chief nominations. California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

California and Pacific defers to the Department of Ohio.

Robert E. Grimm, Department of Ohio

Bob Grimm, Past Commander-in-Chief and member of the Department of Ohio. I would like to place in nomination for Commander-in-Chief of our organization the name of a Brother that has distinguished himself at the Camp level, at the Department level, and has served in almost every capacity in the organization by serving in committees. He's our Webmaster. He's the first graduate of the Memorial University. He's received the Meritorious Service Award with a Gold Star. Our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley. We appreciate your support.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Ken, if elected, will you serve?

Ken L. Freshley, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

And what other offices do you hold?

Ken L. Freshley, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Senior Vice Comander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Congratulations, sir. You are Commander.

Encampment

(applause)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that where there is no opposition, the National Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the candidate.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor, I'm not even going for discussion. All those in favor raise your cards. All those opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Now, it's official.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

If you think it's difficult as Senior, wait until you get up here. Now we're up for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Roll call, please.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of California and Pacific.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, we're in for a story now.

Encampment

(laughter)

Jerry R. Sayre, Department of California and Pacific

Jerry Sayre, California and Pacific. Commander-in-Chief, National Officers, fellow delegates, I rise to bring to the floor the name of Brother Tad Campbell to be nominated for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. By now, you all know his name, his face, and his years of devoted service to this Order. Tad joined in 1997. Became a life member in 2005. He has held almost every appointed and elected office in both camp and department, including Camp Commander two terms, Department Commander three terms, both and camp and department's Signals Officer for twelve years, receiving the Marshall Hope Award, and now an award winning Webmaster. He was twice named Department Officer of the Year. At the National level, he has served on and chaired several National committees. Tad has

served on the National Council of Administration and is currently Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He has attended every National Encampment since 2001. And even the first and only Special National Encampment in 2007. This past year, as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, he has processed more than two hundred membership applications and traveled enough miles in the service of this Order to drive around the Earth at the Equator. He has done all this while working for the City of San Jose as a 911 dispatcher. Often as much as sixty hours a week. Still publishing a newsletter, doing genealogy for friends, and chasing a lovely five year old. The man does not sleep. Your vote for 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 the principles and objects of the organization we love. I proudly stand to nominate for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, my friend, the heir apparent, Tad David Campbell.

Encampment

(applause)

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

If elected, will you serve?

Tad D. Campbell, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir, I will.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected officers?

Tad D. Campbell, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

You are elected sir. Correct? With the vote we had, he's one vote.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

And now for the next person to be in line for that position.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

For Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Chesapeake.

Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Department of Chesapeake

Thank you, California and Pacific. I'm Past Commander-in-Chief, Andy Johnson. And I rise to nominate Brother Gene Mortorff for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. You know him well. You've seen him there for three years and you have a flyer that outlines a lot of his history. But let me just hit a few highlights. He is, of course, the National Secretary, finishing a three-year term. He was the Chief of Staff of this organization and Assistant Treasurer. In the great Chesapeake Department, an outstanding Commander, and a Secretary for four long years. He's a member and one of the leaders of the 2011 National Encampment Host Committee in the Manassas, Virginia Encampment, a truly, truly great Encampment. In the Sons of Veterans Reserve, he is one of us. He's Past Adjunctant and Past Commander of the 2nd Military District. A member of the Gettysburg Blues and of the Chesapeake Guard. In community activities, he's done everything he could possibly do in the Boy Scouts and for a lot of you will find this meritorious, he's in the Good Samaritan Masonic Lodge of Gettysburg. In his personal background, he is retired, oh dear, of the Coast Guard.

Encampment

(laughter)

Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, Department of Chesapeake

But let me say that he served as a special operations officer, but more important than that, twenty years as a boarding officer. You see Gene with a cutlass leading a boarding party aboard suspected pirate vessels. Argh. Yes, Argh. After the Coast Guard, he became a Secondary Schoolteacher. Had enough of that. Finally retired. And now he's devoting all of his time to the Sons of Union Veterans. I urge you to support Brother Gene Mortorff for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Gene. If elected, will you serve?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Yes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected offices?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Yes, I am on the Council for the Department of the Chesapeake.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Continue.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

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(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Please cast one ballot for that. Can't do it. I will cast one ballot for him.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

The Encampment instructed him. He can cast that vote for himself.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Vote for yourself, then.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Next is the Secretary. Right?

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Yes!

Encampment

(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Been waiting for this. California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Kansas.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Kansas.

Rocky L. Bartlow, Department of Kansas

Commander-in-Chief, Rocky Bartlow, the Department of Kansas. Brother Alan Russ joined Old Abe Camp 16, Department of Kansas in 1998. He's been a member of the camp since then. Brother Russ has held many Camp offices, including Camp Commander and Secretary/Treasurer. He's held all the Department elected offices except Junior Vice Commander, including Department Commander and Department Secretary/Treasurer. The position he has held for the last nine years. Brother Russ was a member of the Department's 2010 National Encampment Committee. Brother Russ has been the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator since 2005. Served eight years on the National Policy and Procedures Committee from 2003 until 2011. He's finishing a two-year term in the National Constitution and Regulations Committee. Served as National Chief of Staff for the then Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall. And has served as an elected member of the National Council of Administration

from 2010 to 2011. The Department of Kansas is pleased and I am personally honored to place the name of Brother Alan Russ into the nomination for the office of National Secretary.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Russ, if elected, will you serve?

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

Yes, sir.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

What other elected offices do you hold?

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

Department Secretary/Treasurer.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Continue the roll.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Please cast one ballot for National Secretary.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Congratulations.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

National Treasurer.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Pennsylvania.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Department of Pennsylvania.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania

I place into nomination the name of Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. Many of you know him as probably being the foremost authority on the Constitution and Regulations in here. And I can assure you, he knows the book inside and out. He's also a very smart individual and he's worked very hard for this Order. I met Rich when I first got into this Order and actually he was the Commander-in-Chief of the first Encampment I ever went to. I actually met Perley's dad at that Encampment. I set beside him and he was asleep there and the discussion was going on quite a while. And his dad, Perley's dad, who was a Past Commander-in-Chief wakes up and looks at me and says, "My ass hurts."

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania

But nevertheless, Rich has received Meritorious Service Star. He has done just about everything in this Order that you'd ever want to do. And I'll tell you what, I couldn't think of anybody more that I would trust this Order with than that man. In his personal life I know he's an Eagle Scout. He's received the Silver Bugle Award from the Boy Scouts of America. And he's been involved in the community for many years. He's also active in the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum, the Board of Directors of the Soldiers and Sailors Museum. For anybody that ever goes to Pittsburg, you gotta stop and see that place. It's amazing. So, I place into nomination Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. If elected, will you serve, Rich?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

What other elected offices do you hold, sir?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I am Secretary/Treasurer of my Camp.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's fine. Continue the roll, please.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Now the position that I don't know if anybody else in the world would want. National Quartermaster.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of New York.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of New York.

Robert L. Pugsley, Department of New York

Yes, the Department of the New York would like to nominate the current National Quartermaster and Past Commander-in-Chief, Danny Wheeler. There isn't really a lot more that I can really say. Everybody knows what his qualifications are, you know, there's nothing more that I can say that will add. So, we would appreciate with your support.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

If elected, Danny, will you serve?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Yes.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected offices?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Yes, I hold Treasurer of my camp and Council for the Department of New York.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Continue the roll.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Congratulations Danny.

Michael W. Beck, Department of Indiana

Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Michael W. Beck, Department of Indiana

Mike Beck Department Commander, Department of Indiana. I want to thank all of you for that hat that was passed around. We will be donating \$801.92.

Encampment

(applause and cheers)

Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake

If I could have a moment of privilege. Gentlemen, Brothers, I don't get overwhelmed very much, but, your generosity is amazing. What we're going to do here, this monument that we're putting in this marker is for the One Hundred Union soldiers that died in the hospitals at the Sandusky Historic Site, which was the headquarters of the Union Army during the Battle of Lynchburg in 1864. We will take the rest of this money, and we will use the rest of this money to put a second monument in. That second monument's going to go to an Ohio unit that we're working on right now. So, thank you so very, very much.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Jim.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl Past Commander-in-Chief, Parliamentarian. May I suggest that it is appropriate, if you choose to have one roll call and place all candidates for the Council of Administration seats in a nomination through one roll call.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

We can do that. It'll go quicker that way. Next up is going to be Council of Administration. We have two seats open. For three year terms. Start the roll please.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Massachusetts.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Massachusetts.

Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts

Dexter Bishop, Senior Vice, Department of Massachusetts. It gives me great pleasure to place in nomination Edward Norris National Council of Administration. Ed is currently serving as National Chief of Staff, current Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, current chairman of the Battle Flag Preservation Committee. He's also served as National Guide for two years; Department Treasurer for five years; Camp Commander for three years; treasurer of New England Regional Association, three years; National Restore Memorial Day Committee, two years; numerous positions for my Department and Camp. Memorial University graduate and two times outstanding Brother in the Department of Massachusetts. We would certainly appreciate your vote.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

If elected, will you serve?

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

Yes, I will.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I already know you have the Department Commander of Massachusetts.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

That is correct.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake.

Department of Chesapeake

The Department of the Chesapeake defers to the great Department of Missouri.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Department of Missouri.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Department of Missouri

Don Palmer, Department of Missouri, Past Commander-in-Chief. The Department of Missouri would like to put in nomination the name of Walter Busch for a seat on the Council of Administration. I think everyone here that has attended National Encampments over the last five or six years is known Walt has he served on the Credentials Committee since 2008 and chairing that committee over the last five years. But he's been very strong in both Camp and Department levels as well, serving as Missouri Department Commander, also receiving Missouri's Outstanding Member Award, the Frances Blair Award in 2007. Walt is personally involved in a lot of research programs that support the National Organization as well. He has personally documented over four hundred monuments for the Monuments Program, over two hundred GAR Posts for the GAR Records Program, forty-seven lost soldiers for the counties in the State of Missouri, and he has over 470 graves documented. Walt's also a published author, publishing books on General Thomas Ewing, as well as the Battle of Pilot Knob in Missouri. They only think I have to question Walt about is his sense of humor since he's the one that started this hair nonsense, but...

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Department of Missouri

...but hey, everyone's been entertained by that so I guess it was worthwhile. So anyway, we would appreciate your support for Walt. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Busch, if elected, would you serve? Oh, I got a story coming.

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Before I accept, I'd like John Palmer to please stand up. I don't know John just turned fourteen. I don't know if everybody knows that or not, but he's here. He's the youngest person that probably will ever, ever vote as a Sons of Union Veterans Encampment. And he's done it for the State of Missouri the last two days.

Encampment

(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Now, if elected, will you serve?

Walter E. Busch, Credentials Committee

Yes, I will. The only elected office I have is U.S. Grant Camp Secretary/Treasurer.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Continue please.

(The National Secretary completed the roll of Departments with no other nominations)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Whew.

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(applause)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, this is the first time in many, many, many years that we have not had a contested election. Every single office was as we go.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, this is dangerous. Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, I have three motions. Number one. That the Encampment discharge the Encampment Committees with the exception of the Credentials Committee, which will be allowed two weeks to file a post Encampment report.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

All those in favor, signify by raising your cards. Opposed.

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Pass.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

Number two. The National Secretary be instructed to write letters of thanks to the hotel, the host committee, and the host city.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

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

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Pass.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

When the recordings are transcribed and approved by the outgoing and incoming Commander-in-Chief that it become the official proceedings of this Encampment.

Several

Second.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

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

[one rap, *]

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Pass.

James B. Pahl, Parliamentarian

The plaintiffs further sayeth not.

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(laughter)

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I believe we have one order of business. Installation of officers.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

I'm listening.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Do you want to release the door?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. The door's released. Thank you.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

So we're going to move on with installation of officers. Who is your installing officer, sir?

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Mellor.

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

I am relieving you of command of the National Organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. On behalf of the officers, I convey 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 in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the order. You may be seated. I'm going to hold off giving you the Past Commander's Badge and we'll see if we can get your wife in here in a few moments. Okay?

Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief

That's fine.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

All right. Could I have the Guide just check and see how long they might be, please? Thank you. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Yes, sir, I am.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. He seems to have the blank look on his face.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Secretary, one of your last acts, would you please call the roll of all the officer's elect and staff appointments. When your name is called, please rise.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

National Aide to Camp: Matt Burchum. Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines: Peter Welpton. Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer: Eric Peterson. National Liaison to MOLLUS: Keith Harrison. National Chaplain: Jerome Kowalski. Membership-at-Large Coordinator: Alan Russ. National Chief of Staff: Leo Kennedy. National Patriotic Instructor: John W. Bates, III. National Civil War Memorials Officer is Walter Busch. National Signals Officer: Kent Peterson. National Color Bearer: Lee Stone. Washington D.C. Representative also Lee Stone. National Counselor: Donald Darby. Assistant National Counselor: James Pahl. Secretary for Proceedings is Ed Krieser. Assistant National Secretary is James Pahl, for the Department at Large. Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, there will be Brother Robert Petrovic. Assistant National Treasurer 1 will be James Pahl. Assistant National Treasurer 2 will be Max Newman. Assistant National Treasurer 3 will be Bruce Gosling. National GAR Highway Officer will be Pete Hritsko. National Webmaster temporary is Ken Freshley. Backup National Webmaster will be Keith Harrison. Assistant Web Family Tree Maker: Robert Shaffer. National Graves Registration Officer will be continuing will be Bruce Frail. National Guard he will appoint at start of the 2014 Encampment. National GAR Records Officer will be Dean Enderlin. National Guide will also be appointed at the start of the 2014 Encampment. And the National Historian: Robert Wolz.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

And the elected offices, please.

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

And the elected officers. Oh, that's easy.

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(laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff. Secretary, Alan Russ. Treasurer, Rich Orr. National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler. Council of Administration Member, Ed Norris and Council of Administration Member, Walter Busch.

[three raps, ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen officers for the next term. If any Brother has a valid reason why any of them should not be installed, please let him speak now or forever hold his peace. Last chance.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Guide, will you please present the Brothers before the altar for installation?

Eric Graft, National Guide

Yes, sir.

Eric Graft, National Guide

Sir, your orders have been obeyed.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

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 this Encampment confidently expect your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you to be conspicuous for zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence that is placed in you and that you will 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 Organization. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

Officers (in unison)

I am.

[three raps ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, or the officer's shoulder in front of you, if you can, and repeat after me using your name where I do mine. I, Leo Kennedy ... 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 and sincerely ... promise and declare ... that I will ... to the best of my ability ... in word and in deed ... and 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.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Please drop your hands.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Guide, conduct the Officers to the respective stations. The acting officers vacated.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Ken, stay right there for me please.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Guide, you will now conduct the Commanderin Chief Elect to this station.

Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of the Encampment, you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is evidence, not only of their regard and appreciation for your work and ability as a Son of the Union Veteran of the Civil War, but is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now will most solemnly direct you.

[three raps, ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties of the Office into which they are being 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.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

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 for the filial heritage it represents. Next I place in your care the Ritual of the Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care. Be true to the principals, and faithful to the teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap will call the Encampment to order [one rap, *] and seat the same when standing. Two raps [two raps, **] will call the Officers to their feet, call the Officers to their feet. And three raps [three raps, ***] will bring up the entire Encampment. [one rap, *] Before I hand the gavel to him, now that the ladies have joined us I'm going to give the the outgoing Commander-in-Chief his medal. I apologize for the deviation. Bring the ladies up for me.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Now, by the authority invested in me as the installing officer of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of the National Organization legally elected, installed, qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties, for the term ending in August of 2014, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. The Badge of Office? The two ladies, please.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, assume your command. Be true to your vows, faithful to your trust, unflinching in loyalty, and rule with urbanity, impartiality and firmness. And may your administration be successful.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I don't have a piece of paper because I don't have a printer, but I'm using technology. Brothers, I sincerely thank you for the privilege of being chosen as your elected leader. I promise to remember that I am your servant and your voice. It's humbling to stand here with you knowing that we're all united in our commitment to the fundamentals of our organization. To honor and remember those who unflinchingly went before us while demonstrating to all of us who observe us when we perform our Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. What an honor. During the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, we

individually and as an organization have some real work to do. Most think that we must change the way we think. We are not going to attract a younger generation to fortify our numbers by relying on our older traditions. While we value our traditions, the generations “X” and “Y’s” value worth. The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War must become the foundation and springboard of our new marketing approach for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Additionally, we must find funds to further invest in a fresh updated design and for our Website, paper pamphlets, and newsletters. They’re viewed as a waste of resources by our target-marketing group. Frankly, our prospective members are insulted by what they perceive as a frivolous waste of dollars and ecological resources. Social media and networking are equally as important and must be developed. Further, it is essential that we demonstrate our charitable works publicly to our prospects. Our young people want to and do commit wholeheartedly to charitable causes that are well-defined. Look at your local communities. For example, Habitat for Humanity, charitable 5K runs, food banks, etc. Our younger generation does not even know what the SUVCW is or what we do. We need to change this one pretty darn quick. Our organization needs to market itself as does every department, camp, and individual member. We had better open our wallets to fund our intensive marketing now before there aren’t any dollars to fund this in the future. I will do everything in my power to assist in redirecting our resources to further this mission. Our new marketing committee must be supported and empowered. These decisions and implementation of what is necessary to do this is not going to be easy or without pain. Of course, there will be a little dissension. You know, kind of like in the early 1860’s. In order to accomplish change, we must communicate in a more efficient way between ourselves. Again, our Website must become a tool that is easily navigated. It’s gonna cost a little bit of money and a significant amount of time. And another issue is our antiquated paper membership registration process, is another cumbersome and unwieldy monster. Maybe it’s time to peter this screwy system. Sorry about the Navy term there. Our current membership process discourages and disheartens applicants. Right from the get-go, we make it an inefficient method. Our young prospect members do not desire to deal with this paperwork mess. I will be appointing a new committee that will investigate the options of reforming our current membership application process to possibly a web-based application process. Again, we’ll have to spend some money, but it’ll increase our membership. Believe me, we’ll have to be some judicious stewards because we’re certainly not as fresh as we used to be. That brings up another subject. Subject of fraternal relations. I’ll continue the progress that has been started by the previous Commander-in-Chiefs and continue to develop more strongly rooted relationships with all the Allied Orders. Each membership roster of the Allied Orders are declining and we need to bolster them immediately. Surely as one of the Allied Orders fall, the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War will be weakened immeasurably. Someone once said something about a house divided... I know these changes are formidable. But they’re not insurmountable. There is a vast amount of talent in the SUVCW. We are to forge ahead and we’ll succeed. Look at all we have accomplished so far with the members in the Sons, which is just simply amazing. Again, I want to thank you for all your confidence in me. Brothers, and to everyone who has taught, helped me, encouraged, mentored me, and been my friend. A simple thank you is not enough, but my sincere humble thanks are all I have. I admit that I’m filled with hesitation, but with your confidence, it inspires me to rise above my faults and achieve what the SUV, the members of the SUVCW need me to do. And finally, I’d be amiss if I did not give you all a deeply heartfelt thank you for all you all the emails, phone calls, cards, and especially the prayers and get-well messages that I received last year when I was seriously ill. It caused me not to attend the National Encampments in California. It was such a great feeling, not only to have my family by my side, but to have all the Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders also there. It helped me physically and spiritually. Again, thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Being no further business to come before this National Encampment, we'll proceed to close.

[three raps, *]**

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

You'll give your attention to the National Chaplain as he asks the blessing of our God 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. 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, *]

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we're about to leave this Encampment to retire to our perspective homes. Let us regulate our conduct as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful to our duties, and exhibit to each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity, and unswerving loyalty. Color Bearer, please attend the altar and station banners. I now declare the 2013 Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly closed.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause)

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

132nd National Encampment Report

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Brookfield, Wisconsin

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1 Preface

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, National Temporary Committees, and Department reports to the 132nd National Encampment during August 8-11, 2013 in Brookfield, Wisconsin. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

If anyone wants one or more of the original reports please contact Ed Norris, National Chief of Staff, at norris.ed@comcast.net. The reports can be forwarded via email.

2 National Elected Officer Reports

2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Perley E. Mellor, CinC

The report will be brought to the meeting by the Commander-in-Chief.

2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Ken L. Freshley, PDC

Performed my duties as a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, upon my delayed installation. Participated in multiple Boardroom votes. We have worked on the submitted changes for the processes and procedures.

A brief report for the CofA Sub-Committee for the SUVCW Signature Sesquicentennial Events:

We had 17 applications; there were 10 approvals, 6 disapprovals, we have one application currently in process.

We had applications from CA, NC, IA, MO, NV, VA, OH, RI, IN, and MI.

Please refer to the Program and Policies Report for that report.

No Recommendations- None at this time.

2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Tad D. Campbell, PDC

The following is a summary of the activities of this office.

Travelogue:

August 11	131 st Annual National Encampment	Los Angeles, CA
August 12	Council of Administration Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
October 12-14	Sesquicentennial Signature Event, 6 th Annual Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment	Monterey, CA
November 16	56 th Annual Remembrance Day Parade	Gettysburg, PA
November 17	Council of Administration Meeting	Gettysburg, PA
January 7	Installation of Officers, Camp No. 22	Sacramento, CA
January 16	Installation of Officers, Camp No. 24	Oakland, CA
January 19	Installation Banquet, Camp No. 4 & Aux. No. 52	San José, CA
January 26	Sesquicentennial Signature Event, Fort Point National Historic Site	San Francisco, CA
February 2	Info Booth, California State Military Museum	Sacramento, CA
March 8-9	127 th Annual Encampment, Dept. of CA & Pacific	San Luis Obispo, CA
April 13	57 th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	Springfield, IL
April 13	Council of Administration Meeting	Springfield, IL
April 28	Pvt. Watkins Headstone Dedication	Oakland, CA
May 8-11	National Genealogical Society Family History Conference	Las Vegas, NV
May 18	Camp #4 Meeting	Santa Clara, CA
May 25-26	Info Booth, 32 nd Annual Civil War Battles &	Felton, CA

	Encampment, Roaring Camp Railroads	
May 27	UVC Memorial Day Celebration	San José, CA
May 27	Camp No. 4 GAR Memorial Day Ceremony	San José, CA
June 8	85 th Annual Encampment, Dept. of CO & WY	Midvale, UT
June 28	Gen. Meade Takes Command Ceremony	Frederick, MD
June 29	133 rd Annual Encampment, Dept. of PA	Gettysburg, PA
June 29	Eternal Light Peace Memorial Ceremony	Gettysburg, PA
July 4	Independence Day Parade	Monterey, CA
July 20	Eagle Scout Court of Honor	Aptos, CA
August 8	Council of Administration Meeting	Brookfield, WI
August 9-10	132 nd Annual National Encampment	Brookfield, WI

Total Distance Travelled: 23,163 miles

Membership Applications Processed:

197 applications for membership were processed by this office, with the following statistics:

Distribution of Membership Applications by Department:

California & Pacific	11	Nebraska	1
Chesapeake	29	New Hampshire	6
Colorado & Wyoming	6	New Jersey	2
Connecticut	2	New York	20
Florida	9	Ohio	7
Georgia & South Carolina	1	Oklahoma	1
Iowa	4	Pennsylvania	14
Illinois	3	Rhode Island	2
Indiana	5	Tennessee	5
Kansas	4	Texas	14
Kentucky	1	Vermont	0
Massachusetts	3	Wisconsin	9
Maine	2	National Membership-at-Large	3
Michigan	12	Arizona Camp-at-Large	3
Missouri	5	Oregon Camp-at-Large	2
North Carolina	5	Washington Camp-at-Large	6

Total Number of Applications Processed by JVC-in-C = 197

Age of Applicants:

Age 6-13 — 3
 Age 14-19 — 13
 Age 20-29 — 36
 Age 30-39 — 45
 Age 40-49 — 36
 Age 50-59 — 44

Age 60-69 — 46
 Age 70-79 — 26
 Age 80-89 — 6
 Age 90-99 — 2
 Age 100+ — 0

Average Age of Applicants = 53.4 years

Applicant Membership Type:

Members – 187 Associates – 8 Juniors – 2 Junior Associates – 0

Other Activities:

In addition to participation in various events and processing the above-mentioned applications, the JVC-in-C attended four (4) meetings of the Council of Administration, participated in all twenty-five (25) votes of the Council of Administration Online Board Room, and sent fourteen (14) written communications and five hundred eighty (580) e-mail communications.

Commendations:

The following Brothers are hereby recognized for their efficiency and assistance: Robert Pollock PCC and Kevin L. Martin PCC (Dept. of the Chesapeake), Douglas K. Fidler PDC (Dept. of TN), Lee A. Morgan (Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp-at-Large No. 1), and Executive Director David W. Demmy, Sr. These gentlemen provided invaluable service to the JVC-in-C and performed the duties of their respective offices with particular zeal and promptness.

2.3.1 Recommendations

1. **That the National Organization require proof of lineage for each generation back to the qualifying ancestor(s) for new membership applicants.** Not requiring proof likely harkens back to the time when our members were literally "Sons of Veterans," however most members are now several generations removed from their qualifying ancestor(s). The majority of hereditary societies require such proof of lineage. Requiring proof will make our Order more respected among hereditary societies, as well as ensuring that applicants actually do have the required lineage, rather than just taking their word for it.
2. **That the National Organization establish a method by which a member's additional (or supplemental) qualifying ancestors may be formally recognized.** Many hereditary societies have such programs in place and include formal recognition through certificates, badge devices, etc. An additional fee is often charged for formal recognition of additional qualifying ancestors.
3. **That the National Organization establish a database of members' qualifying ancestors.** This would make it possible for members to learn whether someone else has the same qualifying ancestor(s) or might be interested in the same regiment(s), etc.

2.4 National Secretary; Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC

A rundown of my activities since the National Encampment in Los Angeles, August 9-12, 2012:

Aug 9-12 - National Encampment, Los Angeles, CA
Sep 15-16 - Attended Sesquicentennial Activities, Antietam Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD
Oct 13 - Attended Dept of the Chesapeake Mid-Year Meeting, Solomons, MD
Oct 21 - Camp 112 Annual Battlefield Walk - Licensed Guide Stuart Dempsey, Gettysburg, PA
Oct 28 - Attended Dept of Pennsylvania Mid-Year Meeting, Greensburg, PA
Nov 10 - Civil War Honor Guard - Veterans Day Parade, City of Manassas, VA
Nov 17 - Participated in Remembrance Day Activities, Gettysburg, PA
Nov 18 - Council of Administration Meeting, Gettysburg, PA
Nov 19 - Gettysburg Address Dedication Day - Speaker Steven Spielberg, Gettysburg, PA
Feb 16 - Attended Annual Lincoln Dinner, Taylor-Wilson Camp 10, Lynchburg, VA
Feb 23 - Attended Annual Lincoln Dinner, Gettysburg Camp 112, Gettysburg, PA
Mar 01 - Attended MOLLUS Annual Lincoln Dinner, Pennsylvania Commandery, Philadelphia
Mar 08 - Attended funeral for two USS MONITOR Soldiers interred at Arlington NC, VA.
Mar 23 - Attended Civil War Medal of Honor Cemetery at South Mountain Battlefield, MD
Apr 13 - Attended Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies, Springfield, IL
Apr 13 - Council of Administration Meeting, Springfield, IL
Apr 23 - Attended Annual Lincoln Dinner, Baltimore Camp 1, Baltimore, MD
May 04 - Attended Department of the Chesapeake Encampment, Solomons, MD
May 27 - Attended Memorial Day Service
Jun 13 - Represented CinC, Wisconsin Department Encampment, Boscobel, WI
Jun 29 - Attended Department of Pennsylvania Encampment, Gettysburg, PA
Jun 29 - Participated in Peace Light Rededication, Gettysburg, PA

As a member, I also attended many regular meetings and special events of:

Department of the Chesapeake (PDC and current Department Council)

Garfield Camp 1 (PCC)

Antietam Camp 3 (Secretary - Treasurer)

Department of Pennsylvania

Gettysburg Camp 113 (Pennsylvania)

Sons of Veterans Reserve (Past 2nd District Commander)

Gettysburg Blues Ceremonial Unit

Chesapeake Guard Ceremonial Unit

1. MINUTES: I participated in and prepared the approved minutes for the following Council of Administration Meetings:

- Pre-Los Angeles National Encampment CofA Meeting, Thursday, August 9, 2012
- Overview Summary of Los Angeles National Encampment.
- Post-Los Angeles National Encampment CofA Meeting, Sunday, August 12, 2012
- Gettysburg CofA Meeting, Sunday, November 18, 2012
- Springfield CofA Meeting, Saturday,

These minutes were published in THE BANNER and also provided on the SUVCW National Website.

2. MOTIONS: The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed using the Electronic Boardroom since the 2011 National Encampment. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized below:

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| Motion 01 | Pass | A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Orr to approve the minutes of the Thursday, August 9, 2012 CofA meeting. |
| Motion 02 | Pass | A motion by Brother Mortorff, Seconded by Brother Shaw to approve the minutes of the Sunday CofA Meeting held on August 12, 2012. |
| Motion 03 | Pass | A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Martin, that whenever, all or part of a scholarship previously awarded is returned because the awardee either did not enroll or withdrew from the original school and subsequently enrolls in another post-secondary school, the entire scholarship or any remaining balance of the original scholarship shall be payable to the school where the awardee is enrolled in the awardee's name. Further that the Program and Policy Committee be instructed to amend the Scholarship program to reflect this action. |
| Motion 04 | Pass | A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Martin to approve the Minutes of the 2012 Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting. |
| Motion 05 | * | A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Freshley with amendments by Brother Mortorff and Brother Darby, to waive National Per Capita for the 2013 calendar year for those members who have experienced financial hardship resulting from tropical depression Sandy on a need-based to be determined by individual Camp Commander and discreetly reported in the Camp's annual report.”

* Motion ruled Out of Order by Commander-in-Chief. |
| Motion 06 | Pass | A motion by Brother Orr and seconded by Don Shaw (based on actual costs incurred for the site and the size of the hosted sites) to reduce the annual fee to \$30 and to eliminate the exemptions. |
| Motion 07 | Fail | A motion by Brother Freshley, seconded by Brother Campbell that we take over the www.RestoreMemorialDay.com and .org domains, and host them on our Server at no additional cost. The cost for both domains should be less that \$20 a year. |
| Motion 08 | Pass | A motion by Brother Mortorff, seconded by Brother Shaw to approve the amended Springfield 2013 CofA minutes. |

- Motion 09 Pass A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Palmer, to approve the Investment Plan (Proposal \$400,000) attached to his email of 5-13-2013.
- Motion 10 Fail A motion by Brother Shaw, seconded by Brother Orr, to approve the recommendation for a Meritorious Service Medal, with Gold Star, for Brother XXX.
- Motion 11 Pass A motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Shaw, to engage the firm of Maher Dussel Public Accountants to audit our books for the FY ending 30 June, 2013 as described in Brother Orr's Email of Wednesday May 29, 2013 with attachments.
- Motion 12 Pass A motion by Brother Shaw, seconded by Brother Campbell to approve the recommendation of the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star to Brother XXX.
- Motion 13 A Motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Mortorff to award the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star to Brother XXX.

3. SES EVENT SETS:

- SES Set 01 Pass Fort Point Civil War Sesquicentennial, Windsor, CA
 Pass Bentonville Battlefield Union Monument Dedication, NC
 Pass Rededication of Col William H. Kinsman Monument, IA
 Pass Gen. Thomas Ewing General Order #11 Event, MO
- SES Set 02 Pass** Funeral of Cdr Wainwright, Humble, TX
- SES Set 03 Pass Formation of the 1st Nevada Cavalry, Virginia City, NV
- SES Set 04 Pass Stafford County Civil War Park Grand Opening, VA
- SES Set 05a Pass Davis County Raid, Bloomfield, IA
- SES Set 05b Pass** Gettysburg Address and First Story County Soldier, Nevada, IA
- SES 06 Pass Camp Reynolds 150th, Angel Island, CA
- SES 07 Pass History Hill, Dearborn, MI
 Lawnfield Encampment, Mentor, OH
- SES 08 Pass** Rhode Island Gettysburg Gun Commemoration, Coventry, RI
- SES 08b Pass** 150th Commemoration of Battle of Corydon, Corydon, IN
- SES 08c Pass** Captain Blandowski Memorial Ceremony, St. Louis, MO
- SES 08d Pass** Gen. Corcoran Takes Command, Fairfax, VA

**** The Subcommittee's recommendation was to "disapprove." So the Pass vote is to approve their recommendation - therefore, the event was disapproved.**

4. CAMP / DEPARTMENT CHARTERS: A summary of the status on new Camps/Departments is presented below, along with pending actions:

a. New Camps having completed the Camp formation/application process and Charter is prepared for CinC signature, or signed by the CinC.

- (2012-05) George Jerrison Stannard 2 - DOR Jan 7, 2012 - Essex, VT, Department of Vermont

b. New Camps having permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

- Gen. Truman A. Seymour 9, Jacksonville, FL, Department of Florida

Camp Organizer is David R. Acheson of Saint Augustine, FL. (Expires 2/15/2014)

- James S. Stratton 82, Glassboro, NJ, Department of New Jersey

Camp Organizer is Scott West of Wenonah, NJ. (Expires 6/8/2014)

- LT Col John W. Hudson 105, Lexington, MA, Department of Massachusetts

Camp Organizer is Stuart Chambers of Framingham, MA. (Expires 6/9/2014)

c. Replacement Charters:

- (2012-03) Col David L Stricker 64, Wyoming, DE (Water damage \$25 Fee Paid.)

d. Chartering Permission Expiration:

- Maj Gen Newton Martin Curtis 6, Southport, NC, Department of North Carolina (Expired on 1/13/2013) Camp Organizer was contacted numerous times, however efforts to form the Camp failed.

5. SUVCW Merchandise Licenses: Two year renewals were completed at the CofA Meeting at the 2012 Encampment and the next renewal year will be in 2014.

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS and/or CHANGES to the C&R / RITUALS: (Copies of the proposed changes are provided separately.)

- DEPARTMENT of TENNESSEE provided a Resolution to allow "Honorary Membership" for non-citizens of the United States.

- DEPARTMENT of NEBRASKA provided a Resolution to establish an Emeritus Member and Emeritus Associate Classification.

- DEPARTMENT of OHIO - A Resolution of June 8, 2013, endorsing and supporting the election of Brother Ken Freshley to the Office of Commander-in-Chief.

- DEPARTMENT of OHIO - A Resolution of Jun 8, 2013, encouraging the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow other than next of kin to request and receive Government headstones and markers for unmarked graves.

- DEPARTMENT of PENNSYLVANIA - A resolution of Jun 29, 2013 to add the ceremony used by that Department for the Dr. Walker Award to the SUVCW Rituals.

- DEPARTMENT of COLORADO & WYOMING of June 8, 2013, encouraging the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow Cemetery Managers, Funeral Home Directors or members of veterans or lineage organization to sign the request for Government headstone in lieu of next of kin.

- The Commander-in-Chief provided a Resolution for the formation of a permanent Promotion and Marketing Committee.

- The Commander-in-Chief provided a Resolution for the formation of a permanent Vision and Planning Committee

7. Announcement: I have officially announced my candidacy for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the upcoming National Encampment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I wish to thank everyone for their support and cooperation over the last three years as your National Secretary. If my replacement gets even half of the kindness, goodwill and helpful hands that I had, he cannot help but be successful in his term too. THANK YOU ALL!

2.5 National Treasurer; Richard Orr, PCinC

It has been a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer this past year.

The bills are paid and we have money in the bank.

Abraham – Gaffney PC were once again engaged to perform the 2011 audit. A copy is available for anyone who wishes to see it. I only have one copy with me. This is confidential information and will not leave this room. The records for the 2012 fiscal year are closed and will be forwarded for audit to Maher Duessel LLC Certified Public Accountants for audit. We have changed auditors because of several issues which arose with the previous auditors. Most of the issues centered around newly hired accountants being assigned to perform the audit who had no knowledge of non-profit corporations; errors in the audit which necessitated a complete re-audit at the expense of the audit firm; and failure of the auditors to consult the material provided which caused endless requests for data, records and information previously supplied in the materials provided to the firm.

At this time, all tax returns, and other reports to the IRS for the National organization are current.

The EIN updates continue to be an issue. Reports to the IRS have been filed as frequently as daily in an effort to update the information which the IRS has. Even with this some camps continue to experience difficulty filing their 990-N. There are three causes for this: 1) filing before the end of the camps fiscal year as maintained by the IRS – if the camp fiscal year ends 30 June the 990-N cannot be filed before 1 July and if it ends 31 December then the 990-N cannot be filed before 2 January; 2) the IRS has not updated their records – this was a problem for a number of camps – IRS communication received late in June was that all changes submitted had been made to the records: 3) the camp tax exempt status has been revoked. The number of

camps which have their tax exempt status revoked continues to increase. This occurs because they did not file their 990-N for three consecutive years. When tax exempt status is revoked the only available avenue is to apply for a tax exemption for the camp/SVR unit and pay the fees.

The change in Federal Law requires the 990N to be filed every year. For those whose fiscal year ends 31 December, they must file the 990N between 1 January and 15 May every year. For those whose fiscal year ends 30 June, they must file the 990N between 1 July and 15 November each year.

So nor submit copies of the 990N receipt to this office. They are to be submitted to the Department. There is no reason for them to be submitted to the National Organization.

The IRS is considering regulations which will make the parent organization responsible for assuring that all subordinate organization file the 990N on time. When these regulations are in place, it will be necessary to take action to assure that all camps file on time. We will be required to show that we have taken reasonable steps to assure the subordinate (camps, departments and SVR units) comply with the law. If we do not take these steps, the National Organization could have its tax exempt status revoked. To this end I will provided recommended amendments to the Regulations for consideration by the C&R Committee.

There continues to be difficulty with departments filing their EIN report on time. The greatest amount of time possible has been given to the departments to comply. If a camp does not file their information on time, it is the responsibility of the Department Commander to enforce the regulations. The National Organization's report will not be filed late. It is imperative that the reporting requirement enacted by the National Encampment in 2010 and 2011 be followed. If there is any change during the year, this needs to be reported to the National Treasurer immediately. This includes, change in contact information or a new camp.

When a camp closes it must file a form 990 with the IRS and check the box that it is a final filing. A copy of this report must be sent to the National Treasurer.

When the contact information changes a form 8822 needs to be completed and sent to this office. The form will be forwarded to the IRS after the National database is updated.

It is also necessary for the National Treasurer to be provided with the contact information for the treasurer of any newly formed camps along with the EIN for that camp. As far as the IRS is concerned a camp is not part of the SUVCW until a letter verifying the camp is an addition to the Order is sent to the IRS by the National Treasurer. The camp will not be tax exempt and will be required to file and pay income taxes unless this information is provided. Currently, we have at least two new camps for whom this information has not yet been provided.

There have been numerous requests for a form for the Departments to use in providing this information. A proposed form is attached to this report.

To assist the camps and departments with filing reports in a timely manner, a table with the dates for all reports for camps and a similar table for all reports for the departments is on the web site. It is the first item under the “supplies, forms, documents and graphics” listing.

The Council of Administration approved the engagement of Karl Emerson, Esq to prepare our application for conversion to a 501(C)(3) organization. Working with Mr. Emerson, the application has been completed and submitted to the IRS. Unfortunately, our application contained no less than 5 words on the filter list being used by the IRS to flag applications for more intense review. To date, we have responded to two requests for additional information by the IRS. We are at the mercy of the IRS as to when we will receive a ruling.

The applications to register with the 39 states and the District of Columbia which require non-profits to register with their respective Bureau of Charitable Organizations before soliciting donations within those states have been completed. We have received positive responses from 35 of those states. The others have requested additional information and we anticipate completing registration shortly. Once we have completed these registrations and received notice of the conversion from the IRS we will need to post required language from each of the states on all printed documents soliciting donations and the website.

We cannot register subordinates in any of these jurisdictions. If a department or camp solicits donations in any of the 39 states or the District of Columbia which require registration after the change in status, that department or camp will be required to register in the state or states where it is soliciting. Soliciting is asking for a donation. If someone freely makes a donation that is not in response to a request for a donation, that is not soliciting. Applying for grants is soliciting. Any camp or department applying for a grant from the SUVCW Charitable Foundation will be required to register and file reports with the State of Ohio Bureau of Charitable Organizations.

The Council of Administration approved contracting with a financial advisor. We have done so. All accounts have been established and partially funded. We will continue to move money into these accounts over the next 10 months to complete our commitment to invest \$400,000.

The financial reports are not complete as of the date this report is due to the National Secretary and will be submitted separately.

We continue to experience problems with certain departments submitting the annual report by the date specified in the regulations. These departments – Connecticut (five plus years), Massachusetts (five plus years) and New York (four years) -- are chronic offenders and act as if the regulations have no meaning to them. Suspending these departments has had no effect in garnering compliance with the regulations. There are a number of additional actions which can be taken. This body can revoke the charter of these departments for systemic failure to comply with the regulations; this body can direct the Commander-in-Chief to exercise his authority under Chapter II Departments, Article IV Officers Section 7 “Section 7. Any officer delinquent in or failing to perform the duties of his office may be removed by his Department Commander or the Commander-in-Chief;” this body can adopt a policy which imposes financial penalties – fines or interest – for late payment of the annual per capita; and or additional restrictions can be imposed on a department and the camps within a department when a department is suspended

besides the department not being able to do anything except take action to be reinstated. Something needs to be done. The habitual failure of these departments to adhere to the regulations is patently unfair and unfraternal to those departments who do comply.

During the past year we received a bequest from Clifford Hyde PDC New York in the amount of \$25,000.00. This bequest is designated to be used for the GAR Scholarship program.

2.5.1 Recommendations

1. The following amendments to the regulations be approved to correct archaic procedures currently in the Regulations with the actual practices. These have been reviewed by our new auditors and they have no objections nor negative comments.

Chapter III

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers

Section 3. The National Secretary shall pay over to the National Treasurer all monies received by him; he shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the National Encampment. ~~He shall draw requisitions on the Treasurer for all bills, the same to be approved by the Commander in Chief,~~ and shall perform such other duties and keep such other books, and records, as the National Organization may require of him. He shall make a monthly report of the ~~financial and~~ numerical strength of the Order, and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Council of Administration.

Section 4. The National Treasurer shall receive, hold and account for all monies paid to him, and pay out the same, ~~upon the order of the National Secretary, approved by the Commander in Chief.~~

- (a) He is empowered to make all payments required by contract, lease or rental agreement. He shall make payment of all bills incurred by the National Quartermaster in a timely manner.**
- (b) He shall make payment of all invoices presented to the National Organization for payment.**
- (c) He shall disburse all monies specifically allocated in the annual budget or the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.**
- (d) He shall make payment of all debts incurred by action of the National Encampment or Council of Administration.**
- (e) All invoices shall be presented to the National Treasurer for payment. Unless otherwise specified herein, no Brother except the National Treasurer and Assistant National Treasurer(s) shall make payment of any invoice directed to the National Organization.**
- (f) Upon approval of the Commander-in-Chief he shall make payments to reimburse officers and committee chairmen for all reasonable expenses provided that the sum of all such expenses does not exceed the amount specified in the annual budget.**

- (g) He is empowered to pay all bills incurred as specified in subsections (a) through (f) in the absence of an approved annual budget during the period 1 July through the conclusion of the National Encampment.**
- (h) He shall not make payment to any Brother for expenditures not specifically authorized by these Regulations, action of the National Encampment, action of the Council of Administration or pre-approved by the Commander-in-Chief.**
2. The Committee on Constitution and Regulations take under consideration amendments to the regulations which will automatically suspend a camp which fails to file its 990N as required by Federal Law and which fails to file its Installation of Camp Officers report or annual report by the date specified in the Regulations and consider similar automatic suspension for a department which fails to file the EIN report and annual report by the date specified in the Regulations
 3. The attached form for reporting EIN data to the National Treasurer be adopted. The form will be available as an Excel spreadsheet.
 4. The following policy be adopted and the C&R Committee be directed to draft language to insert the policy in the regulations.
 - a. When a department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the regulations for three or more consecutive years a fine of the greater of \$1000.00 or 20% of the per capita due shall be imposed on the department.
 - b. When a department fails to file the annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the regulations for four or more consecutive years the Commander-in-Chief shall exercise his authority under Chapter II Departments, Article IV Officers Section 7 of the regulations and remove those department officers – commander, secretary and treasurer – for failure to perform their required duties in addition to the penalties in part a of this policy.

This year has been one and sales have been good with sales at \$53,990.00 with 1388 orders. I took product to California, Gettysburg, New Jersey and New York, doing this helps the sales and Brothers know if I am showing up the store is coming also.

The ROTC program does real well and seems to grow every year. I trust we went thru a thousand medals again this year, most of them being mailed between February and April making a busy time.

The new products have helped the 150th GAR knives have sold well with less than 20 left for sale out of 300. We now have letter openers and grave markers for sale that I trust will sell well, they are GAR markers and SUV markers that sell at a fair price.

We will be looking at ways to sell a few items that our just setting and not moving well to make the inventory look in line with the organization. I believe we may not see a lot of new product in the future for I believe there aren't too many more products that our Brothers would want. If anyone has any idea's please let me know for it is your store.

2.7 Council of Administration – 2013; William C. Vieira, PDC

No report submitted.

2.8 Council of Administration – 2013; Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

I have attended all of the required meetings. I have also participated in the online discussions and have voted on all of the required on line issues. I attended the Department of Missouri Encampment on June 1st

I am the chairman of the Civil War Memorials Grant Committee. I was appointed chairman of the Eagle Scout program in 1997. I have been on the Encampment Site Committee since 2003 and was appointed co-chairman in 2012. In 2009 I was appointed chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Observance held in Springfield Illinois. I was appointed co-chairman of the Remembrance Day Committee in 2012.

2.9 Council of Administration – 2013; Donald D. Palmer Jr., PCinC

As I close out my tenure as a voting member on the Council of Administration, I have to say that having a voice in the direction of the National organization has been a great experience. This past year, I served as the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief on the Council, which was far less intense than serving as Commander-in-Chief, but fit in well with job and family commitments. Now, I would like to report on my activities during the 2012-2013 administrative year.

First, I voted in 12 of the 13 motions posted in the electronic boardroom to date. In addition, I voted in 11 of the 12 Signature Event votes put forward to the Council of Administration. Apparently, the two votes I missed were during periods of extensive business travel.

Second, I attended a number of events this past year, including:

- Central Region Conference in Springfield, IL on 06 October 2012. It was well attended by current and past National leadership, with attendance by LGAR National President Judy Rock, new WRC National President Shirley Grant, WRC Past National President Cindy Norton, DUVCW Past National President Barbara Stone, and SUVCW Past Commanders-in-Chief Jim Pahl and myself. One of our Vision 2020 goals was to forge stronger ties with the other Allied Order organizations, and the Central Region Conference is one of the many opportunities during the year to work it.
- Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA on 17-18 November 2012, including the Council of Administration meeting. Also attended Allied Order Summit meeting held in conjunction with the events.
- Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL on 13 April 2013, including the Council of Administration meeting.
- Iowa Department Encampment in Ottumwa, IA on 20 April 2013, representing the Commander-in-Chief.
- Iowa Monument Dedication at Vicksburg National Military Park in Vicksburg, MS on 24-25 May 2013. Served as a speaker at the reception held at Great Hope Manor on 24 May and attended the dedication events on 25 May.
- Missouri Department Encampment in St. Louis, MO on 01 June 2013.
- Grant Remembrance Program at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis, MO on 20 July 2013. Served as an invited speaker focusing on the importance of Grant in American history.

I also conducted the following educational programs:

- “Children of the Civil War”, presented to middle school students at St. John Lutheran School, Ellisville, MO on 13 December 2012.
- “History of the Grand Army of the Republic” presented at the Senior Celebration at Parkway Baptist Church, Creve Coeur, MO on 18 June 2013.

Much of my work this past year has focused on my membership on the Vision and Planning and Marketing and Promotion Committees. On the Vision and Planning Committee, I completed a set of metrics to track our progress as it relates to the strategic plan. On the Marketing and Promotion Committee, I have been following up with various Brothers on the promotional materials unveiled at the 2012 National Encampment. I have received positive feedback from a number of Brothers who have used the materials this past year to promote their programs. But these were only intended to be prototypes and it will be up to the committee to finalize promotional materials so that all Camps and Departments may benefit. I have also drafted a set of advertisements to be placed in magazines and journals. These draft advertisements capture the branding strategy and link to the subject matter or the magazine/journal.

2.9.1 Recommendation

Successful organizations, including non-profits, have developed leadership training programs for their all levels of their leadership. These programs are essential in maintaining tactical and strategic leadership consistency across the organization. Two benchmarks that have implemented successful leadership training programs include the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It is recommended that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to develop leadership training modules to be included as part of the Memorial University curriculum and report back to the 2014 National Encampment on (1) the details of these modules and (2) options for delivery of the training. It should be recognized that several Departments within the SUVCW already conduct leadership training for their Department and Camp officers and this committee should review these existing programs and identify any “best practices” to be included in the National training program.

In closing, as this is my last communication as a voting member on the Council of Administration, I want to thank everyone who has made my tenure an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I sincerely hope that in some capacity, I can continue to contribute to the National organization. But for now, I look forward to seeing everybody in Wisconsin.

2.10 Council of Administration – 2014; Don Martin, PDC

1. Serving on the National Military Affairs Committee, Civil War Memorial Grant Committee and as an aide to the Regulation Committee.
2. Attended 2012 National Encampment & C of A meetings on 9 and 12 Aug 2012.
3. Attended Enderlin Camp #23, Department of Ohio, Lincoln Day Dinner, 9 February 2013.
4. Attended Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA, 16-18 Nov 2012.
5. Attended Lincoln Day Dinner, Enderlin Camp, Chillicothe, OH 11 Feb 2012.
6. Attended National Lincoln Tomb Observance, Springfield, IL, 13 Apr 13.
7. Participant in Memorial Day Ceremonies at Grand View Cemetery, Chillicothe, OH.
8. Represented SUVCW at Frankfort Historical Society’s July 4th Memorial Ceremony, Old Methodist Cemetery, Frankfort, Ohio
9. Voted on 10 motions and 8 Sesquicentennial Event Sets.

2.11 Council of Administration – 2015; Donald W. Shaw, PCC

While keeping busy with the work of the Order at the Camp and Department levels, I have also been busy with duties in connection with the post of Member of the National Council of Administration. Those duties have included:

I have attended all council meetings.

I have monitored and participated in discussions regarding all questions coming before the Council via the electronic board room. I have cast votes on all issues put to the Council for discussion and decision as well as on all Sesquicentennial Event Applications.

I participated in information distribution regarding the Sons at the Jackson Michigan Civil War Muster.

I attended the Central Region Association General Meeting and Seminars in Springfield, Illinois, where I served as Region Commander.

I attended the rededication of the monument commemorating President-Elect Lincoln's visit at Alliance, Ohio. This was sponsored by Ohio's McClellan Camp #91, SUVCW and the Alliance Auxiliary #91, ASUVCW. I further had the honor of attending the testimonial luncheon for Jane Graham, National President of the ASUVCW which was held following the rededication ceremony.

I marched with fellow brothers of the SUVCW in the Detroit Veteran's Day Parade, representing members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have answered various questions from brothers around the Order on how to perform jobs which I have done in the past, which they are now tasked with performing.

I represented the C in C and the National Organization at the Department Encampments for the Department of Nebraska in April 2013 and the Department of Kentucky in June 2013.

I have no recommendations to put before the Council or Encampment at this time..

2.12 Council of Administration – 2015; Steve Hammond, PDC

Schedule for Steve Hammond 2012-2013

- August 18 Gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC for the general public
- September 15 Gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC for the general public
- September 20 Attended General George G. Meade Camp #5 bi-monthly meeting
- September 29 Gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC for the general public
- October 6 Attended Odenton Heritage Days representing the Meade Camp, staffing a table at the annual event
- October 8 The book The Washington Arsenal Explosion: Civil War Disaster in Washington by Brian Bergin was published; I contributed the foreword to the book (http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_0_18?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=washington+arsenal+explosion&prefix=washington+arsenal%2Caps%2C194)

- October 13 Gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC for the general public
- October 13 Attended mid-year meeting of the Department of the Chesapeake leadership
- October 28 Gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC for the general public
- November 15 Attended General George G. Meade Camp #5 bi-monthly meeting
- November 18 Attended SUVCW Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, PA
- January 19 Attended annual preservation luncheon of the General George G. Meade Camp #5
- February 12 Attended Lincoln Birthday ceremony at Lincoln Memorial, Washington DC
- March 14 Attended General George G. Meade Camp #5 bi-monthly meeting
- March 23 Attended Antietam Camp #1 Medal of Honor ceremony in Burkittsville, MD and laid a wreath at a plaque for the Battle of South Mountain
- April 13 Attended the Department of North Carolina encampment in Fayetteville, NC
- April 20 gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC for the general public
- April 27 Attended the Department of Georgia and South Carolina encampment in Fitzgerald, GA
- May 4 Attended the Depart of the Chesapeake encampment in Solomons, MD
- May 19 Attended General George G. Meade Camp #5 bi-monthly meeting
- May 27 accompanied CinC Mellor and Washington Representative PDC Stone to the wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery
- June 4 gave a presentation on the Washington Arsenal Explosion to the Washington Club, a downtown Washington business club, meeting on Dupont Circle in Washington
- June 8 gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC to a group of college students working for the summer in the city (half were from Michigan State University and half were from Mississippi State University, so it was a “mixed” group
- June 11 gave a presentation on the Washington Arsenal Explosion to the Washington Public Library, Cleveland Circle branch
- June 15 gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC for the general public
- June 29 Attended the SUVCW ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Peace Light in Gettysburg, PA
- July 20 gave Civil War tour at Historic Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC for the general public

Recommendations:
None.

2.13 Banner Editor; Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

At the time of this report, the Summer 2013 Banner is arriving in our Brothers’ homes. I’ve begun receiving material for the Fall 2013 issue of the Banner. .

This past year, the Banner’s content included more special and otherwise untold stories in our Order. In the expanded Winter issue, we examined the success of our Junior program. In the

recent Spring issue, the Monitor Unknowns were laid to rest and Rev. PCinC Partington related a story he heard from a GAR comrade. In the Summer edition, we located a Real Daughter and learned that a "Silent Sentinel was going back on duty.

+ Coverage of Sesquicentennial Signature events continued, as did coverage of our annual national ceremonies, memorial restoration, recognition of today's vets and outstanding youth, special awards, and Department news.

+ Historical perspectives on Wisconsin's Grand Army, Wisconsin's Native Americans in the Civil War, and the Sons of Veterans Reserve were highlighted. Collecting Sons memorabilia added interest.

+ We welcomed several new Camps, and recognized our brothers' outstanding achievements.

During the last year, the following advertisers were welcomed to the Banner:

Kenosha Civil War Museum Br. Richard Hamilton Dept. of Iowa
The additional advertising revenue has allowed us to save over \$625 this year.

Additional duties:

I coordinated PCinC Mellor's visit to my Department's Mid-Winter Meeting on February 3rd.

I participated in the procession at the 2013 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and in the GAR Founder's Ceremony (both on April 13th).

I coordinated Nat. Secretary Eugene Mortorff's visit to the Wisconsin Department Encampment on June 15th.

I serve as chair of the 2013 National Encampment Host Committee, which met on 20 October, 16 March and 1 June.

2.14 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr.

Life Member applications processed to date this year 2013 is 15. At this time last year, we processed 14!

One Life Member app is on file pending final installment of total fees due to National.

The following statistics are offered as of this date on the membership of our grand Allied Order:

Associate	555
Jr. Associate	3
Junior	89
Life Member	365
Member	5,337
Real Son	11
Total:	6,360
Dual Associate	12

Dual Life Member	51
Dual Member	126
Honorary	4
War Zone Service	10
Total:	203

The membership data above will change immediately with the processing of the next form 30 and form 3.

The 6,360 above is a drop in personnel from 6,412 earlier this month. Each processed form 35 greatly affects our membership numbers.

It is a humble opportunity for me to serve the Brothers of our grand organization.

If you or your subordinate officers need a report or other data, please ask and I'll attempt to provide the data if it is readily available! Headquarters welcomes visitors and members of the allied orders thru-out the year.

3 National Appointed Officer Reports

3.1 National Aide-de-Camp; Jerry Sayre, PDC

Nothing has transpired since my last report.

3.2 National Aide-de-Camp; John W. Bates III, PDC

Brothers, It has been a honor and privilege to serve as an Aide De Camp to The Commander in Chief Perley Mellor for The Past Year. The CinC has requested and received assistance with various projects throughout this past year. I have been pleased and happy to design and produce some special mementos for him, as well as to assist him in Civil War Stats and History when he has needed them. In conclusion, I want to Thank Perley on a personal note, as he has in my humble opinion been an exemplary Commander-in-Chief and has truly been a Brother and Person of "Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty" during his Year in office! I again Thank Him for his Work in the Position of Commander-in Chief.

3.3 Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines; Peter Whelpton, PDC

At the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, on the true Memorial Day of May 30th, 2013, our Order was well represented.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve Color Guard of the Department of New Hampshire was assigned the second position in the procession into the Cathedral amphitheater. Sergeant Dan Murray (NH-PDC), Corporal Gary Ward (NH-PDC), Jim Sutherland (PCC) and Tom Kiander (NH Council) comprised our Color Guard. The outdoor sanctuary has a spiritually moving view of Mount Monadnock to the west. The giant pine trees which once sheltered the sanctuary were sadly decimated by ice storms in the last decade.

Other participants from Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic included Creighton Hall, Commander of New Hampshire Camp 10; Roger Iliff, Senior Vice Commander of New Hampshire Camp 7; Larry Bonney, Senior Vice Commander of Maine Camp 69, and myself, Department Secretary of New Hampshire.

The Daughters of Union Veterans were represented by Elsie Bonney, President of the Maine Department, and Sally Sawyer, also of Maine. The A.S.U.V.C.W. was represented by Linda Murray, (PDP-NH); Doris Glendenning, (PDP-NH), and Geraldine Iliff of New Hampshire. The Memorial Day Program included remarks by Chairman Donald Upton of the Trustees of the Cathedral of the Pines; music included hymns, the National Anthem and God Bless America, and a thoughtful homily by U.S. Marine Corps Colonel Bryan Palmer of Jaffrey, New Hampshire and Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

The Rindge Veterans Association provided the primary color guard as well as a firing salute, followed by "Taps" – which was an arrangement by Major General Daniel Butterfield who served in the Army of the Potomac and as Commander of the Lafayette G.A.R. Post 140 in New York in 1898.

3.4 Camp-at-Large & Department Organizer; Eric B. Peterson, PDC

I have been contacted about the interest in starting a new camp in Roswell Georgia. The proposed name of the camp is "Kenner Garrard" Camp.

Since this camp would be chartered in an already existing Department I have directed the interested parties to Department Commander Mark Hale who was receptive to the idea. I have volunteered to help this camp get organized for the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. According to Dept Commander Hale, the new camp would likely carry the number 4.

No other parties have contacted me about forming new camps or departments.

3.5 National SUVCW Liaison to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS); Keith Harrison, PCinC

I helped ensure that both organizations were aware of and were offered an opportunity to participate in several SUVCW and MOLLUS events during the year. In addition, I helped ensure that the MOLLUS was in concert with the SUVCW in terms of the Lincoln Tomb program in Springfield, Illinois.

3.6 National Chaplain; Jerome Kowalski

During the past year the Chaplain continued to pray for the success and the growth of the Allied Orders. Also for the health, happiness and prosperity of its members - in accordance with the Will of the Almighty (Thy will be done...). There were many high lights, but those that stand out are - the visits to the Encampments of the the Departments of Oklahoma and Texas on behalf of the Commander in Chief. Having an opportunity to talk to the Brothers about the growth and well being of our Order on a Camp and Department level, to encourage the formation of SVR units and to continue the very effective programs that we have for the ROTC and Eagle Scouts. Invocations and Benedictions at: the Death Day Ceremonies for Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln - the first in April that latter in July, Monument and Gravestone Dedications and the

National Encampment. Visiting Brothers in the hospital, burring the dead, raising money for those in need, preparing ferverinos for various publications, attending my own Camp and Department meetings, conducting Sunday Morning Church Services - are some of the things on which I have used my talents.

I must say that in the past few months - a friend pointed out that on the Final Judgment Day - I won't only have to answer on how I treated the least of my brothers, but also on how I used the talents that the Almighty has given me. Plenty of room for improvement there.

3.7 National Membership-At-Large Coordinator; Alan Russ, PDC

The Annual Report for the National Membership at Large reported the strength, as of March 31, 2012, as thirty Members and Life Members, one Associate, and one Junior Member. As of the reporting period ending March 31, 2013, the NMAL reportable strength was thirty-six Members and Life Members, no Associates, and one Junior Member, for a total of thirty-seven brothers. This reflected a net increase of five brothers for the reporting year which ended March 31, 2013. Since April 1, 2013, the NMAL has gained two additional brothers, bringing the current strength to thirty-nine.

NMAL brothers are located in Australia (1), Canada (4), Germany (2), and the United Kingdom (1), in addition to the United States.

I continue to furnish all new brothers with a welcome letter, an appropriate certificate, a membership card, and an email letting them know to look forward to the packet, within one week of receiving the application. All applications and related documents are forwarded to the Executive Director within the prescribed time frame.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by CinC Mellor and the Council of Administration. It continues to be my honor to perform these duties. It is my desire that the incoming commander-in-chief to allow me to continue to serve the Order in this capacity.

I again wish to remind the Council of Administration it is my intent to run for the office of National Secretary in August 2013 in Wisconsin. Unless there is a regulatory reason I cannot continue to be the NMALC, it is my hope to continue with that office, also. If there are any questions or concerns, I am at your service to discuss them.

Recommendations: None.

3.8 National Chief of Staff; Ed Norris, DC

I have responded to all requests from Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor. My primary tasks have been:

- 1) maintained a schedule of Department Encampments and events in which National representation has been requested;
- 2) scheduled meetings of the National Presidents and the Commander-in-Chief and prepared the minutes of those meetings;

- 3) reviewed the following Departments by-law changes: Florida, Kansas, New York, and Tennessee;
- 4) solicited job descriptions from the standing committees which had none;
- 5) made recommendations about potential conflicts between the C&R and the Job Descriptions document;
- 6) attended all Council of Administration meetings; and
- 7) compiled two Council of Administration reports and the National Encampment report.

I have indicated my intent to run for the office of Council of Administration at the 2013 National Encampment in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

3.9 National Patriotic Instructor; John W. Bates III, PDC

It has been a privilege to have served The National Order of The SUVCW for the past two years. While there have been challenges with a few issues, by far it has been a great experience to serve the Order as I have tried to do. There are a few recommendations, which I will list shortly. I would first ask that all Brothers (and all members of the Allied orders) to always go out and spread the word about our "Boys in Blue" and what their efforts and sacrifices mean to our Nation, and by extension, the whole world. As we are in the middle of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, it is very important that we as the descendants of The GAR and its meaning and Heritage continue to pass on the Meaning of our purpose to all Americans, present and future. Through the monthly Patriotic Columns, I have tried to convey this message and why it is important for everyone to keep the Flame of History alive in today's world.

3.9.1 Recommendations

I will list a few recommendations that I hope The National Order will seriously Consider:

- 1) The Memorial University Program should be completely revised and rewritten. I believe it is a very worthwhile project for all Brothers in our order. The current program is too difficult to access and complete. The main issues have been the ability for brothers to sign into and or complete. The material of interest is very relevant, but the ability to answer easily and have a quick response to answers is not something that we can see in a clear manner. I would (again) respectfully suggest a committee of competent Computer Savvy Brothers of The Order be appointed to work on this issue in a timely manner, as quickly as Humanly possible.
- 2) The New Patriotic Instructor should, I think have one or more assistants to help share in the day to day duties of monitoring Memorial University. It has really been a nearly improbable task to answer all inquiries as to the mechanics of the program in a timely, efficient manner.
- 3) I believe a National Patriotic Instructors Monthly Program of Civil War History should be compiled and distributed to all Departments in our order. This could be written and published electronically for distribution. Pertinent Topics could be suggested by any Brother of the order for consideration.
- 4) A National Patriotic Instructors Award should be considered. This could be awarded to the most Patriotically active Camp/Department in the order. A definitive Criteria could be

established and distributed on an annual basis to all who would be interested in applying for this award.

5) Finally, I would recommend That all Brothers in this order take it upon themselves in a personal way to reach the young people in our order as well as any potential new members to convey the message of The Union in our Civil War and how it is important to all our Citizens, now and in the Future.

Thank You for your consideration of these ideas,

3.10 National Civil War Memorials Officer; Walter E. Busch, PDC

See committee report, Section 4.12.

3.11 National Signals Officer; Kent A. Peterson, PDC

I have no additional activities to report at this time beyond the activity included in the report for the National Communications & Technology Committee.

3.11.1 Recommendation

A recommendation I would to make is that we begin investigating whether there are appropriate and realistic forms of social media we could or should be using. I am referring to technologies beyond websites, databases and email that we already are using.

The younger generations we want to recruit use social media almost exclusive for communicating among themselves. For example, research shows that some consider email to be something their “parents and grandparents” use. Could we make use of a YouTube channel, for example, to aggregate videos of activities undertaken by our Camps?

Secondly, mobile devices (smartphones and tablets) are rapidly taking away market share from conventional desktop and laptop computers, not only for messaging but also for viewing websites or watching videos. Many websites (probably most) do not render well on mobile devices unless they were designed to do so. Has anyone checked to see how their Camp, Department or the National website looks on a small screen? When websites are designed today, ensuring a good mobile experience for viewers is a major consideration. Every passing year, this becomes increasingly important because mobile is a fast-growing trend.

I’m not suggesting we start redesigning our website now. For our members, it works fine. But I would like us to start thinking ahead, to where technology is taking us and how the expectations of our viewers (and future viewers) will be met when they look for information about us, want to see what we do, or get in touch.

3.12 National Color Bearer; Lee D Stone, PDC

Having been appointed National Colorbearer by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor at the National Encampment in Los Angeles, CA, I beg leave to report the following:

1. On 17 November 2012 I carried the CinC's flag at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Albert Woolson Monument in Gettysburg, PA, honoring the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, our parent organization, and in the parade that followed.
2. On 12 February 2013 I carried the CinC's flag as he presented the SUVCW wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC at the annual Lincoln Birthday event.
3. On 13 April 2013 I carried the CinC's flag at the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, IL.
4. On 27 May 2013 I coordinated the presence of colorbearers representing the SUVCW to carry the National Colors and the CinC's flag in the National Memorial Day Observed ceremony at Arlington National Ceremony.

In addition to these National events, the Brothers may have interest in some events in which I took part as a uniformed representative of the SUVCW and of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, though not formally as National Colorbearer:

1. On 9 December 2012 I carried a flag in the extended ceremonies sponsored by the National Park Service in Fredericksburg, VA, commemorating the Battle of Fredericksburg fought in December 1862.
2. On 8 March 2013 I attended the burial ceremony held by the United States Navy at Arlington National Cemetery for the remains of the two sailors recently recovered from the shipwreck of the USS "Monitor" in December 1862.
3. On 23 March 2013 I carried the National Colors in ceremonies at Burkittsville, MD and at the Civil War Correspondents' Memorial at the summit of Crampton's Gap. These events honored the memory of two recipients of the Medal of Honor at the Crampton's Gap portion of the Battle of South Mountain on 14 September 1862, and were sponsored by Antietam Camp 3, Department of the Chesapeake, SUVCW.
4. On 15 and 16 June 2013 I attended a series of events commemorating the cavalry battles that occurred between 17 and 21 June 1863 across southern Loudoun County, VA, near the beginning of the campaign that culminated in the Battle of Gettysburg. As I was in uniform, I was several times pressed into duty helping the organizers.
5. On 28 and 29 June 2013 I attended the Pennsylvania Department Encampment, the final event of which was a most impressive ceremony at the Peace Light monument on the Gettysburg battlefield, commemorating the opening of the Battle of Gettysburg 150 years before, and the dedication of the Peace Light 75 years before.
6. On 1 July 2013 I held a small individual ceremony on the Gettysburg Battlefield, standing next to the monument to the 80th NY Infantry Regiment, to which one of my ancestors had belonged, in the ranks of which he was severely wounded on that exact day 150 years prior. I found myself explaining to a number of visitors who happened by, that I was there, in uniform, to honor my ancestor's service.

My goals as National Colorbearer are to represent the SUVCW as well and as often as possible in a Union Blue uniform, to honor and protect the United States Flag, and to keep in memory the many Union veterans buried all over the world.

I have no formal recommendations. I encourage all Brothers to do everything they can to keep green our memories of Union veterans. Even just a few words to an acquaintance, or a letter or e-mail to a family member, may further this cause.

3.13 Washington DC Representative; Lee D. Stone, PDC

Having been appointed Washington DC Representative by Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor at the National Encampment in Los Angeles CA, I beg leave to report the following:

I supported the CinC when he represented the SUVCW at the Lincoln Birthday ceremonies 11-12 February 2013 in Washington, DC, ordering the wreath he presented at the Lincoln Memorial and ensuring that he and his wife Diane, the National Vice President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, were invited to the luncheon and the dinner held by our Brothers in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the US.

I supported the CinC by coordinating his attendance and wreath presentation at the National Memorial Day Observed ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on 27 May 2013.

I accompanied the CinC and his wife to several Civil-War-related sites in the Washington, DC region, including the Monocacy, South Mountain, and Antietam Battlefields, and the series of cavalry battles of June 1863 in Loudoun County, VA on 28 and 29 May 2013.

I supported the CinC by coordinating his attendance and wreath presentation at the Original Memorial Day ceremony presented by the Lincoln-Cushing Camp, Department of the Chesapeake, at Arlington National Cemetery, and the dinner following, on 30 May 2013.

My goals as Washington DC Representative of the National Order are to represent the SUVCW in the Washington Metropolitan Region, and to assist National Officers, particularly the Commander-in-Chief, whenever they visit this region.

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

3.14 National Counselor; Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC

Opinions of the National Counselor, 2012-13

Opinion 1

I was asked about what needed to be incorporated into Department Bylaws. Specially looked at was automatically incorporating items, such as policies of a Department, into the Bylaws. My opinion was these items, if needed to be incorporated into the Bylaws, need to be reviewed and approved by the CinC each time. If policies wished to be added into an addendum to the Bylaws,

this could be done by the Department vote and approval of such policies without the CinC approval each time.

Opinion 2

Insurance for Signature Events. I was asked if insurance was needed for each event. The way the forms are written to request a signature event for the approved of the CoA, insurance is required. The application for an event states the applicant MUST “not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk.” The only way to “not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk” is to have insurance covering the Order for the event.

Opinion 3

I was asked about voting by the Department at Large, by delegate. The C&R shows that this is allowed, reporting the results to the CinC or the appointed secretary (appointed by the CinC). This is not proxy voting, which is defined as someone voting for someone else; a person authorized to act for another. Thus voting by Department at Large delegate is allowed.

Opinion 4

I was asked to explain Department Encampment membership – if it included all Camp officers. This is reflected in the C&R, “Section 1(a). The membership of the Department Encampment shall be constituted as follows: all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, the sitting Department Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders. One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one additional delegate for every ten Brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment; and its own elective officers (except Aides). Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department Encampments.”

The line, “and its own elective officers (except Aides)”, refers to Department Officers, not all Camp Officers attending the encampment.

3.15 Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book; James Pahl, PCinC

The Constitution and Regulations have been amended to include all changes to the National Regulations adopted at the 131st National Encampment. This material was approved by the C&R committee and the National Counselor and the 2013 edition of the C&R has been posted to the Order's website. I am awaiting the publication of the Proceedings for the 130th and 131st National Encampment, to include all of the rulings of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Counselor in the annotations. This information cannot be included in the annotations until the Proceedings are published, as references are provided as to where in the Proceedings each individual ruling and opinion is published.

3.16 Secretary for Proceedings; Edward J. Krieser, PCinC

Nothing to report.

3.17 Assistant Secretary for Proceedings; Ken L. Freshley, PDC

The 2011 National Proceedings are completed and at the printers, I will be bringing them to the National Encampment for distribution.

The missing Proceedings will be documented with an information page and that will be submitted and posted to SUVCW National Website. The following items will be completed in the next 60 days.

"Missing" Proceedings from website:

2002 - I have need to process

1999 - I have need to process

1993 - DO NOT HAVE - recommend the discussed information page

1990 - DO NOT HAVE - recommend the discussed information page

1986 - I have a copy of original small proceedings book need to make digital version

1983 - I have a copy of original small proceedings book need to make digital version

More to add to website:

1980 - I have a copy of original small proceedings book need to make digital version

1978 - I have a copy of original small proceedings book need to make digital version

1977 - I have a copy of original small proceedings book need to make digital version

1975 - I have a copy of original small proceedings book need to make digital version

1973 - I have a copy of original small proceedings book need to make digital version

Recommendations - None.

3.18 Assistant National Secretary - Department at Large Secretary/Treasurer; James Pahl, PCinC

The Order began the year with five National Camps-at-Large. The Commander-in-Chief serves as the Department Commander, the National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer serves as the Senior Vice Commander and the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator serves as the Junior Vice Commander.

The current Camps-at-Large are:

- Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large #1, located in Arizona
- Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp #6, located in Oregon
- Governor Isaac Stevens Camp-at-Large #1, located in Washington
- Fort Simcoe Camp-at-Large #2, located in Washington

The Corporal Louis Renninger Camp #1 in Oregon surrendered their charter this year and most brothers of this Camp transferred to the Baker Camp.

I have excellent communication with both Picacho Peak Camp and Baker Camp, both being very healthy Camps and very engaged in the work of the Order. I have sporadic communication with the Stevens and Fort Simcoe Camps, but are also engaged as they are able in keeping green memory.

3.19 Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator; Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

Postal mail forms are not being accepted any more. This new system seems to be working very well because I only had 30 requests that were mailed to me that I forwarded to the Department Coordinators. I had requests for 20 certificates and they were mailed out within a week after I received them.

3.20 Assistant National Treasurer 1; James Pahl, PCinC

Nothing to report.

3.21 Assistant National Treasurer 2; Max Newman, PCC

No report submitted.

3.22 Assistant National Treasurer 3; Bruce S. Gosling

In my capacity as an assistant to the National Treasurer, I have not been called upon to render any service this year and I have nothing to report.

3.23 National GAR Highway Officer; Gary E. Parrott, PDC

Since the last report submitted, the National GAR Highway Officer has performed the following activities:

- conducted personal inspections of several portions of the GAR Highway (US-6) from Colorado to California;
- continued research and gathering of information on the history and development of the GAR Highway;
- continued interaction and exchange of information with Department and Chapter level GAR Highway Officers;
- attended several events, during which the GAR Highway exhibit was displayed and presentations on the History of the GAR Highway were conducted; and,
- written letters to the Secretary Transportation of the 14 states (along US-6) and the State of Vermont advising them of the status of the signage of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in their respective state.

Future projects include continued research, presentations and conversion of the information regarding the GAR Highway into an electronic format and incorporating that data into the SUVCW web-site. Additionally, I plan to obtain several new USDOT approved GAR Highway signs for issuance to Department(s) in states that have insufficient or no sign(s) displayed as required by state law.

3.24 National Webmaster; Ken L. Freshley, PDC

Since the last National Encampment 2012 report, we continue to add pages to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's (SUVCW) Web Site. The Web Site contains over 6190 pages and continues to grow. With this report, here are the usage statistics for the SUVCW Web Site for the

period January 2013 through July 15, 2013. The average number of hits per day has grown just over 69,071 for 2013. For the 7 months of 2013, the total number of hits was just over 13,537,973 hits.

Please note we had a very good year in 2012, we did not break our past record of 2011, but we had a 15,233,549 hit mark and to expect to exceed this number this year !

Since last year, there have been many major changes and updates made to SUVCW Web Site;

- Continued the “Memorial University and online testing” currently have 123 graduates and 1 junior graduate.
- Performed the needed upgrade to the National Webserver to improve the resources and speed, this will allow for future enhancements and projects.
- Renewed all the SUVCW & Memorial Day Hosting thru 2017.
- Update the Photo Gallery to include the 2013 Lincoln Day, 2012 Remembrance Day and the 2012 National encampment.
- Continue to setup the Department/Camp Webmasters that are hosted on the National website, so that they can make their own changes.
- Continue to update the National Patriotic Instructor webpage.
- Updated the list of Brothers serving overseas.
- Maintain and update the Real Son & Daughters Page
- Working with Department webmasters/signals officers to ensure that the contact information is up to date and to ensure that the websites are in accordance with policies.
- Established a Sesquicentennial Webpage with an Event Calendar and links to the individual Departments and Camps events or web pages.
- Maintain SUVCW Facebook page.
- Established a Civil War Memorials / Monuments project webpage.

In addition to the above there has been a continued updating of the following pages throughout the year: 2013/2014 National and Department Officer's and Committee listings, all General Orders from the Commander-in-Chief, all General and Special Orders from the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, all meeting minutes and electronic Board room votes; updates and new listings in our Cyberpickets (which now contains over 1000 names; updates to the SUVCW forms, and updates to the Inquiries, Announcements and Upcoming Events, Living Union Civil War Widows and Children and updating of the SUVCW Photo Gallery and Banner online.

Upcoming Projects that we will be completing:

- Moving the Graves Registration Database to new Server (in process)
- Continue to try to acquire the SUVCW.com domain name

As a reminder, all material that people wish to have placed onto the SUVCW Web Site absolutely needs to be sent to me in an electronic format, either on CD/disk, as an E-mail or as an E-mail attachment. I can convert to most any type of word processing program.

I have enjoyed the challenging year that has passed, Brother James P. McGuire of Rhode Island, was taking over as the National Webmaster, but due to family issues, he has stepped back and will NOT be replacing me as the National Webmaster.

I will continue the position until a replacement is found as soon as possible.

As always, Web and e-mail questions or technical problems may be brought to my attention at webmaster@suvcw.org.

No recommendations.

3.25 Backup National Webmaster; James P. McGuire

No new information or communication regarding website management or user issues reported to this station during this past quarter.

After conferring with several Brothers of the order, and due to a great many personal, professional and philosophical conflicts, I have requested that the National Webmaster remove my name from consideration for the position of National Webmaster for the coming term.

I would be willing to retain assistant backup webmaster duties, as well as take part in any discovery committee for a potential website redesign if such a step is considered.

3.26 Backup National Webmaster; Keith Harrison, PCinC

I posted over 30 new Photos from the Past the SUVCW Web Site. I researched 33 requests for Civil War ancestor military records and referred 15 potential applicants to the membership and application web page on the SUVCW Web Site. Finally, I also have helped two Allied Orders with the development and management of their National websites on our server and I continue to serve as the Sons of Veterans Reserve National Webmaster.

3.27 Assistant National Webmaster (Web Ring); No Longer a National Position

Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor's Gen. Order #20 Series 2012-2013, May 9, 2013: "The position of Assistant National Webmaster (Web Ring) is hereby abolished. This particular function is no longer used for the Web Sites. My thanks to Brother Frederick W. Cole for his many years of service in this role."

3.28 Assistant National Webmaster (Family Tree Maker); Robert C, Shaffer, PCC

No report submitted.

3.29 National Graves Registration Officer; Bruce D. Frail, PDC

See the committee report in Section 4.7.

3.30 National Guard; Open Position

No report expected.

3.31 National GAR Records Officer; Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2012-2013 administrative year. This has been an extremely busy and productive year for me, and

there is much to report. Please refer to the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records in Section 4.9 for my full report and recommendations.

3.32 National Guide; Open Position

No report expected.

3.33 National Historian; Robert J. Wolz, PDC

See the committee report in Section 4.8.

3.34 Assistant Quartermaster; Andrew Wheeler

No report submitted.

4 National Committee Reports

4.1 National Committee on Americanism and Education; John W. Bates III, PDC

While there have been no formal meetings of this committee, It Is I, who Chair this committee, that has decided to propose a couple of recommendations.

4.1.1 Recommendations

This Committee should be active in the sense of communicating with Departments and (and Camps) to highlight Information and activities that are Important to this order.

Perhaps, in retrospect, in conjunction with the office of National Patriotic Instructor, an electronic/ Video program could be developed for all to see and reflect upon.

The places and events (Gettysburg, The Wilderness, Petersburg, Etc.) of The American Civil War that could be detailed and studied for all Brothers to see and learn about. The Story of The GAR should be presented, as well as The Suvcw and all the Allied orders and what they are to us in our world today. Let us always move forward in our mission to inform all citizens of our mission and purpose.

4.2 National Committee on Civil War Memorials; Walter Busch, PDC

The Civil War Memorials Committee and its aides consists of the following brothers:

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Activities since the 2012 National Encampment

1. Reviewed and revised, pending approval, job description for the Civil War Monuments Officer and Committee. While some of the changes reflect moving into the digital age, the biggest change is including monuments on federal parks, bases and other locations. The rationale behind this is that we give out funds for such monuments have therefore need to keep track of the funds expended. Also, the form 61 is to be used to inspect monuments. Just because the National Park Service keeps a list of monuments, doesn't mean they inspect them and note damage. As monuments age this is important and can be critical. Therefore we need to allow for our members gathering information on monuments on federal lands. As such, the previous exclusion has been removed.

This was submitted with Spring report, but attached here again in case needed.

2. A written report was received from Dean Enderlin regarding California's monuments program. They received a copy of all the files we had from that state. They appear to be meeting our goal of having all PDFs on their website. I will have to see how it works in the next year or so regarding Form 62 submittals to see if they are capturing that information satisfactorily. If so, national will cease maintaining copies of their files.
3. Scanned all records received from the National SUVCW Monuments Grant Committee and included them in the database. Listing of current records on file attached.
4. Found New Jersey Civil War Monuments page and the national page
<http://www.suvcw.org/cwmemorials/Civil%20War%20Monuments%20by%20Dept.htm>
is now linked to this one:
<http://www.georgecustercamp.org/Monumets.html>
5. When I get time, I've been trying to revise the Form 61 since I have software that will do it. It appears at some point I will have to recreate the entire form because there are too many errors in it and the only thing that can be easily changed is the mail to: This is a challenge for next year.
6. Started working on compiling the list of Union monuments in the state of Arkansas in preparation to being filing forms. 128 located so far.

Over the next 12 months will be working with webmaster to bring either a database on line or some other format. This will serve internal purposes as the monuments grants committee needs

to be able to access past records easily. It will also provide a public service by supplying information about the monuments.

DIGITIZED RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS

STATE/LOCATION	2012 MONUMENTS	2013 MONUMENTS	Gain / Loss	2013 Last Soldier Markers
Arizona	1	1	0	0
Arkansas	3	3	0	0
Australia	1	1	0	0
California	33	38	+5	0
Colorado	3	3	0	0
Connecticut	2	2	0	0
Delaware	1	1	0	0
Florida	2	2	0	0
Georgia	4	4	0	0
Idaho	0	1	0	0
Illinois	119	129	+10	0
Indiana	5	5	0	0
Iowa	5	7	+2	0
Kansas	24	13	-11*	0
Kentucky	6	10	+4	0
Kazakhstan (on 61, no photo yet)	1	1	0	0
Maine	3	3	0	0
Maryland	2	3	0	0
Massachusetts	34	35	+1	0
Mexico	1	1	0	0
Michigan	82	81	-1*	0
Minnesota	1	1	0	0
Mississippi	1	1	0	0
Missouri	439	452	+13	0
Nebraska	5	5	0	0
Nevada	3	4	+1	0
New Hampshire	8	9	+1	0
New Jersey	5	5	0	0
New York	5	6	+1	0
North Dakota	2	2	0	0
Ohio	22	21	-1*	12
Oklahoma	2	2	0	0

Oregon	1	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	24	25	+1	0
Rhode Island	25	25	0	0
South Carolina	1	1	0	0
Tennessee	6	6	0	0
Texas	1	1	0	0
Utah	1	1	0	0
Virginia	5	4	-1*	0
Washington	5	6	+1	0
Washington DC	1	1	0	0
West Virginia	1	1	0	0
Wisconsin	30	30	0	0
TOTAL	926	954		12

* Minuses are result of cleaning up duplicate files

APPENDIX TO REPORT

Proposed Updated Job Description

Job Description for the

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

Purpose

The purpose of the office of the National Civil War Memorials Officer is to provide leadership and direction to the National Organization, departments, and camps regarding locating, physical examining, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques.

Activities

The activities of the National Civil War Memorials Officer should include the responsibilities listed below.

(1) Serve as Chairman of the National Civil War Memorials Committee.

(2) Oversee the collection, organization, and maintenance of a national listing (including a computer database) of Civil War memorials (as described above), and make this information available upon request. Develop and, once developed, maintain an online monument information presented in Adobe Acrobat Portable Format (PDF).

(3) Encourage departments and camps to establish and appoint a Civil War Memorials Officer, at each level, to oversee department-wide and "local" memorial assessment and preservation activities.

(4) Encourage departments (or states) to maintain their own websites containing monument information. If/when all departments meet our minimum standards, the national monuments officer will forward records sent into him and completed Form 62s scanned annually by him to the appropriate departments. Then only records that are not connected with a specific department will be kept by national (examples are those recorded from outside the US).

(5) Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members, to assist department and camp level efforts to locate, assess, and record the physical condition of Civil War Memorials.

(6) Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members, to provide guidance to departments and camps regarding the observation of care and upkeep for Civil War memorials - and to bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located.

(7) Assure his ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the Order's business.

(8) Collect the files from the Civil War Monuments Grants Committee on an annual basis and scan the documents for inclusion in the national electronic database.

(9) Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the National Civil War Memorials Officer regarding the activities of the committee.

(10) Review annually the national website to review all monument forms, links to department (or state) monuments, and, if present, any national database that is on line to insure they are properly working.

(11) Submit annually a digital backup copy of the national database to National SUVCW.

(12) Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration

Job Description for the

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of the National Committee on Civil War Memorials is to provide guidance to departments and camps regarding the locating, physical examining , and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors. This includes all sizes of

monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques.

Activities

The National Civil War Memorials Committee members have the responsibilities listed below.

Acting as a liaison with his own department, and a mutually agreed upon group of other departments (in his geographic region of the United States of America) each committee member shall promote the collection, organization, and maintenance of a national listing (including a computer database) of Civil War Memorials (as described above). The committee chairman may call upon his fellow committee members to help make this information available upon request.

Encourage departments and camps to establish and appoint a Civil War Memorials Officer, at each level, to oversee department-wide and "local" memorial assessment and preservation activities.

Provide guidance to department and camp level efforts to locate, assess, and record the physical condition of Civil War Memorials.

Provide guidance to departments and camps regarding the observation of care and upkeep for Civil War memorials - and to bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located.

Perform all other related responsibilities assigned by the National Encampment or the Commander-in-Chief.

Assure their ready access to electronic mail for the transaction of the Order's business.

4.3 National Committee of Communications & Technology; Kent A. Peterson, PDC and Keith G. Harrison, PCinC

This report is to cover the National Communication and Technology Committee's activity in 2012-2013.

Committee Job Description – A Job Description for the National Communications & Technology Committee was developed and submitted February 19, 2013 per the request of the National CofA in November 2012. Many thanks to PCinC Keith Harrison for his work producing the job description document. The document was referred to the Special Committee on Regulations at the April 13 meeting for further inquiry regarding committee co-chairs.

National Website – Please refer to the National Webmaster's report

4.4 Nation Committee on Constitution and Regulations; Robert E. Grim, PCinC

The changes made to the Regulations at the 131st National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R, and an updated Annotated C &R has been posted to the SUVCW web site. The committee has reviewed several proposed changes to the Regulations and recommends the following five proposed amendments to the Regulations. The Committee does not recommend approval of proposal number six which is a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS ARE NOTED IN **BOLD TYPE** for new language and strike troughs of language being eliminated.

PROPOSAL #1

(Resolution from the Dept. of Colorado and Wyoming)
Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1 (See C&R page 27 & 28)

Note: This change will remove a duplicate phrase from this section of the Regulations.

Current Language:

Section 1: Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary – Treasurer), Department Chaplain, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, Department Historian, Department Patriotic Instructor, ~~Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary Treasurer)~~ and at the option of the Department; a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, A Civil War Memorials Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and such other officers as may be established in its By-Laws.

PROPOSAL #2

(Proposal submitted from the National Treasurer with modifications by the C&R Committee)
Chapter III, Article V Section 3, (See C&R page 39)

Note: This change will eliminate the need for the National Secretary to be involved in the payment of bills and preparing financial reports. The paragraphs added in section 4 will clarify the duties of the National Treasurer.

Section 3. The National Secretary shall pay over to the National Treasurer all monies received by him; he shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the National Encampment, ~~He shall draw requisitions on the Treasurer for all bills, the same to be approved by the Commander in Chief,~~ and shall perform such other duties and keep such other books, and records, as the National Organization may require of him. ~~He shall make a monthly report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order, and cause the same to be distributed to all members of the Council of Administration.~~

Section 4. The National Treasurer shall receive, hold and account for all monies paid to him, and pay out the same, ~~upon the order of the National Secretary, approved by the Commander in Chief.~~

- (a) **He is empowered to make all payments required by contract, lease or rental agreement. He shall make payment of all bills incurred by the National Quartermaster in a timely manner.**
- (b) **He shall make payment of all invoices presented to the National Organization for payment.**
- (c) **He shall disburse all monies specifically allocated in the annual budget or the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.**
- (d) **He shall make payment of all debits incurred by action of the National Encampment or Council of Administration.**
- (e) **All invoices shall be presented to the National Treasurer for payment. Unless otherwise specified herein, no Brother except the National Treasurer and Assistant National Treasurer(s) shall make payment of any invoice directed to the National Organization.**
- (f) **Upon approval of the Commander-in-Chief he shall make payments to reimburse officers and committee chairmen for all reasonable expenses provided that the sum of all such expenses does not exceed the amount specified in the annual budget.**
- (g) **He is empowered to pay all bills incurred as specified in subsections (a) through (f) in the absence of an approved annual budget during the period 1 July through the conclusion of the National Encampment.**
- (h) **He shall not make payment to any Brother for expenditures not specifically authorized by these Regulations, action of the National Encampment, action of the Council of administration or pre-approved by the Commander-in-Chief.**

PROPOSAL #3

(Proposal from the special committee on Promotion and Marketing with modifications by the C&R Committee)

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 1, (See C&R pages 49 - 51)

Note: This change will convert the special committee on Promotion and Marketing into a permanent standing committee.

Current Language:

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Americanization and Education, Battle Flag Preservation, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, Legislation, Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials & Monuments, Military Affairs, **Promotion and Marketing** Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Ebay Surveillance and Scholarships. A standing committee on 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 of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment.

Section 10. The Promotion and Marketing Committee shall continually develop branding,

advertising and associated marketing strategies and materials to promote the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the general public.

PROPOSAL #4

(Proposal from the special committee on Vision and Planning with modifications by the C&R Committee)

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 1 (See C&R pages 49 - 51)

Note: This change will convert the special committee on Vision and Planning into a permanent standing committee.

Current Language:

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Americanization and Education, Battle Flag Preservation, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, Legislation, Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials & Monuments, Military Affairs, Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Ebay Surveillance and Scholarships, **Vision and Planning** A standing committee on 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 of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment.

Section 11. The Vision and Planning Committee shall develop and continually evaluate strategic plans for the Order and track key metrics associated with the established plans.

PROPOSAL #5

(Proposal from the Department of Florida with modifications by the C & R Committee)

Chapter V, Article III, Section 3 (See C&R page 60)

Note: This change will allow departments to authorize a department insignia for attachment to the membership badge bar or ribbon

Section 3. Criteria for the badges, decorations and other devices of the Order are:

- A. Membership Badge. Authorized for each Member who has been admitted into the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level. **The Department may authorize without cost to the National Organization a bronze or silver, but not gold or gold color, device attached to the top bar or ribbon, being the symbol of the Department adopted by that Department – usually being a Corp badge or other such symbol as deemed appropriate by the Department. Such device shall not extend beyond the edges of the ribbon of the badge, nor shall such device cover more than 50% of the ribbon of such badge. The Department symbol device shall not be worn upon a membership badge in combination with any other badge device allowed in this Article.**

PROPOSAL #6

(Proposal from the Department of Tennessee)

Amendment to the Constitution Article VII, Section 1(c) (See C&R page 6)

Note: This change will modify the requirements for Honorary Membership. The limitation of Honorary Membership to persons of “acknowledged eminence” will be dropped and both American and Foreign citizens of acknowledged eminence who have supported the Order over a long period of time or by a single outstanding act may be granted Honorary Membership.

Section 1(c) Honorary Members. The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary memberships to ~~persons~~ **individuals who of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order and who meet one of the following criteria:**

- 1. American citizens of unimpeachable loyalty and patriotism who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act.**
- 2. American citizens of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order.**
- 3. Foreign citizens of unimpeachable character and eminence who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act, and whose words and deeds demonstrate an appreciation for and support of the historic role played by the United States in promoting peace and liberty throughout the world.**

The National Organization, Departments, and Camps shall not impose the per capita dues, fees, dues, or any other monetary assessment on Honorary Members. Honorary Members are entitled to a free subscription to the Banner..

4.5 National Encampment Site Committee; James H. Houston Jr., PDC

On behalf of the Committee, I want to thank the Department of Wisconsin for hosting this year’s Encampment. Their hard work and dedication are much appreciated. As many of you know, this effort requires extreme time commitment from many Brothers and Sisters.

Looking forward, we are pleased to report the status of future National Encampments:

2014 Encampment, Atlanta Hilton, Marietta, GA (Aug 13-17, 2014) – Dept. of GA/SC

The Encampment will be held at the Atlanta Hilton, on the former site of the Georgia Military Institute which was burned by Gen. Sherman’s troops in 1864. Room rate is \$105 for a standard

room. The Marietta area has a number of Civil War sites including: Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield, Marietta National Cemetery, and Marietta Confederate Cemetery. The area is also home to the famous locomotive, The General, from the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862. More information is available at this Encampment via handout, in the Encampment program, or from Department Brothers. Contacts are: Bill Miller, email: suvcwcamp3@gmail.com and Brian Pierson, email: equitem.bp@hotmail.com.

2015 Encampment

The Committee received proposals from the Department of the Chesapeake to host in Richmond, VA and from the Department of Missouri to host in St. Louis, MO. Negotiations with hotels and review of planned events are in process. Decision on which Department will be awarded 2015 will be made before the Milwaukee Encampment.

2016 Encampment, Springfield, IL

The 2016 Encampment has been awarded to the Department of Illinois and will be held in Springfield, IL. The Site Committee is in the final stage of negotiating with the three hotels that submitted offers. Hotel and Encampment dates will be available by the time of the Milwaukee Encampment. Bill Johnson of the Department of Illinois will be Host Chairman, email: mymymagic@yahoo.com

2017 Encampment

Several Departments have indicated verbal interest in hosting the National Encampment in 2017 and the Committee is now open to receipt of written proposals. As a reminder, proposals are made by Departments after approval of the Department Encampment. Those preparing proposals should consult “National Encampment Hosting” and “National Encampment Site Committee Operations Summary” for background. These information sheets are available from the Committee. In addition, questions can be addressed to Committee members.

As of this Encampment, I will be retiring as Chairman and Member of the National Encampment Site Committee. During my twelve years on the Committee, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with, not only Site Committee members, but also all of those in the many Departments who hosted National Encampments. And, I am proud of the efforts they put forth to insure successful Encampments year after year. Further, I pass on my best wishes to the new Chairman and Committee members for continued successful work in the future.

4.6 National Committee on Fraternal Relations; Jerry Sayre, PDC

Nothing has transpired since my last report.

4.7 National Committee on Graves Registration; Bruce D. Frail, PDC

It is my honor to report to the 2013 National Encampment the following from the office of National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) and the Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration.

In the past year I have visited 36 National Cemeteries in the following states; Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington DC. I have also

visited many more private and public cemeteries in the above states and more. I have talked to as many of their staffs as I was able to and again the overall outcome was positive. There are a good portion of cemeteries National, State and local that doesn't have their grounds manned.

I have also represented the SUVCW at many other events; National, Regional and State Genealogical Conferences in Alabama, California, New Hampshire, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah and Virginia. In two weeks I will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana for the FGS Conference. I have introduced our database to Universities in California, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington DC.

I would recommend that the National SUVCW approve the purchase of booth space at the National Genealogical Societies Conference in Richmond, VA this year 7 – 10 May 2014, the cost would be estimated at \$500.00 for the booth, electricity, Wi-Fi and handouts. The booth can be manned by members of my company's staff if no brothers can sign up, my company will have a booth there. Also please note that in the past four years as NGRO, all of my travel and representation expenses have been paid by American Civil War Ancestor or me. I have not asked for or been offered any reimbursement from the SUVCW. I believe that if we wish to get our name out there, brand ourselves, and compete for membership with other lineal groups, such as the SCV (who are at these shows) then we need to put the funding into it.

To date, 21 July 2013, we have currently 602,766 records of veterans in our National Graves Database. We have had 632,220 records submitted since the database went online, as you should be able to see that represents 29,454 that are no longer in our database. Where did they go?? They have been deleted by the National Graves Registration Committee as part of the ongoing database correction process. The number of records that have been corrected is actually much higher, in addition to the 29,454 records that have been deleted as duplicates or could not be confirmed; another 15,074 records this year alone have been edited and remain in our database. That makes 44,528 records* that have been corrected, edited, or deleted.

*Note, this number is much higher; we have only been tracking these types of correction/edits for the past year due to database upgrades.

This translates to an estimated 10% correction rate to the database, we believe we still have about a 7% error rate in the database, This is down from the estimated 12-15 % error rate in the database in 2009, we have come a long way, we need to keep working.

We have established 28 new Department Grave Registration Officer Administration accounts of which only 7 Departments and one Camp at Large have applied for and completed the required instruction on. These Departments are; Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Rhode Island and South Carolina & Georgia and the Camps at Large are from Oregon. Of these, Florida and SC & G haven't logged in yet. We also have 7 special administration accounts that have been awarded to people who have proven a dedication to our database; these 7 people are very active. We need to get the rest of the Departments to take our National Graves Registration Project serious, in order to achieve all of our goals we need these departments to submit requests and complete the instruction on our database.

No Departments will be given Admin accounts that have not taken the time to learn our standards; it is a simple 29 page booklet and open book quiz. I have asked 5 new submitters to take this instruction and they completed it in less than 4 hours each. Is 4 hours too much to ask to have someone earn the right to make administrative changes to our National Graves Database? These are the Brothers who are supposed to be in charge of their Departments Graves Programs, the men who others go to when they need help. How can they help others when they can't even help themselves or don't even wish to give the 4 hours needed to get the proper instruction? This is again the reason for my recommendation for an experience pool designed for the Graves Registration Project, see below.

The database upgrade is in the third phase, this is the public access area of the database. We have had a minor setback with the movement of phase three. The code (MySQL 5, dated 2011/2012) is in conflict with the access database design (Access, dated pre 1998). Our IT tech/database consultant is looking into the creation of a new base database to work better with our current MySQL 5 and planned future improvements. This has been done with no charge to the SUVCW but will require a time frame adjustment in the contract. A six month wavier of time is recommended and should be in the form of a statement attached to the contract.

This is the phase where we will be adding bio pages and photos to the veteran's records. We will also be tagging all the records with the contributor's information (if still known). You will also see some additional drop down menu add-ons which should assist in the entry of data.

We have created a new system of email addresses; one for each SA, subcommittee and projects that falls within the area of graves registration. These email addresses will be labeled '????@suvcwdb.org', example people whom wish to get information on Headstones will be able to click on the Headstone Information link of the website's (suvcwdb.org) new email address page and a email will be sent to headstones@suvcwdb.org which would be under the control of the Chairman of the Government Headstone Application Committee.

I would like to thank the following for their support, all of the Brothers of the National Committee on Graves Registration, Department GROs, Camp GROs and all of our submitters of the database. It is due to the time and dedication that these people give to the SUVCW we have been able to improve, standardize, and operate the database as we do today.

4.7.1 Recommendations

1. I would recommend that the National SUVCW approve the purchase of booth space at the National Genealogical Societies Conference in Richmond, VA this year 7 – 10 May 2014, the cost would be estimated at \$500.00 for the booth, electricity, Wi-Fi and handouts.
2. The creation of a new experience pool structure within the Graves Registration Project, we need to put people with experience and a desire to work towards our goals into the positions of Grave Registration Officers, on a Department and National Level;
 - a. Camp Level GROs should only be required to have a submitter's account and a working knowledge of the Instructional Booklet.
 - b. Department GROs should only be able to be chosen from Camp GROs that have served for three or more years with a steady rate of submissions.

- c. Aides to the National Committee on Graves Registration should have served for four years or more at a Camp level GRO or as a DGRO for one year or more.
- d. Members of the National Committee on Graves Registration should have served as a DGRO for 2 or more years or as Aides to the Committee one year or more.
- e. National Graves Registration Officers should have served as a Member of the Committee for 2 or more years or as an Aide to the Committee for 2 years or more.

The Camp Commander would still choose his Camp GRO; the Department Commander would still choose his DGRO (from a list of Camp GROs or past Camp GROs as long as the Brother is currently in his Department). The serving C-in-C would choose the positions of Aides and Members to the National Committee on Graves Registration from a list of current Department GROs or past Department GROs that meet the experience level (this list will be provided by the current NGRO), the NGRO may make a recommendation for these positions if asked. The choice for NGRO would remain that of the serving C-in-C, as long as the choice is currently serving on or has served on the National Committee on Graves Registration for the required amount of time.

The reason I believe the NGRO should have a say in the Committee positions is that these positions directly lead to the government or other public officials and the SUVCW needs to be seen as a group with some chain of command/organizational structure. We cannot allow Brothers who have no or little experience at each of these levels to take charge of a system they do not understand. The result is that we lose creditability with the public and government officials.

- 3. The review and implementation as needed of the components in part or in whole of my three year plan as submitted on 27 June 2012, This plan is available in PDF at <http://suvcwgravescommittee.webs.com/formsandbooklets.htm>
- 4. The review of C-in-C General Order #6, Series 2012-2013, dated 3 December 2012, Section 2 – A new temporary committee has been formed called Government Headstone Application Committee. The membership of this committee will be Steve Aarli – IL Chair, Steven Hall – PA, David Burkett – OR, Stephen Siemsen – AZ, John Eger – IN, Stephen Twining – MA, and Bruce Frail – RI. The primary duties of this committee will be to work with the National Committee on Graves Registration (NCGR), assist people inside and outside of the Allied Orders in researching and providing VA Headstones whether they are for unmarked graves or replacement headstones they should also, with the assistance of the NCGR design videos and workshops to show people the proper way to complete forms, raise headstones, level headstones and install all new types of headstones. They will also receive the data from the check boxes of the graves registration forms and transmit that data to local Department and Camps for their action of which they will assist when needed. All contact with Department of Veterans Affairs should be through the office of the National Graves Registration Officer. The programs and Police Committee is tasked to create a job description for this Committee. The next commander-in-Chief can then decide whether to continue the committee as a Standing Committee or a Special Committee. My recommendation is to define the job

description of this committee and to continue its existence, as it has not been used since its creation.

4.8 National Committee on History; Robert J. Wolz, PDC

Thank you for once more allowing me to serve our beloved Order. There is nothing I enjoy more than sharing our history with everyone else.

This marks my 50th year in the Order little did I realize the questions I asked as a new member would prove so valuable in the future. Few officers can claim to have served both a father and his son as Commander-in-Chief as I do.

Age does have a claim on all of us, myself included, in the Spring I had emergency surgery and I am now missing this encampment as I just had more surgery, but I am on the mend.

This year has been filled with a diversity of questions. Some came through direct email, many through our Executive Secretary Bro. Demmy and yet more through various Department Officers and members. Perhaps it is because of the special place the Civil War holds in the hearts of so many Americans but some questions dealt with the war, a grad student sought information on race relations in the Grand Army (the subject of a Banner article), many dealt with the identification of various Grand Army and Sons' badges and medals. The article of Department emblems (corps badges) resulted in a number of Departments examining their own Department and the desirability to re-adopt a corps badge since many of our membership again wear kepis.

Steve Michaels has yet again extracted four Banner articles and my thanks to him as it seems to educate and entertain a number of our members.

Not a month goes by that we do not continue to get inquiries regarding family history. It really is too bad we just don't have the data base that other hereditary orders have been able to maintain.

On behalf of your History Committee and myself, please accept our sincere thanks.

4.9 National Committee on GAR Records; Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

Commander-in-Chief Mellor and Brothers of the 132nd annual encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is my honor to present this report on the activities and achievements of the standing Committee on GAR Records. This report also serves as the annual report of the National GAR Records Officer.

A GAR Records Project Plan was approved at the 2012 National Encampment and put into effect immediately thereafter. This Plan includes both near-term (1 year) and long-term (5 year) goals. We are pleased to report that we accomplished our near-term Plan goals in this administrative year, as well as some of our long-term goals. Our accomplishments are outlined below:

Accomplishments for the 2012-2013 Administrative Year

- **New GAR Records Website:** The new GAR Records website is now online at www.garrecords.org! It went public on 18 July 2013. It's been almost three years in the making, so this is a major achievement for the Committee. The key feature of the site is the

GAR Records Catalog, which provides detailed information on the whereabouts of known GAR records. The site also includes an online form to provide visitors with an easy means of sending tips on the whereabouts of GAR records. We look forward to expanding the site over the next year as input from individuals, Camps and Departments is received.

- **Website Management Plan:** A Website Management Plan for the new GAR Records website (www.garrecords.org) was recommended for adoption and approved at the April 2013 CoA meeting. The plan explains how the new website is administered and by whom. The Committee has designated National GAR Records Officer Dean Enderlin, PCC, as root administrator for the site, with Bro. Glenn Knight, PDC (past SUVCW National Webmaster), as backup root administrator.
- **Committee Job Description:** A job description for the National GAR Records Officer (amended from one adopted at the 2006 National Encampment) was approved at the 2012 National Encampment and is awaiting publication. An amended job description for the National Committee on GAR Records was completed in January 2013 and submitted to the April 2013 CoA meeting. The Committee job description is included as a recommendation in this report.
- **GAR Records Group on Yahoo.com:** The Committee continues to use the *GARRecords* Group on Yahoo as our hub for communications and file sharing/archiving. The Group was created in March 2011.
- **Correspondence:** The National GAR Records Officer continues to respond to approximately five email inquiries and tips regarding GAR records per month. We expect correspondence to increase in the coming year, spurred by renewed interest in the new GAR Records website and growing awareness of the 2016 GAR Sesquicentennial.
- **National Policy on GAR Records:** Addressing recent questions about the role of the SUVCW with regard to the ownership, handling and care of GAR records, the Committee has prepared a proposed National Policy to serve as a guidance tool. A draft of the document was circulated by email to the CinC, National Counselor, and Chair of the C&R Committee on 18 June 2013. It is included as a recommendation in this report.

Our committee is pleased with what we have accomplished this past year, and we hope that our achievements will meet with the satisfaction of the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment. It has been a privilege to serve.

4.9.1 Recommendations

Recommendation 1. That the Job Description of the National Standing Committee on GAR Records be amended as follows:

Purpose:

The purpose of the National Committee on G.A.R. Records is to provide leadership and direction to Departments, Camps-at-Large, and Camps in the process of seeking, locating, physically examining, inventorying, cataloging and recording, and promoting the preservation and conservation of all extant records of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Activities:

The activities of the National Committee on G.A.R. Records should include the responsibilities listed below:

- 1. Administer a model program for use by the Departments and Camps as a guide to locate, identify, index, catalog and record the location and extent of all GAR Records being held in various repositories.*
- 2. Provide direction to the National G.A.R. Records Officer in maintaining a centralized records keeping system to serve as a resource for cataloging and inventorying all G.A.R. Post, Department and National records. Direction to also be provided by the National Council of Administration through the Commander-in-Chief, as needed, with all contracts subject to advance approval by the National Council of Administration.*
- 3. Provide guidance to Departments, Camps and Brothers regarding implementation and continuation of the model program.*
- 4. Encourage Departments and Camps to establish and appoint G.A.R. Records Officers and Committees, to oversee department-wide and local programs and activities.*
- 5. Encourage Departments and Camps to actively inventory and ascertain the condition of local G.A.R. records and materials.*
- 6. Advocate and promote National Policies to further the preservation and public availability of documents and records pertaining to the G.A.R. and its members (as directed in the Congressional Charter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War); also to advocate the return of said records to qualified repositories in or near the communities where their respective G.A.R. posts were located, so far as possible, for public use and benefit (as expressed in the Deed of Conveyance between the G.A.R. and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War).*
- 7. Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and/or the National Council of Administration.*
- 8. Prepare and submit periodic status reports to the Commander-in-Chief and National Council of Administration on the activities of the committee.*
- 9. Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment on the activities of the committee.*

Recommendation 2. That a National Policy on GAR Records be approved as presented below:

POLICY ON RECORDS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the position of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), regarding our organization's role in the collection, preservation, disposition, and public availability of records of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

The Congressional Charter¹ of the SUVCW directs our organization "to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members." In addition, the Deed of Conveyance² between the GAR and SUVCW directs our organization to "use its best endeavors to return said records to the communities where Grand Army posts were located, so far as possible, for the use and benefit of the communities where such posts were located."

Using the above statements as the foundation for this policy, the following statements are provided to explain what the SUVCW will and will not do under the authority of the above cited documents.

The SUVCW's interest in GAR records is solely to identify 1) where records are located, 2) their condition, and 3) if they are available for research or public viewing. Our organization has no interest in taking ownership of these records. In fact, the Deed of Conveyance between the GAR and the SUVCW instructs the SUVCW to return such records to the community where the respective GAR post existed.

The SUVCW recognizes that some GAR records are in private collections. Our organization will not use any authority that it may have under the Deed of Conveyance between the SUVCW and the GAR to claim or take ownership of any form, record, book or associated ephemera from any individual or organization against the current owner's wishes. This will not preclude accepting such items at the owner's request, or acting as an intermediary to assist with the donation of such records to proper repositories if requested. We do accept records from those wishing to donate them and will place them in local repositories as directed by the GAR. We also advocate the duplication of GAR records, especially in scanned (digitized) form, and encourage all efforts to create and distribute facsimiles of original GAR documents in paper or electronic form for the benefit of the public.

In cases where privately held GAR records collections are offered for sale, we do and will continue to request that the owner consider transferring said records to libraries, museums, or other similar repositories for long term preservation and public availability. The value of records can be used as a charitable donation to the extent provided by law. Also, in cases where GAR records collections held in libraries, museums or other institutions, are under consideration for deaccession, our organization will assist in the transfer of said records to a suitable alternate repository.

¹ 36 US Code Chapter 2003 et. seq.

² US District Court for Washington DC docket no. 3966-54

4.10 National Committee on Legislation; Daniel R. Earl, PCC

The purpose of the National Committee on Legislation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to keep the Order apprised of proposed federal and state legislation affecting the

welfare of the Order or the Constitution or welfare of the United States. To that extent, this report summarizes relevant federal and state legislation.

Federal legislation analyzed in this report includes that of the first session of the 113th Congress (beginning 3 January 2013 through 20 July 2013). As has been the case for the past several years, Congress has been focused on the economy and less so on social issues. There has been only a modicum of legislation introduced in Congress that is of interest to the Order. Several states have taken up some small measures as well, but nothing of great significance.

Federal Legislation

Since the death of Sen. Inouye [D-HI] last December, no member of Congress had introduced legislation proposing to move Memorial Day back to May 30th. This changed on 3 June 2013, when recently elected Rep. Coleen Hanabusa [D-HI1] introduced H.R. 2225. The bill was immediately referred to House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee, where it awaits further action. It currently has no co-sponsors. Analysis by GOVTRACK gives this bill a 7% chance of success in committee and a 1% chance of being enacted. Of note is that Hanabusa is candidate for the late Inouye's senate seat (since the governor – contrary to the endorsement of Inouye's widow – refused to appoint Hanabusa to the position after the senator's death).

One of the first pieces of legislation to be introduced in the 113th Congress on 3 January 2013 was H.R. 63, by Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN7). This bill is known as the Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act. Among other things, it would modify the boundary of Shiloh National Military Park to include the following areas: (1) Fallen Timbers Battlefield, (2) Russell House Battlefield, and (3) Davis Bridge Battlefield. This measure was initially referred to the House Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation on 31 January 2013, where it remains today. The APRIL LEGISLATION REPORT included two co-sponsors for this bill; as of this report there are none. Ironically, analysis by GOVTRACK gives this bill a 9% chance of getting past committee; and the change of being enacted revised up from 1% to 2%.

Similar legislation has once again been introduced to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township. H.R. 1513 was introduced on 11 April 2013 by Rep. Scott Perry [R-PA4]. The bill has only four co-sponsors. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation (Natural Resources Committee) with hearings being held in June. Not subsequent action has been taken. Although it has a 22% chance of getting past committee, it has only a 4% chance of being enacted, according to analysis by GOVTRACK.

In February three related pieces of legislation were introduced, all titled the "Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act." These measures would establish, in Auburn, New York, the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System. The first bill, H.R. 513 (dated 2 February 2013) is sponsored by Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD1) and has only three co-sponsors. It was referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation on 14 February 2013. On 13 February 2013 Rep. Daniel B. Maffei

(D-NY24) introduced H.R. 664, which was referred to the same subcommittee. H.R. 664 is exactly the same as H.R. 513, with the exception of the number of co-sponsors. In April H.R. 664 has twenty-eight co-sponsors; today it has seventy-one. Further, the bill authorizes the appropriation of not more than \$7.5 million in funding (H.R. 513 has no spending provisions). Companion legislation in the Senate to H.R. 664 is S. 247, introduced by Sen. Benjamin L. Carden (D-MD) on 7 February 2013. His measure cleared the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on 14 March 2013 with a favorable report. A revised analysis by GOVTRACK gives H.R. 513 a 14% chance of getting past committee (previously 29%) and only a 2% chance of being enacted; H.R. 664, on the other hand, continues to have a 58% chance of getting past committee, however the chance of being enacted has been revised down from 17% to 15%; and with S. 247 making it past committee, it's prognosis for enactment has been revised upwards from a 0% change to 20%.

Senator Carden also introduced a resolution on 26 February 2013 recognizing the significance of the 100th anniversary of the death of Harriet Ross Tubman. S. Res. 56 was agreed to by unanimous consent in the Senate on the same day it was introduced.

Intended to highlight the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA13) introduced H. Res. 38 on 18 January 2013 that recognizes National Emancipation Day, marking the 150th anniversary of the end of slavery in areas of rebellion, and the significance of the Emancipation Proclamation in the struggle for the equal rights and freedoms afforded to all United States citizens. This measure was referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on 28 February 2013. Although this bill continues to have only seventy-eight co-sponsors, analysis by GOVTRACK has been revised from no chance of getting past committee to a 1% chance.

Legislation that has been introduced in Congress every session for many years is a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. Various forms of this proposal are often presented each year. House Joint Resolution 19 was introduced by Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO8) on 18 January 2013. It was referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice and currently has no co-sponsors. Analysis by GOVTRACK gives this bill no chance of getting past committee or of being enacted to law. Likewise, an almost identical bill, H.J. Res. 47, was introduced on 22 May 2013 by Rep. Spencer Bachus [R-AL6]. It also has no chance of getting past committee or being enacted.

State Legislation

Significant legislation at the state level includes:

- Maine - legislation enacted as law that requires municipalities, where a cemetery contains any veterans' graves, to ensure the grounds are accessible and maintained.
- Massachusetts - legislation introduced that makes a crime "tagging" or defacing various objects, including military headstones.
- New Jersey - legislation introduced that prohibits the sale of military markers removed from a cemetery.

Recommendations: The Committee has no recommendations. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

4.11 Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance; Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

We have started working on the program for April 12, 2014. The 2014 permit for the tomb has been signed. The ribbons have been designed. The Abraham Lincoln Hotel is our headquarters hotel and contracts for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 have been signed. The hotel rate for 2014 is \$92.99 and the rate only goes up \$2.00 a year. The contract for the band will be signed by December 1st.

4.12 National Committee on Membership; Tad D. Campbell, PDC

The National Committee on Membership, composed of all Department Junior Vice Commanders, assisted the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief throughout the year by processing membership applications forwarded to their respective Departments by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Committee does not have any recommendations at this time.

4.13 National Military Affairs Committee; Henry E. Shaw Jr.

This Report will cover the activities of the National Military Affairs Committee from the 2012 Remembrance Day Weekend (16 November 2012 - 18 November 2012) through and including the date of this Final Report of the National Military Affairs Committee, and, of necessity, is somewhat duplicative of this Committee's Interim Report dated 14 March 2013.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND – 2012

- At the Woolson Ceremonies, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer of the SVR functioned as Master of Ceremonies and, in the course of the proceedings, presented a check in the sum of \$4,300.00 to a representative of the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument preservation. That donation brings the total to date in the sum of \$68,500.00.
- The Parade was quite well attended, both from the perspective of the participants and the spectators. An automobile accident (not involving Parade participants or spectators) delayed the commencement of the Parade for approximately ½ hour. Otherwise, the only disquieting events occurred when “one” of the General Lees became ill in the proximity of the reviewing area and one of the Confederate Cavalry troopers was thrown from her horse.
- The Ball was, as usual, quite a fine success and very well attended. It appears that a donation in the sum of \$4,500.00 will be presented to the Gettysburg National Military Park on 23 November 2013 in the course of the Woolson Ceremonies. Bud and Margaret Atkinson were specially recognized later on in the course of the Ball and received a thunderous ovation for all of their efforts over these many years. Additionally, the efforts

of Janice Corfman and David Hann, who handled the tickets at the door and Anne and David Sosnowski who did the Ball decorations should be recognized.

REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND, 2013

- Negotiations with The Eisenhower Hotel for a 5 year contract had been ongoing and an impasse was experienced on 17 November 2012 with the Hotel insisting upon a room rate of \$169.00 per night + PA tax for Eisenhower I and \$199.00 per night for Eisenhower II. These rates were deemed to be unacceptable and although further negotiations and further contact with the Management at the Eisenhower continued through mid December 2012, the same proved to be fruitless.
- In view of the posture adopted by the Eisenhower Hotel Management on 17 November 2012, negotiations were opened with the management at the Wyndham Hotel later in the day on 17 November 2012.
- In late December 2012, a satisfactory agreement was reached with the management of the Wyndham Hotel at a rate of \$113.00 per night + PA tax. Then, on 31 December 2012, contracts, covering the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 were executed with the Wyndham Hotel Management at the rate herein set forth, contemplating lodging at both the Wyndham Hotel and the adjacent Courtyard Marriott.
- Insofar as the Wyndham was already fully booked with the Lincoln Forum people for the previously scheduled Remembrance Day weekend (15 November 2013 – 17 November 2013) it became necessary to delay the Remembrance Day weekend until the following weekend, that is, 22 November 2013 – 24 November 2013, with succeeding Remembrance Days scheduled to revert back to the usual schedule, that is, 15 November 2014, 21 November 2015, 19 November 2016, 18 November 2017, etc.
- A 4 year contract for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 was entered into with the Philadelphia Brigade Band for purposes of providing period dance music at the Original Civil War Ball to be held in the Wyndham ballroom. The contract also includes period dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble. In addition to playing for the Ball, the Band will also render *The National Anthem* and provide period selections at the Woolson Monument ceremonies and will participate in the Remembrance Day Parade.
- With the assistance and cooperation of Carl Whitehill at the Gettysburg Convention and Travel Bureau, a press release was prepared addressing the date change for Remembrance Day Weekend. Following telephone interviews with reporters from *The Gettysburg Times* and *The Hanover Sun Telegraph*, the press release and additional information was published in both of the foregoing newspapers.
- Arrangements have been made with the various CW publications as well as with the Editor of *The Banner* to publish ads for the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball. The ads have, indeed, appeared in the various CW publications as well

as *The Banner*. Issues of several of these CW publications containing the Remembrance Day 2013 ads were distributed at **both** of the 150th reenactments in Gettysburg.

- Through the assistance of PCinC Keith Harrison, Notice of the 2013 SVR Breakfast, the 2013 Remembrance Day Parade and the 2013 Original Civil War Ball are posted on the SVR Web site.
- **Schedule of Events for Saturday, 23 November 2013:**
 1. SVR Breakfast at Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 A.M. – Notice appears on the Website and in *The Banner*
 2. Parade Briefing at Wyndham Hotel at 9:30 A.M.
 3. Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler’s Grove at 11:00 A.M.
 4. Parade Form-Up at Gettysburg Middle School at 12:30 P.M.
 5. Parade Commences at 1:00 P.M.
 6. Original Civil War Ball at Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 P.M.
- **Remembrance Day 2013 Permits:**
 1. **Gettysburg Area School District** – Application for Facilities Lease Agreement for purposes of use of Middle School area for form up of parade was mailed on 08 January. The Facilities Lease Agreement was approved by the School District, received back on 04 February 2013, and the original Agreement was signed and returned to Brad Hunt, the Business manager for the School District on the same date.
 2. **Borough of Gettysburg** – received check for \$1,000.00 from Steinwehr Avenue Business Improvement District for Remembrance Day Parade fee on 14 January 2013 and on same date sent Application for Parade Permit, the check for \$1,000.00 together with \$30.00 document processing fee to Borough of Gettysburg Police Department. The approved Gettysburg Borough Remembrance Day Parade Permit was received on 25 January 2013.
 3. **Gettysburg National Military Park** – for purposes of conducting the Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler’s Grove, a Special Use Permit Application was mailed to Grace Reese, Special Park Use Manager on 15 January 2013. The Application was approved and the Special Use Permit (EVNT GETT 2501-126 (FY14) was received on 25 January 2013.
 4. **Pennsylvania Department of Transportation** – a new application procedure has been initiated by PennDOT, insofar as the Remembrance Day Parade traverses

two PA routes going through the Borough of Gettysburg, thus, PA Route 97 (Baltimore Street) and Steinwehr Avenue (PA BUS 15). In connection with this, an Application for Special Event Permit (Form TE-300) and 6 associated documents were mailed to PennDOT at the District 8-C office in Harrisburg on 13 February 2013. The Application was approved and the PennDOT Permit (2392) was received on 04 March 2013.

5. As required by PennDOT, the Pennsylvania State Police was put on notice of the Remembrance Day Parade. In particular, Sgt. William J. McAreavy, Jr., the Commander of the Gettysburg Station of the PSP, was contacted by telephone on 13 February 2013 and on the same date a letter was mailed to Sgt. McAreavy formalizing the telephone conversation and enclosing copies of the PennDOT Application and allied documents.
 6. Insofar as each of the above entities requires proof of insurance, Certificates of Liability Insurance were applied for and received from the SVR's insurance carrier and accompanied the School District Facilities Lease Agreement Application and each of the 3 Parade Permit Applications.
- **Further Tasks Performed To Date In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2013:**
 1. Renewed State Auto Insurance Company Bond for purposes of protecting the Original Civil War Ball funds at no cost to SUVCW or SVR. Funds for policy premium came from an anonymous donor.
 2. Original Civil War Ball tickets were ordered and were received on 24 February 2013.
 3. Formal letter sent on 21 February 2013 to PCinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. requesting him to have Cub Scout Pack No. 88 place refuse containers (as required by the Borough of Gettysburg) along the parade route, prior to the 2013 Remembrance Day Parade and then remove the same following the completion of the Parade. Affirmative response received.
 4. Ordered Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
 5. Made arrangements with Noteworthy Music (Robert Ranalli) to provide PA system for Woolson Monument Ceremonies.
 6. Made arrangements with Associated Products Services, Mechanicsburg, PA, for purposes of providing 2 portable sanitary facilities at the parade staging area and secured authorizations from Gettysburg Police Chief and the Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Gettysburg Area School District to place the sanitary facilities at the staging area.

7. Made arrangements with Jeffrey C. Young, owner of Gettysburg Carriage Company, to have a carriage at the parade staging area to convey James A. Getty (President Lincoln), John Hart (Gen. Scott) and two others in the Remembrance Day Parade.
- **Further Tasks In Anticipation Of Remembrance Day Weekend, 2013, Will Be Addressed Subsequent To The 132nd National Encampment, for example:**
 1. Order 13 wreaths (at \$40.00 per wreath) from The Floral Boutique in Gettysburg and arrange for the wreaths to be delivered to the Woolson Monument on Saturday, 23 November 2013 at 10:00 A.M.
 2. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to James A. Getty, requesting him to deliver *The Gettysburg Address* in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
 3. Secure Dance List from Larry Keener-Farley, the Victorian Ensemble Dance Master, so that Dance Cards for the Original Civil War Ball can be prepared.
 4. Extend a formal written invitation to Major General Robert E. Grim, Commanding Officer, SVR, to act as Master of Ceremonies at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, to present a check to the Gettysburg National Military Park, to lay a wreath on behalf of the SVR and to lead, along with Mrs. Grim, the Grand March at the Original Civil War Ball at The Wyndham Hotel, commencing at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday 23 November 2013.
 5. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, to present remarks in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, and to lay a wreath on behalf of the SUVCW.
 6. Mail formal personalized letters of invitation to all heads of National Allied Orders, National and Pennsylvania Mollus Heads and all Pennsylvania Allied Orders Heads, requesting each to present a wreath in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
 7. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Captain Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain, SVR, requesting him to deliver the Invocation and pronounce the Benediction at the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.
 8. Mail a formal personalized letter of invitation to Ivan E. Frantz, Musician Sgt. Major, SVR, requesting him to render *TAPS* at the conclusion of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.

9. Arrange to have the Program for the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument printed and have sufficient copies made for distribution at the site of the Woolson Monument, prior to the commencement of the Memorial Service.
10. Pick up Remembrance Day Parade Streamers from the R. B. Powers Co., in Ashley, Ohio.
11. Arrange to have Dance Cards for the original Civil War Ball to be printed, boxed.
12. Arrange to have the various Certificates of Appreciation/Thanks prepared.

4.14 National Committee on Program and Policy; Ken L. Freshley, PDC

We have reviewed all the items that were referred to the Committee at this time we are finishing all the final work.

Here is a list of Program and Policies items that our Committee was tasked with:

1. SUVCW Scholarship Proposal
2. Review of Fundraising Committee mission statement
3. National Chaplain Award – Father Corby Award
4. Policy for removal of “non-participant of a committee member”
5. Changes on the ROTC Application
 - a. no cost of medal, just shipping charge of \$5.00
 - b. Add shipping to address
 - c. Add name of school to sponsor contact section
 - d. Remove school info from cadet info section
 - e. Fix QM address
6. Review Intellectual Property Policy
7. Do we need a Jr. and Jr Associate Certificate, if so we need to change wording as it does not guarantee membership as stated on membership form
8. Form 22 – Remove requirement from form to require a camp roster, as it is required with the form 27
9. John L. Clem Award – Most Outstanding Junior
10. SUVCW Lifetime Achievement Award

I will have the completed report recommendations ready for National.

Recommendations - None

4.15 Battle Flag Preservation Committee, Ed Norris, DC

This committee became a permanent committee at the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles, California.

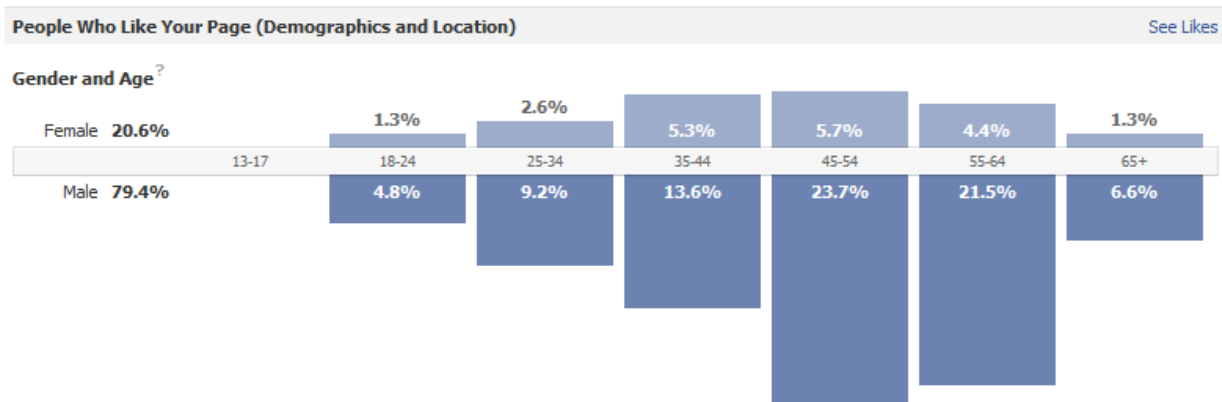
Indiana - Legislation sponsored by State Rep. Dick Hamm, R-Richmond, regarding battle flag preservation was signed into law by Gov. Mike Pence. The law specifies that the fund may be used to restore and preserve all Indiana battle flags rather than only Civil War flags. The amount

is \$300,000 and went into effect July 1. For the first time in nearly 25 years, the Indiana Battle Flags Fund was given an appropriation in the state’s biennial budget. Brother Bruce Kolb, PDC appeared before the Indiana House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety to speak in favor of this bill.

Massachusetts – The transfer of the flags once in the GAR Post 10 Hall was finally completed on November 5, 2012. The flags were delivered to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Room, Office of the State House Flag Collection (aka Room 27). Susan Greendyke Lachevre, the Art Collections Manager for the State's Arts Commission, will be bringing in a conservator to evaluate the collection.

New Hampshire – The state passed a law which creates a means to raise much needed funds to preserve and restore the irreplaceable battle flags in the Hall of Flags. The NH Liquor Commission will sell a special commemorative bottle that will generate their customary profit but include an additional profit of about \$7.00 per bottle that will go to a special fund (already in existence) to pay for flag restoration.

Our Facebook page called “Union Civil War Battle Flags” now has 228 people following the page; this is an increase of 87% over the number reported last year. The most popular post reached 874 people. The demographics are show below.



Final Words

“To the present generation this flag means little, but to me it is almost as dear as my life. Often I go to the County Clerk’s office and look at it lovingly, and as I do so the tears invariably creep into my eyes as I think what that old flag means to me and to all the members of the old One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment. They worship that flag and prize it as one of the most precious of their earthy possessions.” – Captain George K. Collins, 149th NY Regiment, 1901.

4.16 National Committee on Scholarships; John R. Ertell

The Scholarship Committee received five completed applications by the March 31, 2013 deadline, with all applicants meeting the scholarship criteria. After a careful review of the applications, scholastic records and letters of recommendation, the committee unanimously recommended to the National Commander the awarding of this year’s scholarships to:

Britta Alexandra Musser of Friedens, Pennsylvania
[Member of Mount Union Church Camp #502 Auxiliary, Dept. of Pennsylvania]
Nathan Charles Barringer of Street, Maryland
[Member of Garfield Camp #1, Department of the Chesapeake]

Changes enacted to the scholarship criteria in recent years have led to a reduction in the number of applicants, generally eliminating those who in the past have joined the order at the last minute in order to apply for the scholarships. Additionally, applicants are required to provide information about their involvement in the SUVCW, Allied Orders as well as their involvement in activities to promote an appreciation of the men and women who served the Union Cause in the Civil War. Although there were fewer applicants this year, all who applied were highly qualified and worthy of consideration.

In March of 2013, the committee drafted and recommended for adoption an updated job description for the National Committee on Scholarships to the Council on Administration.

In August of 2012, the chairman received notification from an attorney in New York that the late J. Clifford Henke, a former Commander of the Department of New York, had included a bequest of \$25,000 for the National Scholarship Fund in his will. In June of this year, following probate of Brother Henke's will, the check was received by and forwarded to the National Treasurer for deposit.

The 2012-13 Scholarship Committee consisted of Brothers Theodore J. Zemen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gene D. Turner of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chairman John R. Ertell of Spring City, Pennsylvania. We have appreciated the opportunity to serve as the committee this past year.

In light of the bequest from the estate of Brother Henke, I would recommend that:

1. The National Encampment consider raising the scholarship awards from the current \$1,000 to \$2,500 per recipient.
2. Information regarding Brother Henke's bequest be included in a future issue of The Banner and that members of the Allied Orders be encouraged to consider making gifts or bequests to the National Scholarship Fund.

4.17 Civil War Heritage Defense Fund; Russ Kirchner, PDC

No report submitted.

4.18 Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund; Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

We have had 12 requests for grants. We have approved 10 grants and 2 grants were denied. We approved grants for 7 existing monuments, 2 last soldier monuments and 1 new monument. We denied 1 grant for an existing monument and 1 for a new monument.

4.18.1 Recommendations

1. On form CWM #62 we need to add AMOUNT COLLECTED SO FAR on page 3 line 7. This will be after the wording Amount being requested.

2. I wrote up a Grant Request form for the committee members to use to approve or deny a grant. A copy of this form will be sent to the treasurer after the grant has been approved for the grant to be paid. A copy of this form was sent to the treasurer to see if there was any additional information that was required to be on the form for him to pay the grant. I have enclosed a copy of the form that needs approval.

3. The following form needs to be approved by the Council of Administration:

**SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST
2012 - 2013**

GRANT REQUEST # 2012-2013-00

Camp/Dept:

Name of Monument:

Monument Location:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Check Payable to:

Send check to:

Amount Requested:

Total cost of project:

Amount Approved:

Amount collected so far:

Existing Monument _____ New Monument _____ Last Soldier Project _____

Please initial your vote next to your name, then sign and date below, once completed, fax or email to Bob Petrovic, Fax# 636-274-4568, Email; rpetro7776@aol.com, who will send it to Richard Orr, National Treasurer for payment.

Approved Denied Tabled

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

Don Martin, PDC

Steve Hammond, PDC

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature_____Date_____

Comments:

4.19 National Committee on eBay Surveillance; James R. Dixon, CC

The committee has taken in 3 reports of eBay items that have come on the market in 2013 that have historical value.

These items were forwarded to the Department level of the specific state to act in getting these items off of eBay.

4.19.1 Recommendation

The committee would like to get a clarification regarding in actions that the committee can take on certain items of interest of the SUVCW and the GAR that does appear on the market.

These items being in certain historical aspects of high importance to the history of the order.

5 Special Committee Reports

5.1 Encampment Credentials Committee; Walter Busch, PDC

The members on the committee active during the encampment were: Walter E. Busch, PDC – Missouri, Thomas J. Brown, PDC- Wisconsin, Bruce Laine – Wisconsin, Joseph Hall – Rhode Island, and Temporary appointments: Phil Caines – California and Marty Aubuchon—Missouri.

As of July 15, 2013, 115 brothers have signed up for the encampment. I have yet to receive several Form 49s and have not received the BIGS report for this year to help determine delegate strength. However, I am sure I will be receiving these in the next few weeks.

Also, I am attaching a proposed updated job description for the committee as submitted with the spring report in case it is needed again.

Job Description for Encampment Credentials Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Encampment Credentials Committee is: 1) to assure that each brother who attends the national encampment meets the eligibility requirements as defined in the National Constitution and Regulations; and, 2) to tabulate the counts necessary to allow all eligible brothers to participate in the business of the encampment and to represent their respective departments. The Encampment Credentials Committee is an ‘encampment’ committee, that is, it exists only during the encampment and is discharged following completion of all of its duties relating to the encampment.

Activities

1. The Chairman of the Encampment Credentials Committee will be appointed as an Assistant National Secretary so that he can process the pre-registration forms and monies and so that he can give out credentials cards at the national encampment when a brother does not have one.
2. The Encampment Credentials Committee is charged with the administration of all activities pertaining to the registration process of the national encampment. This process consists of receiving payment of the registration fee and a valid credentials card. No attending brother may participate in the business of the encampment without a valid credentials card.
3. Credentials cards must include the registrant's name, department, department or national past highest office or other status. Credentials cards may be signed by department secretaries, department commanders or the head of the department delegation to the encampment. The office held information will be used to determine the voting strength of each department.
4. The committee shall validated the office held/delegate status information against the last form 49 turned in by the department. Information turned in on the form 49 will be considered the valid information for delegate count and past department/national office status.
5. The committee shall determine department voting strength from the BIGS report or other appropriate information supplied by National SUVCW prior to the encampment.
6. The committee shall supply to the encampment whenever requested a count of brothers attending includes enumeration of each of the following offices: Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander- in-Chief, Department Commander, Past Department Commander, Delegates and Alternates. Sub totals by department are required as is an overall total of all brothers attending the encampment.

Responsibilities

In preparation for the National Encampment, the responsibilities of the committee include:

- 1.) Receive all national encampment pre-registrations by the cut-off date determined by the committee chair;
- 2.) The pre-registration blank form is to be given to the National Webmaster so that it can put on the National Web site and in the hands of the BANNER Editor (or printer) by a date prior to the Winter issue of the BANNER.
- 3.) Maintain a computer program containing at minimum delegate's name, department, pre-registered or not, whether status is as Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Officer, Past Department Commander, Department Commander, Delegate, Alternate, or Junior/Junior Associate and whether present at the encampment or not.
- 4.) The Encampment Credentials Committee shall, upon request, supply the host department committee with an updated head count total of how many members are planning to attend;
- 5.) The Encampment Credentials Committee shall send the collected pre-registration fees

to the National Treasurer on a two-three week basis since the checks need to clear the banks for both the National Organization and the individuals.

While at the National Encampment the responsibilities of the committee include:

1. Receive registration, fees and credentials from brothers not previously registered. Receive credentials from brothers who have previously registered. Then, upon determination of valid voting status, distribution of delegate voting cards as prepared by the National Quartermaster.
2. The creation of voting cards mandated by the National Organization is the responsibility of the national quartermaster. In event of a shortage of cards, the committee and quartermaster will agree upon a suitable alternative.
3. Voting cards will be used to identify eligible Brothers when show of hands votes are requested.
4. Conduct all roll calls where Brothers in attendance are polled during the voting activity of the session.
5. Conduct the final roll call of all Brothers in attendance just prior to the election of officers to determine the official voting strength of each Department.

5.2 National Committee on Real Sons & Daughters; Dean E. Letzring

The objective of our committee remains dedicated to maintaining the website of Living Children as well as Reported Deaths with the assistance of our National Webmaster. I must report that since our last quite active report on March 26th we have no activity to announce or send to the website. This is a particularly long interval based on recent years. I can only hope it is good news in that we have not lost any Real Children. Our brothers in camps around the country have been very helpful in notifying us when they have any news about our Real Children. The website today continues to list a few names that are being shown with little information, appearing long before this present committee was involved. I continue to hope by leaving the listing on the site, that someone will come forward to tell us that this person either is still living or passed some time ago. There is precedent for this as reported earlier.

5.3 Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee – 2016; D. Michael Beard, PDC

Since the 2012 national encampment, the committee has approved the following Sesquicentennial Signature events:

1. Formation of the 78th Enrolled Missouri Militia Regiment, Department of Missouri, for September 29, 2012.
2. Last Soldier Memorial, Somers Camp, Department of Indiana, for October 20, 2012.
3. Funeral of Commander Jonathon Wainwright, Jr., USN and Lt. Commander Edward Lea, USN, Edward Lea Camp, Department of Texas, for January 12, 2013.
4. General Thomas Ewing's General Order No, 11, Westport Camp, Department of Missouri, for August 25, 2013.
5. Colonel Kinsman Monument, Kinsman Camp, Department of Iowa, for May 18, 2013.
6. Fort Point, Elsworth Camp, Department of California & Pacific, for January 25, 2013.
7. Bentonville Monument Dedication, Department of North Carolina, for March 16, 2013.
8. First Nevada Formation, Camp 25, Department of California & Pacific, for May 25,

- 2013.
9. Stafford County Civil War Park, Irish Brigade Camp, Department of Chesapeake, for April 27, 2013.
 10. Davis County Raid, Iowa Sons of Veterans Reserve, Department of Iowa, for October 14, 2014.
 11. Camp Reynolds 150th, Camp 23 Co B 8th California, Department of California & Pacific, for June 7, 2013.
 12. Gettysburg Address, National Women's Relief Corps, for June 14, 2013.
 13. Battle of Corydon, Duffield Camp, Department of Kentucky, for July 14, 2013.
 14. Lawnfield Sesquicentennial Encampment, Garfield Camp, Department of Ohio, for July 20, 2013.
 15. Rhode Island Gettysburg Gun, Connor Camp, Department of Ohio, for July 3, 2013.
 16. Captain Blandowski, Sherman Camp, Department of Missouri, for September 12, 2013.
 17. General Corcoran, Lincoln Camp, Department of Chesapeake, for October 19, 2013.
 18. History Hill Dearborn, Cosby Camp, Department of Michigan, for August 3, 2013.
 19. Hillsborough Raid, Whitehurst Camp, Department of Florida, for October 5, 2013.

Of the 19 events, the Council of Administration (COA) rejected the following seven (37%) for the reasons noted:

1. Last Soldier Memorial, Somers Camp, Department of Indiana, for October 20, 2012. The Sesquicentennial Committee approved the event and forwarded it to the COA on July 12, 2012. The COA disapproved the event on September 3, 2012. The COA disapproved the event stating the Last Soldiers Plaque & Headstone Dedication Ceremony belonged in the Last Soldiers Project not as a Signature Event.
2. Funeral of Commander Jonathon Wainwright, Jr., USN and Lt. Commander Edward Lea, USN, Lea Camp, Department of Texas, for January 12, 2013. The Sesquicentennial Committee approved the event and forwarded it to the COA on September 8, 2012. The COA disapproved the event on January 1, 2013. The COA disapproved the event stating it was a memorial service and they would not designate memorial services as signature events.
3. Gettysburg Address, National Women's Relief Corps, for June 14, 2013. The Sesquicentennial Committee approved the event and forwarded it to the COA on March 7, 2013. The COA disapproved the event on March 31, 2013 citing insurance concerns. The event was resubmitted to the COA on April 29, 2013 with a statement from the County Attorney the event was insured and on county property, but the county was not responsible for any accidents/damages that would be incurred by SUVCW. The COA disapproved the event stating the County needed to name the SUVCW as an insured party.
4. Battle of Corydon, Duffield Camp, Department of Kentucky, for July 14, 2013. The Sesquicentennial Committee approved the event and forwarded it to the COA on March 7, 2013. The COA disapproved the event on July 7, 2013. The COA disapproved the event over insurance concerns. The application stated the Harrison County Convention

Bureau and the Battle of Corydon Park Board would not hold the SUVCW liable in any action in regard to the event. The COA had asked the sponsors for written clarification and none was received.

5. Rhode Island Gettysburg Gun, Connor Camp, Department of Ohio, for July 3, 2013. The Sesquicentennial Committee approved the event and forwarded it to the COA on March 31, 2013. The COA disapproved the event on July 7, 2013. The COA disapproved the event over insurance concerns.
6. Captain Blandowski, Sherman Camp, Department of Missouri, for September 12, 2013. The Sesquicentennial Committee approved the event and forwarded it to the COA on April 29, 2013. The COA disapproved the event on July 7, 2013. The COA asked the sponsors for a insurance certificate, which the sponsors obtained. The COA then disapproved the event because it was a memorial event.
7. General Corcoran, Lincoln Camp, Department of Chesapeake, for October 19, 2013. The Sesquicentennial Committee approved the event and forwarded it to the COA on May 7, 2013. The COA disapproved the event on July 7, 2013. The COA disapproved the event because the application had no explanation for insurance coverage.

On June 23, 2013 the Sesquicentennial Committee approved the Hillsborough Raid, Whitehurst Camp, Department of Florida for October 5, 2013. The COA is currently considering the event. The Sesquicentennial Committee is currently considering the General Lytle event, Lytle Camp, Department of Ohio for September 20, 2013.

Event sponsors have expressed disappointment when their events are not approved and are placed in embarrassing situations. For example, the National Women's Relief corps had 13 local organizations (including the County Board of Supervisors) sign their application which the SUVCW rejected. The Connor Camp expressed their frustration in writing and their email is attached. They noted their application followed the instructions in the SUVCW application posted on the national website.

5.4 GAR Sesquicentennial Committee; Terry Dyer, PDC

I have nothing to report.

5.5 Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument; David Lamb, PCC

In the initial stages of this project, I had determined that it would make sense to direct our efforts as a committee along the lines of;

- A. Determining the amount of support that exists within the Order for this worthwhile endeavor.
- B. Attempt to make some firm determinations as to the projected costs of such an ambitious undertaking before deigning to approach the governments of both the United States and Canada with a proposal to erect such an edifice to the sacrifices of our Canadian veterans; and,
- C. Meld these two efforts into a firm proposal that we could then take forward and ask the Federal government to fund the project; and, the government of Canada to accept it.

In the following paragraphs, I shall attempt to briefly summarize the results of these efforts thus far.

Internal Support for the Project:

First and foremost, I would wish to say that I am convinced that there appears to be no serious opposition to the idea of this project, and without exception everyone with whom I have spoken on the issue within the Order has expressed their personal support for the idea. That being said, the support does not seem to be generally being translated into action. At least at a Departmental level.

I believe that, for the most part, the matter is being given very little thought outside of the brief time period of the National Encampment, when the discussion of the monument seems to draw wide-spread affirmation, but the delegates do not seem to be carrying the idea back to their home Departments. I base this observation upon the fact that I have witnessed no increase in the Resolutions of Support that are called for at every National Encampment, but do not seem to materialize thereafter. To date, the committee stands in receipt of such resolutions from the same number of entities as was reported to you one-year-ago (Pennsylvania, Iowa, Kansas, Florida, New York, John A. Logan Camp #26, Dept. of Illinois, and the National Ladies Auxiliary to the SUVCW, being those who have thus far submitted documents in support).

It is my firm belief that before we can convince politicians on a national level that they should return to their constituencies and attempt to convince them, in these difficult economic times, that such a project warrants the expenditure of tax dollars, it would be worthwhile to be able to point to a unified body of our own membership that has expressed (in writing) that they believe this to be such a cause.

Projections of Costs involved:

As reported to you in my activities report for last year, I have engaged the services of both a professional artist and a landscape architect to assess and evaluate Brother Heath's conceptualizations of the monument and attempt to give us an idea of actual costs this project might entail. After a year of visiting with both gentlemen on a sporadic basis, and after their collaboration with one another, a preliminary figure for the erection of the monument as envisioned looks to be emerging at somewhere between \$3 and \$5 millions of US dollars. Definitive figures cannot, of course, be fully determined until certain building criteria are better determined, and matters such as materials and construction methods are determined. So, at this juncture, there are still a wide number of variables that must be identified and determined before we can be more specific and definitive. And, certainly, we must continue to attempt to make a more detailed study on a wide range of related areas before the matter is anywhere near being considered enough of a "finished product" that we can take it forward as an actual proposal to the respective governments involved.

Summation:

Movement on this matter has been slow, and I believe that is not altogether a bad thing.

For one thing, it has given us time to consider the potentialities of looking for alternative funding sources other than through the use of taxpayer's monies. Given the fractious political scene that seems to invest much of our endeavors today, politicians are generally very leery of any proposal that might open them to assault from the fringes of their own parties and none seem to present more dangerous political ground than the idea of "pork-barrel spending".

Sadly, the collective psyche of our nation at this juncture in time does not seem to lend itself in a meaningful way to the recollection of "historical events" that pre-date much of anything that occurred beyond about three "tweets" back on the so-called "smart" phones that most of us own two of. The general lack of interest shown in the press over the reporting of events related to the sesquicentennial of the Civil War should stand as witness to this phenomena. I recall hearing an essay on National Public Radio within the past year that related that one poll undertaken of ordinary citizens appeared to indicate that fewer than twenty percent of the current population was even aware that this nation had ever engaged in a "Civil War" (let alone knew that the one that we recognize, 1861-65, was by broader definition only the largest among several).

Equally sad, and possibly contributory is that we are at a time in history when we have an emerging generation of Americans who have never known a time when this nation has not been at war, we have perhaps become fairly inured to the idea of conflict as being the normal state of human relations.

All of that being said, I still believe this to be a worthy undertaking for this Order, and intend to continue to actively evoke interest in the project among those within my sphere of influence.

Through my work as a lobbyist with the Iowa Legislature on other projects related to the restoration and refurbishment of Iowa's Civil War monuments, I have maintained close contacts with both political parties and both houses of our bi-cameral legislature.

One of the Senators with whom I have worked (and continue to work) most closely is the Landscape Architect that I have been consulting with on this project. In his "outside job" (other than being a State Senator) this gentleman is employed by a multi-national corporation that often makes significant monetary contributions to projects of historic significance. We currently have plans to be in discussions with executives of his company about the possibilities of receiving at least partial funding of this project from the private sector. If successful in this effort, it might make the idea of receiving "public monies" more palatable to politicians at such time as we approach them and ask for their assistance in making this effort into a reality.

I would deeply appreciate any feedback, and/or guidance in these matters as the Council believes would be beneficial to the advancement of this project.

5.6 Restore Memorial Day Committee; Alan E. Peterson, PDC

I will begin again as I have in previous years, saying most of you are aware of how this committee was formed, the reason why it was formed and its current status.

Most are aware that we lost our prime sponsor of this bill, Senator Daniel Inouye of HI who passed away late in 2012. Not only that, it was also the end of the congressional session and all bills that were pending or in committee would die and with the new session beginning in January of 2013, new bills would have to be introduced.

I received notice in June of this year that we now have another sponsor who introduced a bill in the US House of Representatives by Representative Colleen Hanabusa, also of HI.

I was notified by her office of this bill (HR2225) and spoke with her legislative aide.

I was informed that they are with us 110% in this matter and will keep us updated on any movement along the way.

The signatures have increased over the past year with the help of two brothers who are making a bid to become a member of this committee. Brothers Jay Godin of New Jersey and Al Platt of Georgia have been outstanding with making suggestions, obtaining signatures, creating a new website called change.org which has increased the numbers and increased the numbers on our main website restorememorialday.com as well.

Contacts have been made with the American Legion and VFW as well as other veterans groups to see if we can be invited to speak at their national conventions, as we feel it will boost this effort tremendously. Before this is done, contacts will need to be made to each Department Commander of those organizations so that proposals can be adopted at the Department level and then forwarded to their national officers for action.

We have also made a proposal to make Armed Forces Day into a three day weekend and put Memorial Day back to where it belongs. This proposal is going over very well, especially with our representatives in Washington, DC as well as the general public.

Therefore, we will continue to move forward with this proposal in hopes it will catch on as we have confidence it will with more help from our members.

We feel that our membership is not doing enough to assist in this matter in a couple of ways. Our proposals are as follow:

1. A general Order needs to be put out urging/encouraging ALL our members to get more involved by speaking with their families, friends, co- workers, neighbors and members of other organizations they may belong to.
2. To encourage our Allied Orders to support this matter as well.
3. To urge/encourage all our members to make contact with their Washington, DC representatives, by e-mails, letters, phone calls, requesting/asking them to support this effort, especially in the House of Representatives where a bill is already pending. AND to ask their Senators to introduce a bill in the Senate.

Finally, I am requesting the following Brothers to be appointed to the Committee to Restore Memorial Day: Brother Jay Godin of the Department of New Jersey and Brother Al Platt of the Department of Georgia.

It has been an honor to serve in this position..

5.7 Committee on Juniors; Michael D. Bennett, PDC

Introduction

Every successful organization understands that attracting and retaining younger members is a key to the entity's level of activity and its longevity. Regrettably, no individual can remain an active member of any formal association forever. The human condition dictates that even the most dynamic and dedicated participant will inevitably be removed from the roster of active members – for one reason or another. If there is not an influx of active new members to take the place of those who depart, an organization will be doomed to a steady decline that can only lead to the increasing inability of the entity to properly function, to serve its remaining membership, or to achieve even the most basic goals of the organization.

Examples of organizations which embrace this understanding and continue to flourish are plentiful – as are those that have not done so. Our own ancestors in the Grand Army of the Republic clearly, if not also somewhat reluctantly at first, recognized this and created their own Sons organization to assist in their work, and eventually to carry on when they were gone. From the Children of the American Revolution to the National Wild Turkey Federation, the list of adult organizations which have devoted considerable energies and resources to promoting both the recruitment and retention of youth members is considerable. The National Wild Turkey Federation has adopted the slogan, “Our Youth, Our Legacy!” If such a grand theme is applied to those with an interest in wild turkeys (a worthy subject to be sure), does not an organization dedicated to honoring the memory of the men who preserved our nation in her time of greatest crisis deserve at least as splendid a motto for its own Junior program?

Our Sons are Their Sons In Our Sons is Our Future
Without our Fathers, we would be nothing – Without our Sons, we will be nothing.

Present Condition

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has a current Junior membership roster of roughly 125 boys, with another few Junior Associates, perhaps totaling 2% of the overall membership of the Order. Most or all Juniors/Junior Associates are members of Camps, although some are separated from their Camps by distance – having been recruited by family members living in different communities. While Juniors/Junior Associates are eligible to partake in most aspects of an active Camp's program, there is typically very little program designed specifically for them, and many never do become active participants. They are merely members because Dad or Grandpa or old Uncle Joe signed them up. This significantly limits the likelihood that a Junior/Junior Associate will continue their membership once they are of an age to pay their own dues, making them also far less likely to become the next generation of active leaders in the Order.

Course Number 2008 of our Memorial University was specifically designed for youth members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The *2007-2008 National Committee on Americanism and Education*, chaired by PCinC Brad Schall, did an excellent job of creating an educational program aimed directly at our Juniors/Junior Associates. But as good as the program is, it is not currently reaching our youth. As of the time of this writing, only one youth member of our Order has completed the course since its implementation in 2008. Even if it were to have been more strongly promoted and receive greater attention, which probably should have been done, Memorial University cannot be the sole solution to the dilemma. The current University program does a wonderful job of education, but it does not adequately address the need to strengthen the relationship between the youth member and his Camp in order to retain the youth as an active adult member.

Mission of the Present Committee

Recognizing the need to recruit and retain youth members in the Sons of Union Veterans, and experiencing some difficulty in doing so, is not new to our Order. In 1929 and 1930, our 47th and 48th National Encampments gave the matter great consideration – even going to the length of recommending a \$100 award for “the best plan whereby the Camps may create and hold the interest of the younger members of our Order.”

At the direction of Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer, a *National Committee on Juniors* was created in August of 2011 and tasked with investigating options for a new Junior program within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and with assembling a prospectus for a more comprehensive program that would help the Order to increase the retention of Juniors, and specifically to assist in transitioning our youth membership into active and participating adult members and leaders within their Camps.

It was suggested that the Committee explore the present and past activities of our own Order, the programs of the Children of the American Revolution, Children of the Confederacy, and other successful youth organizations, and additional programs created for youth such as the National Park Service’s *Junior Ranger* program. If practical, the possibility of creating a joint program with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the other Allied Orders, was also to be explored, with informal inquires at first, eventually to be followed by a formal presentation/proposal.

Proposal

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War’s Memorial University *Course Number 2008* for Juniors is excellent, but does not strongly enough address the need to build and strengthen the relationship between an individual youth and his Camp. It has also, regrettably, fallen short in its acceptance and use by the Juniors and Junior Associates in the Order.

Many entities similar to the SUVCW, such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of the American Revolution, have created very successful youth programs that have each developed

into nearly separate entities, operating alongside their parent organizations with their own separate leadership and operational guidelines. This may indeed be a long-term goal for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the other Allied Orders. But with our combined adult membership, one that is only a small percentage of those larger entities (and with a youth membership and budget to match), it is unlikely that this would be a practical option for quite some time.

The Committee's proposal is a middle-ground between those programs – a combination which we feel takes some of the best of both, delivering it within a familiar framework, and directing our efforts directly towards establishing and strengthening the relationship between our youth members and their Camps. While the program will be offered from the National Organization, it will be almost solely up to the Camps to choose to implement this program in order to make their Juniors/Junior Associates *active* Camp members.

In this new program, Juniors/Junior Associates will have the opportunity to complete requirements that enable them to advance to different *grade levels* while they are Juniors/Junior Associates. We hesitate to use the word “ranks” as we neither wish to associate this program too closely with the Scouting program which serves largely as its model (as many of you involved with Scouting will no doubt recognize), nor do we wish to draw any unfavorable or inappropriate comparisons between our youth and the military of today or the service of their ancestors. Our own Order moved away from the use of military titles many years ago, and we do not propose that our new Junior program should do otherwise. Grade levels will be named for the various roles served by youth during the Civil War, including Powder Boy (or Powder-Monkey) aimed at boys 6 and 7 years of age, Drummer Boy (8-9 year olds), Orderly (10-11), and culminating with the highest level, Cadet (for 12 and 13 year olds). Boys may advance to grades beyond their own age group if their level of activity permits – and what a wonderful thing that will be! The age groups are merely suggestions for Camps and Junior/Junior Associates that may guide their selection of projects to work on.

At the completion of all of the requirements for each grade, as certified by the Junior/Junior Associate's Camp, he will be presented with a ribbon indicating his grade level. This ribbon may be worn along with his Junior/Junior Associate badge at SUVCW meetings and events. The ribbon presented to the Powder Boy will be *red*, white to the Drummer Boy, blue to the Orderly, and a red, white and blue ribbon to the Cadet.

Each grade level includes a list of requirements that includes both mandatory requirements as well as a list of requirements that the youth may choose from: “Complete requirements 1 through 4, and any six other requirements.” Building on many of the activities contained within the Memorial University program, these requirements will involve taking part in the meetings and programs of the youth's Camp. Rather than simply requiring that the early-level Junior/Junior Associate draw a picture of the American Flags used during the Civil War, he will be required to draw them and then present them at a meeting of his Camp. Rather than simply memorizing the *Pledge of Allegiance*, he will be asked to do so and then lead his Camp in the Pledge at a meeting or other function under the supervision of the Camp's Patriotic Instructor or other Officer. An older Junior/Junior Associate will be offered the opportunity of helping his Camp to place flags on Memorial Day, marching with his Camp in a parade, giving a simple presentation to the

Camp on a Civil War battle, and making a report on his own Civil War ancestor or the ancestor of another member. One requirement would be to earn the *Junior Ranger* recognition from the National Park Service at a Civil War battlefield park – an award that should be presented or re-presented to the youth at a Camp meeting. Other requirements, mandatory and optional, would include working with the Camp Chaplain to lead a prayer at a meeting or other function, participating in a Camp event as a re-enactor/living historian, and memorizing portions of the *Ritual*.

The highest level Juniors/Junior Associates would be asked to take an active role in a major camp activity, to recruit or help to recruit a new member, and volunteer to serve as an appointed Camp Officer, or as the assistant to a currently serving Camp Officer, as may be permitted by the *Constitution and Regulations* of the Order.

While it might be helpful if Camps were to assign *advisors* to their Juniors/Junior Associates, as is required in the Memorial University program, this is not absolutely necessary in the proposed new program. Very little extra effort is required of participating Camps – and permitting their Juniors/Junior Associates to become active participants in the Camp program, showing the work they've done and helping with Camp activities, can likely only be a benefit to both the youth and his Camp. Juniors can work through the requirements at their own pace, as well as the Camp's. Each Camp may decide for itself how best to administer the program – either with an appointed liaison to work with their youth, an older relative of each specific youth, or perhaps one of the Camp's regularly elected or appointed officers. When all of the requirements for a new level are completed, the Camp would submit a form to the *National Committee on Juniors* which would process the info and return a letter of congratulations, a certificate of commendation, and a simple ribbon that could be worn in addition to the Junior or Junior Associate badge – similar to an Encampment or other event ribbon. We all know what Napoleon observed two hundred years ago: “a man will fight long and hard for a bit of colored ribbon.” Hopefully the Camp would ensure that the presentation of that *bit of ribbon* was accompanied by as much pomp and circumstance as can be appropriately mustered.

While the main purpose of this new Junior program is to help our Juniors/Junior Associates establish closer relationships with their Camps and to begin working with them on a regular basis, we must not forget that there are also some Juniors/Junior Associates who live far away from their Camp's meeting place. For these youth there would also be requirements available for each grade that do not require attending the meetings of a Camp – in many cases the requirement that a project be presented at a Camp meeting can still be completed by having things sent to the Camp by mail and e-mail. But the goal of the new program, of course, is to bring our Juniors/Junior Associates to active participation in their local Camps.

This program can, at first, best be judged by how many youth participate (earn recognitions), and how many different Camps with Juniors/Junior Associates participate. If the program demonstrates success in those areas, it can be determined later if the youth have continued their membership in the Order, taking on Offices and becoming active Camp members.

5.7.1 Recommendations

Recommendations to the 2013 National Encampment:

- 1 That the National Organization's *Special Committee on Juniors* be continued by the incoming Commander-in-Chief and that, at his discretion, additional members be appointed to the committee, replacing those who do not wish to serve.
- 2 That the proposed *2013 Junior Program* be approved for implementation by the Order, with specific grade requirements to be presented to the *Programs & Policy Committee* by the *Special Committee on Juniors* for their review, amendment and approval.
- 3 That achievement ribbons be designed and purchased (75 for each grade).
- 4 That all of the above work should take place in the four and a half months following the National Encampment and that the full program is to be launched in January of 2014.
- 5 That the *Special Committee on Juniors*, in administering the new program, should be permitted reimbursement for its expenses in purchasing postage and supplies (card stock, ink, envelopes and letterhead) - the amount not to exceed \$200 for 2013-14.

5.8 National Committee on Fundraising; Tim Graham, PCC

Because the appointment was made in May and I have yet to meet with the other members, along with the IRS problems: there is no report.

5.9 Committee on Promotion and Marketing; Mark R. Day, PCC

Purpose: The Goal of the Committee on Promotion and Marketing is to identify the means of branding the SUVCW and marketing the SUVCW to the greater population at large through the use of Commercial advertising or other mass media outlets and social media services. In the eight months since my last report to the CofA at Gettysburg, I have continued to work with the committee and specifically Brother Bill Johnson to identify opportunities for getting the SUVCW brand out to the public.

Actions:

1. Free advertisements were taken out in the Civil War News and Civil War Courier. These advertisements are in the classified section of both periodicals.
2. A simple post card marketing and information form, which we would like to post on the National Website, was developed in PDF and Word Formats.
3. An advertising campaign is being designed that will incorporate text, poster photography, and DVD video spots, which can be loaded on a CD and forwarded to every Department and Camp for their use in promoting the SUVCW in local or regional media. It is hoped that the campaign can be forwarded to the National CofA for their comments and approval in the early fall.
4. A Marketing Information pamphlet has been developed, which can be placed on the National Website and then downloaded, at no cost, by the Departments and Camps on plain paper using available computers and printers.

5. The committee is also producing a marketing program for use in public education, boy scout programs, heritage / historical groups, and genealogical societies / libraries. Portions of this program will be presented to the CofA in Milwaukee.

6. The Committee will be meeting during the encampment in Milwaukee to work on developing additional plans, brainstorming ideas, and having a face to face discussion on budgeting the committee's allocated funds in the coming year.

Discussion: The committee realizes that a great deal of work remains to be done toward providing a plan of advertising, which will be financially sustainable in the future and meet our stated goal of increasing awareness of our organization among the general public. Marketing our great order will require consistent leadership, persistence, and concerted effort for many years to come. In addition the committee should become a standing committee rather than a special committee. By doing this the national organization would be making Marketing and promotions a clear priority. Such action would also give the committee more authority to act as an agent of the organization and provide a clearly defined purpose / mission for the committee.

5.9.1 Recommendations

#1. *It is recommended that the Marketing and Promotions Committee be given a link on the National Website under the category of either communications or programs.* By doing this we would have one specific place on the website where departments, camps, or simply brothers could go to download the marketing information provided by the committee

#2. *It is recommended that the Committee be elevated from the status of Special Committee to the status of Standing Committee and that Article VII Section 1 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans be revised to include Marketing and Promotions in the list of Standing Committees'.* Marketing is a critical component of retention and recruiting membership for any large national organization such as the SUVCW. By making this committee a standing committee the national organization can ensure continuity and stability for future Marketing and Promotions programs.

3. In the event that the Committee is elevated to the status of Standing Committee; *It is recommended that a job description be prepared for the new "National Marketing and Promotions Committee" similar in construction to those of the other National Standing Committees'.* The specific language and activities required in the job description would be left to the discretion of the National Commander and his staff.

#4. In accordance with Article VII Section 3 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans, which requires a minimum of five brothers on a standing committee, *It is recommended that the committee be made up of five brothers filling the following positions: Chairman, Vice Chairman, member 1, member 2, member 3.*

#5. *It is also recommended, that the Constitution and Regulations Article VII Section 1 be revised to include the following comment that, the members of the standing National Marketing and Promotions Committee shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief; the vice- chairman of this committee shall be the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; the chairman*

and members of the committee shall be appointed for a term of three years; and the purpose of this committee shall be to oversee the Marketing and Promotion programs of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

5.10 Committee on Vision and Planning; Brian Pierson

No report submitted.

5.11 Committee on Regulation; James Pahl, PCinC

This special committee was established by Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor's Gen. Order #17 Series 2012-2013, February 1, 2013.

This committee was charged with re-organizing the National Regulations to eliminate duplication and to group like things together. The committee is charged to present their proposals to the 133rd National Encampment.

The work of the committee is progressing and we anticipate publishing our final report as requested.

6 Temporary Committees

6.1 Government Headstone Application Committee; Steve Aarli, PCC

This temporary committee was established by Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor's Gen. Order #6 Series 2012-2013, December 3, 2012.

I am Bro. Steve Aarli, PCC & GRO for John A. Logan Camp #26 Dept. of Illinois and Dept. Secretary for the Dept. of Illinois and currently Chairman of the new temporary SUVCW Government Headstone Application Committee.

The following Brothers of the Order are members of my committee: Bro's Steven Hall, Pa.; David Burkett, OR; Stephen Siemsen, AZ; John Egar, IN; Stephen Twining, MA. and Bruce Frail Nat'l. GRO, RI.

Still waiting on National to complete a job description for this committee, but did receive a general idea from Nat'l. GRO Frail. Once I receive a detailed outline of what is expected and how far our duties reach through our order as far as ordering and maintaining grave headstones, we can proceed at a greater pace.

Other than this I have nothing further to add.

7 Department Reports

7.1 Department of California and Pacific; Timothy P. Reese, DC

Began Dept. Commander Position on May 9, 2013, installed by:
Commander-in-Chief: Perley Mellor at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA.

Personal Activity as DC as of June 28, 2013: A.) Presided over three JROTC SUVCW JROTC Certificate & Award presentations. In Monterey County. 1-JROTC Seaside High School & 2-NJROTC Monterey High & Soledad High schools. With Camp Lincoln 10 assisting in all three, and the ASUVCW National Chaplain: Rachelle Campbell assisting in Monterey. B.) On Memorial Day May 27: DC: Reese read the Gen. Logan GAR order #11 at Evergreen Cem. In Santa Cruz, Ca. & C.) during Memorial Day weekend manned 12 x 48 Exhibit tent at Roaring Camp's Civil War Days in Felton, CA. on May 24,25, & 26. D.) Attended SSE Angel Island Civil War days at Camp Reynolds , Ca. on June 8.,2013. And E.) Formulated the Entry #9 for the Independence Day Parade in California's first Capital in Monterey, CA. on July 4. 2013. Camps 4, 10, & 24 formulating the general entry.

FUTURE: DC: Reese will be manning a GAR/Civil War Exhibit tent at the San Benito County Historical Park "Civil War Battles" at Tres Pinos, CA. On Sept 6-8, 2013.

DC: Reese will be Directing a Living History Event at the 7th Annual Fort Mervine's Civil War Encampment. Two Firing Demos daily. Of Cannons & rifles. This entire event is Hosted by Camp Lincoln 10. And DC: as Encampment Director on Oct 11-13, 2013. And DC plans to March in the Veterans Day parade in Nov 11, in San Jose, Ca.

DEPARTMENT SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS: in the Dept. of CA & Pacific

1. Jan. 26-27 Fort Point SSE Living History Day. Hosted: Camp 4,9,22,23 & 24.
2. May 25: Anniversary of the 1st Nevada Cav. SSE Hosted by : Camp 25 of Reno, NV.
3. June 8-9: SSE ANGEL ISLAND, CIVIL WAR DAYS, at Camp Reynolds, CA. Hosted by: Camp Ellsworth 23 and AUX Ivey Stiers 23.
4. SSE applied but not received approval yet: is ALCATRAZ ISLAND, Living History Day. San Francisco. Hosted : Camp 22 & 24. Scheduled for Sept. 28.

GOALS as Dept. Commander for 2013.

- 1.) To establish Dept of Ca and Pacific's RACKCARDS, a two side advertisement Card, which has been implemented May 16 and the goal to circulate them to Family History Centers , Libraries, and other. Throughout the states of California, Nevada and Hawaii. These rack cards are more popular than the three fold brochures, Visitors Bureaus, Libraries seem to favor these type of cards.
- 2.) Seek out Radio support, and to formulate a 20 second advertisement recording with emphasis on the Dept. of Ca and Pacific. With web address (SUV PAC.org) instruction to further and increase membership.
- 3.) To establish an official SEAL for the Dept. of California & Pacific before the year is out.
- 4.) To fuse the ASUVCW personnel in assisting with all JROTC presentations. Especially when the cadet is female.

- 5.) To push and achieve Court of Honor appearances by SUVCW personnel and presenting Eagle Scout SUVCW Certificate awards.

Trouble Shooting:

- 1.) Monetary donations have been good with rack cards, but when pursuing RADIO, will be new territory. Most of the Radio Stations are just Server Box style, the quest for a Nonprofit, donated air time will be the quest. But monetary desires of the station will be an issue.
- 2.) A step by step on how to contact the BSA and the JROTC from local high schools will be needed to be created to send to the Camp Commanders thru out the Department. Certificates are going out, but pre-invitations and notifications of dates of these awards night are desired for pre scheduling SUVCW presence.

Activities in pursuit:

- 1.) Genealogical Societies: Give Seminars on GAR and SUVCW.
- 2.) Agenda of Scheduled Exhibit participations at Civil War Events already scheduled til end of 2013.

7.1.1 Recommendations

1.) Eagle Scout SUVCW Certificate: recommend that the National office devise a patch (*similar* to the BSA's God & County's small rectangle patch of the knot-it is usually sewn above the left breast pocket) and a badge be created in conjunction with the certificate for Court of Honor presentations. Also consider that the badge and patch will only be presented at live Court of Honors where the SUVCW are the presenters. And the Certificates will be available for mail outs. (Thinking: is to increase invitations to these BSA Court of Honors.

Over all summary: The Department has 14 Camps that are fully operational and effective at their local events, as well as multi-camp events where they are seen in the public eye. IN THE FIELD, the Department excels at Civil War Re-enactments as exhibit tents, Genealogical jamboree's and other type of events. The JROTC SUV CERTIFICATE program is growing rapidly. Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout SUV Certificate program just needs to be seen presenting these awards, but the mail outs are at a steady high number. New members are low. Interaction and participation with Auxiliary has always been excellent. The Department has an outstanding newsletter & editor.

7.2 Department of the Chesapeake; Mark R. Day, DC

It is my sincere pleasure to submit this annual report for the Department of the Chesapeake, which was formerly called the Department of Maryland, for the time period August 2012 through August 2013.

I happily report that the Department of the Chesapeake is in good order and financially sound. During the time frame covered by this report the Department has formed a new camp, the Colonel David Stricker Camp #10 and the Department had a net gain in total membership, as reported in the Department Annual Report to the National Secretary. As Commander, I would be remise to not bring, the activities of the Department of the Chesapeake's many hard working camps, to the attention of the national leadership. The Camps of the Department of the Chesapeake have been very busy in the past year and I would like to highlight three activities, I feel are especially worthy of special notice:

- On June 16, 2012 the SGT. James H. Harris Camp #39 under the leadership of its commander Duane Whitlock was instrumental in bringing about the installation and dedication of a new USCT Monument in Lexington Park, Maryland. This was a significant event in the life of the local community and the state of Maryland. On hand for the dedication were many dignitaries who represented all levels of the private / public partnership which was forged to complete this long overdue recognition for more than two hundred and seventy-two American soldiers among which were three Medal of Honor Recipients.
- On October 6, 2012 the Brady Camp and the Irish Brigade Camp dedicated a new monument on the site of Belle Isle prisoner of war camp in Richmond, Virginia. This monument was another private / public project and was lead to a successful completion by PDC Neil Hanlon. The very handsome marker made from native stone and bearing a bronze plaque will now tell the story of the men who lived and died in that prison to future generations.
- On May 30th each and every year the Lincoln-Cushing Camp host a Traditional Memorial Day ceremony at the Old Amphitheater and the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Dead in Arlington national Cemetery. This is one of the most amazing ceremonies that I have ever attended and is truly a work of dedication toward ensuring the memory of the Boy's in Blue are remembered and honored. This work has been organized for many years by the brothers of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp under the leadership of brother Rob Pollock and epitomizes the pledge of our order Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I would also like to report that the Department of the Chesapeake recognized the contributions and dedication of our Sisters in the Department of the Chesapeake Auxiliary. Three women were chosen to receive the new Mary Walker Medal and these medals were presented during the annual encampment on May 5, 2013. The Three sisters chosen; PNP Jan Harding, PDP Barbara Day, and Sister Rosemary Martin are hard working proponents of preserving the memory of the Boy's in Blue.

Sister Jan has dedicated many years of her life to the auxiliary and is involved with supporting our Veterans in the Veterans Administration hospitals, preserving the records and documents of the Civil War, maintaining the GAR Church in Baltimore, and promoting the ideals of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. Sister Barbara was an integral part of the team that planned the 2011 National Encampment in Reston, Virginia, and she has supported every major event that the Department has conducted, she has lead and fostered a new auxiliary in Central Virginia, and she is dedicated to the preservation of the memory of the fallen. Sister Rosemary has been an powerful advocate for our order through here tireless work to support the brothers of the Antietam Camp and in fact the entire Department of the Chesapeake by volunteering herself to work at events and raising funds for projects. We are very fortunate in the Department of the Chesapeake to have these three ladies and their fellow auxiliary sisters. We can never give them enough thanks, but want them to know they are greatly appreciated by their brothers in the Department of the Chesapeake

It is a humbling experience to be the commander of a department, which has so many fine brothers and sisters, quietly going about the work that must be done. In addition to these activities and events, the Department also continues to be active in promoting patriotism outside the order, presenting certificates of commendation to young men who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and ROTC awards.

On the following pages, a list of the events attended by myself and my predecessor PDC Jeff French during the reporting time frame are provided.

Activities attended and Submitted by Brother French:

April 13-14, 2012 – Attended 125th Annual Department Encampment, Winchester, Virginia. At the Encampment we sold one of our minted medals for our 125th year. It was a replica of the 75th GAR Encampment Medal. We also we're proud to produce and issue the Andrew Johnson Meritorious Medal.

April 20-22, 2012 - Attended the Joint Service Open House Air Show where the SUVCW had two Civil War tents with displays to educate the public and recruit for the order. We also thanked our veterans for their service as it was Armed Forces weekend. Supported by the Harris Camp No. 38, Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, and the Irish Brigade Camp No. 4.

May 5, 2012 - Department of the Chesapeake formed a new Camp named the COL David L. Stricker Camp #64. Charter paperwork awaiting signature from CinC for official recognition.

May 26, 2012 - Attended East Berlin, Pennsylvania Memorial Day Parade with the Gettysburg Camp.

May 27, 2012 - Attended the Memorial Service at the GAR Church in Lansdowne, Maryland with the ASUVCW.

May 27, 2012 - Attended the Riverview Cemetery Ceremony hosted by the Appomattox Camp No. 2 and Stricker Camp No. 64 in Wilmington, Delaware to honor all the veterans buried there.

May 28, 2012 (Observed Memorial Day) - Attended with the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 participation in the National Parade in Washington, D.C.

May 30, 2012 (Memorial Day) – The Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 hosted the annual wreath laying event at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Speakers from the SUVCW was CinC Palmer and Dc French.

June 16, 2012 - The USCT Monument Dedication took place in Lexington Park, Maryland at Lancaster Park. This monument recognizes 722 USCT Union Soldiers from St. Mary's County. In addition; 60 of these on the monument are Caucasian Soldiers from the county and three Medal of Honor recipients. Two of these are USCT Soldiers. SGT James H. Harris Camp No. 38 took the lead on this as they worked this project for four years. Present were the 2nd Military District SVR, Taylor-Wilson Camp No. 10, Irish Brigade Camp No. 4, Antietam Camp No. 3, Garfield Camp No. , Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2, MOLLUS, and the 23rd USCT Re-enactors. Congressman Hoyer was the quest speaker.

August 10-11, 2012 - Attended the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles, California with ten other fellow Brothers from the Department of the Chesapeake. Brother Mike Paquette received the Meritorious Award with Gold Star, Brother Neil Hanlon received the Meritorious Award, Sumner Camp No. 25

received the Best Camp Award, Brother Theodore Layton received the National Aide Award, the Department of the Chesapeake received the Augustus P. Davis Conrad Linder Award for the most new members, and last was a Recognition Certificate to present to the Unified Committee for African-American Contributions for their lead in the USCT Monument being erected on 16 June 2012.

August 25, 2012 - Attended the Anna Carroll Day event with Brothers from the Sumner Camp No. 25, Stricker Camp No. 64, SVR 2nd Military District, Harris Camp No. 38, Irish Brigade Camp No. 4, and the 2nd Delaware Re-enactors. The event paid honors to Anna Carroll who was instrumental in advising President Lincoln's and developed the Tennessee River Battle Plans.

September 9, 2012 - Attended the Antietam Camp No. 3 meeting at Asian Bistro in Frederick, Maryland with DJVC Pollock. The meeting discussed the support of the 150th of the Battle of Antietam. They do have concerns about the 501 (C) 3 status that is forthcoming.

September 13, 2012 – Attended the Meade Camp meeting at Odenton, Maryland. The Camp are working on educational projects with the Boy Scouts and Odenton Historical Day. They do have concerns about the 501 (C) 3 status that is forthcoming.

October 6, 2012 – Attended the joint Brady and Irish Brigade Camp Belle Island plaque dedication ceremony. The plaque was in honor of the Union prisoners who died at Belle Island. The event was well attended by the public and it was very educational.

October 7, 2012 – Attended the Buckhannon Camp meeting. The Camp brought forth their concerns for getting headstones from the VA and Department supporting them on the website with a Camp web page. The camp is currently working on restoring the headstone of Stonewall Jackson sister. They do have concerns about the 501 (C) 3 status that is forthcoming.

October 12, 2012 - On behalf of National SUVCW and the Department of the Chesapeake; the Certificate of Recognition was presented to the Unified Committee for African-American Contributions at Andrews AFB, Maryland. The certificate was "for significant contributions in Civil War education and/or preservation that support the mission and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

October 13, 2012 – The Department of the Chesapeake held their Mid-Year meeting at Pawtuxet River Recreation Center in Solomon, Maryland. Department Officers discussed upcoming events and strategies to make the Department ready for the 22nd century.

November 17, 2012 – Attended and participated in Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, PA.

Activities attended and Submitted by Brother Day:

December 9, 2012 - Attended and Spoke at the rededication of the Irish Brigade Monument in Fredericksburg as the representative of the Department Commander.

January 5, 2013 - Conducted the instillation of officers for the Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 in Lynchburg, Virginia as the Department Commanders representative.

January 19, 2013 - Conducted the instillation of officers for the Meade Camp in Odenton, Maryland as the Department Commanders Representative

January 24, 2013- Conducted the instillation of officer for the Irish Brigade Camp in Fredericksburg, Virginia as the Department Commanders Representative.

March 16, 2013 - Attended the dedication of the first Union Monument at the Bentonville Battlefield, Bentonville, North Carolina as the representative of both the Commander Department of the Chesapeake and the National Commander.

March 23, 2013 - Attended and spoke at the Antietam Camp's annual Medal of Honor Ceremony as the representative of the Department Commander in Burkettsville, Maryland

May 5, 2013 - Attended the Department of the Chesapeake annual encampment in Solomons, Maryland and was elected Commander. During this encampment the Department presented three Mary Walker Medals to the dedicated sisters of the Department. They Were Sister Janice Harding PNP, Sister Barbara Day PDP, and Sister Rosemary Martin.

May 25, 2013 - I was invited and attended the Memorial Day services conducted by the Albemarle County United Daughters of the Confederacy in Charlottesville, Virginia. I was asked to come and honor ten Union soldiers who are buried in the Confederate Cemetery on the grounds of the University of Virginia. I placed flags and presented a wreath. After the ceremonies I was proud to spend the rest of the day placing flags on the graves of all our known and unknown Union dead in the various cemeteries in Lynchburg, Virginia.

May 26, 2013 - I attended the Memorial Day ceremonies of the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp in Roanoke, Virginia. The ceremonies included a grave marker dedication in a local family burial ground.

May 27, 2013 - I was invited to speak at the Garfield Camp's Memorial Day program. The program took place in front of General John Logan's tomb in Washington, DC. Following the Garfield Camp's program, I drove into the District and took part in the National Memorial Day Parade representing both the Department of the Chesapeake and the Second Military District, SVR

May 30, 2013 - I attended and spoke at the Lincoln-Cushing Camp's traditional Memorial Day ceremonies in Arlington National Cemetery. I also placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldiers. Following the ceremonies in Arlington, I attended a dinner with the members of the Irish Brigade Camp in Fredericksburg, Virginia

June 27-29, 2013 - I attended, as a guest, the Department of Pennsylvania annual encampment in Gettysburg, PA

June 29, 2013 - I attended the rededication ceremonies for the Peace Light at Gettysburg. This event marked the 75th anniversary of the Peace Lights original dedication by FDR in 1938.

7.3 Department of Colorado/Wyoming; James Barker, DC

No report submitted.

7.4 Department of Connecticut; Thomas Taylor, DC

At the time of printing this report, the Department of Connecticut is suspended per Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor's Gen. Order #22 Series 2012-2013, June 17, 2013.

7.5 Department of Florida; John M. Vaughn III, DC

Our Department welcomed 2 new Brothers between June 2012 and June 2013. The Department lost 6 Brothers and their passing was noted with great regret. There were a total of 59 JROTC and 86 Eagle Scout medals and certificates issued. At our most recent Department Encampment, the National Chaplain Award was presented to Bro. Clair D. "Skip" Whitlam. The Department has a Nationally approved and scheduled sesquicentennial event at the Olustee Battlefield for February 2014. The department is attempting to get approval on sesquicentennial events for 2013 and 2015. The Department has celebrated sesquicentennial events in 2011 and 2012. Also regarding Olustee, the State of Florida has approved the placing of a Union soldiers monument on the Olustee Battlefield.

Recently a new Camp has been formed. This Camp is the Maj. Gen. John A. Logan Camp 9 in Jacksonville. This Camp will have its chartering ceremony on August 25, 2013, and I will be in attendance. Another recent event is the formation of the Anthony Frazier headstone project. Anthony Frazier was a private in Company K, 21st USCT. His headstone was recently found in a park. We Brothers of the Department of Florida felt it to be our duty to restore Pvt. Frazier's gravestone, to its proper place. The grave marker that was found was a government issued gravemarker. Upon its restoration, we will have a dedication ceremony. The project leader is Bro. Michael Farrell, PDC and my Civil War Memorials officer.

7.6 Department of Georgia and South Carolina; Mark A. Hale, DC

It is my pleasure to submit the Department Commander's report for the Department of Georgia and South Carolina to the brothers attending the 132nd Annual Encampment for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It has again been a good year for the Department. We have seen a slight increase in membership, and all Camps are active and participating in events that keep green the memory of those who fought to preserve the Union.

As the Department Commander I have two major goals:

First – To host the best National Encampment that this Organization has seen in many years. In

The medal design has been approved and the first date of sale will be this year's Remembrance Day celebration in Gettysburg.

All tours and programs are being planned and I am requiring that all Committee chairs have all plans in writing and ready to go, short of signed contracts, by our Department Mid-Year Conference in October. From the preliminary plans that I have seen those participating will enjoy an experience that can only be provided on the land made sacred by our ancestors who fought the Civil War. We are also talking of including a Sesquicentennial Signature Event within the Nation Encampment, so bring your Passports to be stamped.

A bank account has been established and seed money for the Encampment is coming in. As has been the practice of several Departments we are selling bonds to raise funds. We are also selling our Department Challenge Coin. The coin will be available at this year's Encampment in the Vendor's area, so come visit our table.

A ghost web site has been created and will go live shortly after the close of the 132nd National Encampment. The web site will provide all participants with all the information needed to make reservations, sign-up for tours, and purchase Encampment Medals and shirts.

We will be offering two different shirts for sale. One that will be a high quality embroidered polo or button up and a Tee Shirt that will be a real attention getter.

Let me here commend our brother Bradley Quinlan for his efforts toward the National Encampment in 2014. Through his contacts with the Marietta National Cemetery, the Marietta Museum of History, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, and numerous other organizations and individuals opportunities that would otherwise not be available to the Department for the National Encampment have opened up and the Department looks forward to offering them to the participants of the National Encampment.

Second – To continue to grow the Department of Georgia and South Carolina both in membership and new Camps. We continue to host events that get our image and message out to the general public. A new Camp is being proposed in Roswell, Georgia and the Department is working to make it a reality. We continue to work with Fitzgerald, Georgia, a town founded by Union veterans in 1895 to establish a Camp there. There has also been some interest generated in Savannah, Georgia and we are looking to form a Camp in that city. There is a Camp of Union descendants in Buford, South Carolina and efforts continue to bring them back into the fold of the SUVCW. One of the major problems we encounter in recruiting members here in the Deep South is the Lost Cause syndrome. Fitzgerald, Georgia is a prime example of this. Even though 90% of the town's population has Union ancestors they associate more with the Confederacy and Southern heritage and refuse to admit that they had ancestors who fought for the North. We continue to look for a solution to this problem.

The Department continues to participate in Memorial Day Observances throughout our geographical area. This year Camps were represented at Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia and Florence National Cemetery in Florence, South Carolina. Unfortunately due to scheduling conflicts this was the first year in the last several years that we were not able to send representation to Andersonville National Cemetery.

Work continues with Amanda Stokes Tent #2 DUVCW to raise funds for the Wisconsin Monument at Allatoona Pass Battlefield and plans are still in place to dedicate the monument on the Sesquicentennial of the battle.

The Eagle Scout and ROTC programs continue to see increases in requests for awards, especially the ROTC program. We have seen a large increase in requests for the award as more schools become aware of the program.

Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3 is working with Junior Member Alex Guercia and his local PTA to establish an Patriotic essay contest. If the program is successful the Camp looks to expand it to other elementary schools in the County and then it is hoped that it will be adopted as a Department program. If we can generate interest in our youth the fathers of those youth will become members of the SUVCW. The Department is also looking into the youth programs of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Confederate Veterans to see how they can be adapted for our use in the SUVCW. If the Department of Georgia and South Carolina can

develop a success look forward to seen the program submitted as a recommendation to the National Organization.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina looks forward to seeing all of you at the 2014 National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia.

7.7 Department of Illinois; Jody Switzer, DC

As Department Commander of Illinois, I have attended the following events:

- Camp #2 meetings on November 8, January 31, March 9, and July 20, 2013
- Attended the First Illinois Brigade Band concert in Rockford on November 11, 2012
- Met with National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski regarding my duties on January 19, 2013
- Quad Camp Banquet in Sycamore on January 26, 2013
- Springfield/Petersburg event on April 13, 2013. Thanks to Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor for his attendance at both events.
- Civil War Collectors Show in Wheaton on April 20, 2013
- Meeting on April 24, 2013 with Brother Nick Kaup.
- Dedication Ceremony at Mount Greenwood Cemetery on April 27, 2013
- Annual Department Encampment on May 11, 2013 in Chicago. Thanks again go out to Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor for his attendance. His guidance certainly was welcome.
- I will attend the National Encampment in Wisconsin in August.

I have travelled over 1,000 miles across the state of Illinois in the discharge of my duties.

I have also missed events due to my job, but I have asked our Camps to give me a summary of what they have been doing. Several Camps go into hiatus during the summer. I have got reports from five of my camps telling me of their recent activities. I am proud to say that The Department of Illinois cares deeply about its history.

I have worked within my Department to make our communication better. We have become better communicating with each other.

I have issued a Department general order welcoming ALL allied orders to our encampments, and have also reached out to our female compatriots by welcoming them with open arms and not charging them monies to participate in our encampments. Women also helped the North win the Civil War!

I would like to see a calendar of when reports are due to be sent out by National to the Departments as to when they are due.

I can be easily contacted by email at: stonwall@rocketmail.com.

7.8 Department of Indiana; Michael W. Beck, DC

Goals

For the next year, (August 2012 – August 2013) I have set out a number of goals for myself and the Department of Indiana SUVCW. I hope that each member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Department of Indiana will help in attaining these goals.

- a. Each camp identifies a local cemetery that has Civil War Veterans grave markers that need to be cleaned and or re-set.
- b. Each camp holds a Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event.
- c. Each camp identify Civil War Monuments and Markers within their area of jurisdiction, locate them by the nearest cross-road or GPS, photograph them, and send this information to the Departments Monuments Officer.
- d. Each camp has at least one (1) recruiting event per year.
- e. Form one (1) new camp in the New Albany or Evansville area of the state.
- f. Each camp have an active Eagle Scout and SUVCW ROTC awards Coordinator.
- g. Each camp have an active Graves Registration Officer and Patriotic Instructor.

I know this sounds like a lot of work, but if we can get ALL our membership (ones who make the monthly meeting and the ones who don't) to work together, we can attain each and every goal by the summer of 2015. Remember our Civil War ancestors and the sacrifices they made between 1861-1865 and use this Remembrance of them, to make 2011-2015 as special Sesquicentennial Event

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Department Commanders Activity

- August 26, 2012 – Placed American Flag on my G-G-G Uncles CW marker in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Cpl. T. H. Lehew – Co G 11th Iowa Vol. Inf. – GAR Post 20
- August 28, 2012 – Place American Flag on my G-G-G Uncles CW marker in Stuart, Iowa Cpl. Moses S Lehew – Co. D. 1st Ohio Cav. Place American Flag on Fredrick Bectold CW mark in Exira, Iowa - Member of Co. D 60th Indiana Vol. Inf.
- September 18, 2012 – Place American Flag on P.D. Jacobs CW marker in Franklin, IN Member of Co. C. 27th Indiana Vol. Inf. Photographed Monument Franklin, Indiana Cemetery -1861-1865 (Large rock with Plaque – Erected by Lincoln Chapter – Daughters of the Union – May 30. 1940.

Photographed Monument – Cannon on Limber – Placed American Flag on Henry Magsom – Co. K. 11th Indiana Vol. Inf. Greenwood, IN

- September, 19, 2012 – Photographed CW Monument in Henry County, IN – County Courthouse
- October, 02, 2012 - Attended the 150th Anniversary Re-enactment of the Battle of Perryville, KY. Helped re-dedicate the Union Memorial on the grounds of the Battle of Perryville.
- October, 13, 2012 - Attended the Benjamin Harrison Camp # 356 – Camp Meeting
- November 12, 2012 - Met other members of Co. D. 27th Indiana SVR at the Indiana Monument In Gettysburg, PA for photographs.
- November 13, 2012 - Attended and marching in the Gettysburg, PA Remembrance Day Parade. Attended the Movie “Lincoln” in the evening at Gettysburg, PA
- November 14, 2012 - Attended the Gettysburg, PA Remembrance Day Oration of Steven Spielberg and other dignitaries in the Gettysburg, PA National Cemetery Located three (3) Indiana CW soldier buried in the Winchester National Cemetery Revis Benoni – Co. B. 14th Indiana vol. Inf. – William B. Martin (Unit unknown) David B. Hornaday – Co. G. 18th Indiana Vol. Inf. (photographed)
- December 8, 2012 - Attended the Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 – Camp Meeting
- January 12, 2013 - Attended David D. Porter Camp #116 – Valparaiso, IN and installed their new officers.
- January 19, 2013 - Attended John B. Anderson Camp #223 – Columbus, IN and installed their new officers
- January 26, 2013 - SUVCW Department of Indiana Mid-Winter Encampment was held at The Speedway 500 Legion Post in Speedway, Indiana. At that meeting a new ASUVCW Tent was installed - Eliza E. George Auxiliary # 356 Indiana SUVCW.
- February 9, 2013 - Attended the camp meeting of SUVCW Benjamin Harrison Camp # 356 at the American Legion Post #500 – Speedway, IN
- February 10, 2013 - Attended the Nancy Hanks Lincoln annual memorial event was part of the Color Guard (Co. D. 27th Indiana Vol. SVR) posted the colors in the auditorium and at the grave site of Nancy Lincoln.
- March 29, 30, 2013 - Help setup and man Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 recruiting booth at the Civil War Show in Beech Grove, Indiana.

- April 8, 2013 - fund War
- Indiana Battle Flag - On January 8, 2013 Senator Merritt authored a bill to Civil War battle flag restoration in the State of Indiana. Indiana's Civil War Battle flags are currently stored in the basement of the Indiana War Memorial. The Senate Bill 323 moved through the Senate and the House and was signed by the Governor on April 8, 2013. The law will go into effect on July 1, 2013. The bill was amended to apply to all Indiana battle flags and not just Civil War. Additionally a provision was added so that the money in the fund cannot revert to the state's general fund. The biennial budget bill 1001 is the funding mechanism for this law, and the current amount to be placed in the fund at this time is \$300,000. This is a one-time appropriation, and is subject to amendment until the final bill is approved (which is by the end of the legislative session on April 29, 2013). The full text of the bill is as follows. During this process, PDC Bruce Kolb, Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 was instrumental in helping Senator Merritt with vital information about Indiana's Battle Flag. PDC Kolb testified on behalf of Indiana SUVCW about the importance of preserving these Indiana Civil War Battle Flags.
- April 13, 2013 - Attended the camp meeting of SUVCW Benjamin Harrison Camp # 356 at the American Legion Post #500 – Speedway, IN
- April 15, 2013 - Made a presentation on the 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery – J.H. Merrill Rifle to the Madison County Historical Society.
- May 9, 2013 - Visited the Pea Ridge Battlefield – Pea Ridge, Arkansas, placed American flags on the grave site of Custer – Herron Cemetery – Mountain Home, Arkansas on David L. Copeland – Co. H. 8th Missouri S. M. Cavalry and CSA – Marshall P. Wagon – Co. A. 28th Arkansas Mounted Infantry.
- May 11, 2013 - Attended and help clean and reset approximately 30 Civil War Veterans Military grave markers in the Philadelphia Cemetery in Hancock County, IN. This is a project that the Benjamin Harrison Camp # 356 does each year
- May 27, 2013 - Attended the Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 Memorial Day Dedication at the Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN. At that ceremony I was part of the Color Guard (Co. D. 27th Indiana Vol. SVR) that posted the colors at the General Robert S. Foster's grave site.
- June 1, 2013 - Annual Encampment, Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held in the Indiana University-Kokomo, Kokomo, IN. DC Michael W. Beck presiding. Elected and appointed officers – see below

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The Department's six current camps sent representatives to Kokomo on Saturday, June 1, and the good feeling of camaraderie and brotherhood prevailed as it always does when the members of the order meet. It was business as usual when Dept. Commander Mike Beck called the meeting to order. The various reports of the officers were read and accepted. Also the individual camps provided reports and inventories which showed that there is life and activity by the order in the grand old Hoosier state. In a joint moment with the Allied Orders Dept. Treasurer Gib Young presented a look at the family of Theodore Roosevelt during the War of the Rebellion. Among the discussion and motions that ensued during the encampment Commander Beck appointed Brothers Dennis Rigsby and Gib Young to a committee with him to discuss and put together a survey aimed at increasing attendance at department meetings. Commander Beck also said he intends to ask for the help of the Department's Brothers in cataloging and photographing all the monuments and markers pertaining to the Civil War in the state. He has found his own activities in this area quite rewarding but needs the help of the membership to cover the state. The Department of Indiana still hasn't heard from anyone in authority about the

disposal of the inventory at Knightstown. The Department will continue to inquire about the whereabouts of such items. PDC- SVCinC Ken L. Freshley was in attendance and installed all new officers.

- June 8, 2013 - Attended a dedication ceremony at the First Christian Church in La Porte, conducted by the Sons of the Union Veterans, David D. Porter Camp of Valparaiso. The ceremony will include appearances by La Porte Mayor Blair Milo, a Navy veteran herself; state Sen. Jim Arnold, D-La Porte; and a representative from the office of U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Indiana. Speakers will include Clarence Carter, professor of naval science and commanding officer of Notre Dame's NROTC unit and Medal of Honor recipient Allen Lynch. After the speakers, the ceremony will move to Patton Cemetery, where members of Co. D. 27th Indiana Vol. Inf. (SVR) fired three volleys, and camp color guard members will unveil the new headstone recognizing Johnston's Medal of Honor.
- June 10, 2013 - Attended the Allen County – Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Civil War Round Table and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the J. H. Merrill Rifle and 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery. Also met with the roundtable members and talked about forming a new SUVCW Camp in the Allen County Steuben County Area.
- June 27, 2013 - Chaired an organization meeting with a couple of Indiana SUVCW member in Evansville, Indiana and talked about forming a new SUVCW Camp in the Evansville / Vanderburgh County area of Indiana.
- July 3-7, 2013 - As Captain of Company C. 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry attended the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

7.9 Department of Iowa; Richard D. Grim, DC

As Department Commander I hope to get more recognition for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their mission's here in Iowa. Increasing membership is always a goal for the Iowa SUVCW.

As a SVR member in the 49th Iowa Rifles I am involved in several ongoing projects concerning monument restorations in Iowa.

As a National Organization we need more and better communication within and across the whole organization.

7.10 Department of Kansas; Rocky L. Bartlow, DC

The Department of Kansas recently changed our by-laws to move our Department Encampment from April to January. This was the first year for that change and I had the privilege of being elected Department Commander in January for a one-year term. We were also privileged to have Commander-in-Chief Mellor and ASUVCW Senior Vice President Diane Mellor in attendance and swearing in our department officers.

It has been my goal during my term to work at several goals including promoting activities that help camps cooperate together as a department and making the SUVCW relevant to the next generation by doing things that draw in young people and encourage them to participate in camps. I would like to see Kansas be the Department with the highest number of juniors in the nation. To that end, we have continued the use of a Vision Committee, first started by PDC Roy Lafferty during his term, and formed of brothers of several camps. We have met several times to date and continue to come up with ideas promoting the goals stated above. In addition, we have camps who do school programs in the cities of our camps as well as surrounding communities.

Vital to our purpose as a department is the proper commemoration of Memorial Day. To that end, the four camps of the department have participated in multiple events this year including Veterans Memorial Park and two others in Wichita, three cemeteries in Lawrence, and Topeka Cemetery and one other in Topeka. The list is not exhaustive. We also field requests for helping with replacement cemetery markers and perform ceremonies for families, which sometimes requires hours of driving to attend. We see this is an important part of our duties. Since Kansas is the Soldier's State, due to the myriad of soldiers who came here after the war, the challenge is daunting in properly honoring those great soldiers and sailors.

The brothers of the department are also busy with making the department known at many community events including gun shows, genealogy seminars, and military and patriotic events. We use these opportunities to show various historical items, help visitors find their Civil War ancestors, pass out information and membership applications, and discuss the Civil War in general. We have found these events to be profitable in generating new members.

Our camps also are careful to remember those who currently serve our country in providing items requested by them including calling cards so they can stay in contact with their families.

Below please find membership data for the department:

Department strength as of 31 March 2012:

Members/Life Members = 112

Associates = 6

Junior Members = 3

Total for Department = 121

Department strength as of 30 June 2013:

Members/Life Members = 116

Associates = 7

Junior Members = 2

Total for Department = 125

This represents a gain of 3 new members, 1 transfer into the department, 1 junior member becoming a member at age 14, 1 new associate. It also includes 1 loss due to the death of a brother.

In conclusion, I believe for the SUVCW to be relevant in the next 20 years, we must engage the youth of our culture. It is a great challenge giving the multiplicity of opportunities and detractors available to today's youth. Doing this will require us to get out of our meeting places and into the places where they are: Schools, Scouts, ROTC's and so forth. The Department of Kansas sees that as our challenge and we are working in that direction. The Boys in Blue simply must not be forgotten and we pick up the banner to do our part.

7.11 Department of Kentucky; Lindin "Bucky" Lairson, DC

I am Lindin "Bucky" Lairson, newly elected Commander of the Department of Kentucky as serving in a number of Camp and Department positions and member for over 15 years. I believe my experience in other veterans organization will benefit me in carrying out my duties. I have service as Commander of American Legion Post 8 and Past Commander Veterans of Foreign War, Post 10500. I also have memberships in: Disabled American Veterans, American Vietnam Veterans Association and the Army Navy Society of the United States. I ended my military career with after twenty-three in the united the United States Navy and served as Chief Hospital Corpsman.

This past year each of our Camps and SVR units has been active in community events and memorial services. We held our department encampment at the James A. Ramage Civil War museum (PDP O'Bryan is on their board). We did particularly well with the selling of commemorative badges and appreciate the National's easy ordering and quick delivering of bulk orders.

My goals as Department Commander are:

1. Meeting of Camp Commanders every two months, see how they are doing and how recruitments are coming along.
2. As a department to see how we can help each camp and member.
3. Unite as a department in a recruitment drive for the camps, department and National.
4. Set up a committee on retention and research reasons why they leave and how to retain them. American Legion and perhaps others have such committee
 - a. As a model for other camps, use our camp. Typically our meetings have old business, then discussions from our committees on what we intend to do, get everyone involved. Currently we are working on a marker for Camp Nelson in Kentucky. We have informal meetings and parties. We ask for brothers to be responsible adults to do what we say we are going to do.
 - b. Our camp has other events for example, appearing at the Legacy Ball Park for joint color guard with the Sons of Confederacy.
5. I will try to be a good shepherd for department, joining in with camp ceremonies and projects.

7.11.1 Recommendations

My immediate predecessor, now PDC Bernie O'Bryan suggested that each SUVCW camp and each Department get have access to a National site template for a single page on our National website, with the means to update content easily including a link to their own website should they maintain one. We would support a Department and camp fee to fund the expense. This

would give us a national template and links could be given to additional pages should camps or departments want to do so.

Issues for Consideration

1. We were disappointed that the reenactment of the Battle of Corydon Indiana http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Corydon was rejected as a Signature Event. We had requested more than timely (a year in advance) and had received assurances that the event would be approved by the committee head, but still seems we were rejected. We also feel that not approving the event was a great disappointment to our brothers in Indiana and all those in the Midwest to our north. Another of our requests (the Battle of Rowlett's Station) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Rowlett's_Station was also rejected. Now that the early and middle war periods 150th commemorations are over in our area, we are assuming the medal sales will be very difficult. The process of receiving the medals is very quick and easy, but we seemed to have shot ourselves in the foot with the process and criteria used for signature events. The Battle of Perryville, Kentucky was approved and we sold out of badges at the event.
2. We believe the Suvco would do well selling numbered limited edition items such as art print and medals.

7.12 Department of Maine; Steve Morgan, DC

Please accept this as the report for the Department of Maine. I have recently been elected as Department Commander so have no activity to report at this time.

The Department has formed an "Archives Committee" which I am chairing with the objective of identifying people that have items in their possession that belong to the Department. We will then find out what they have and step three will be a determination how to best handle these items. This has been talked about in the Department for many years and I look forward to working with the Committee to on this worthwhile project.

7.13 Department of Massachusetts; Ed Norris, DC

We have 10 Camps and 170 Brothers (4 dual members counted only once).

At our Department Encampment in March we asked our Department Officers to accomplish some tasks in the next year. Four of the tasks are:

1. To bring back an electronic edition of the Clarion Call. Each Camp can provide valuable input to others through the information in our newsletter. In June we released our first issue in three years.
2. To offer guidance in grave registration. We asked that each Camp register at least 25 graves in the next year. That is 2 graves a month, and this goal is easily achievable. Two Camps have already reached this goal.
3. To offer guidance in recording the monuments. We asked that each camp record the condition of 2 monuments during the next year; this is another easily achievable goal.
4. To offer enhanced recruiting opportunities. We asked that our Brothers help ensure that their Camp grows rather than declines in membership over the next year.

In addition, there will be other tasks that will make our Department and Camps successful. But, the Department cannot do this alone. To be successful we need each of our Brothers to participate.

We challenged each to become more active within their Camp. Our Camps are in the best position to promote our goals. An active Camp is our best recruiting and retention vehicle. It is local people who will join their local Camp. It will be local people who will stay with their local Camp. We have set up recruiting tables at the following Civil War related events: Acton, Canton, East Bridgewater, Grafton, Lexington, Lynn, and Uxbridge.

We challenged each Brother to attend at least one ceremony or event being sponsored by another Camp. Each Camp does things differently. Participating in something different helps promote ideas on how their Camp might add to the experience of those who come out to share in the honoring of our veterans. We have conducted monument dedications in Grafton, Lynn, and Newburyport. We need to single out Camp 5 which has for two years put on a very well received weeklong program of events for the schools and the public; we have had brothers from a few of our Camps participate.

We challenged each Brother to bring new members into our Allied Orders. It doesn't matter if it's for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corp, or the Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. We all can share in the tasks at hand. Our ancestor's memory must be preserved. We have submitted the forms to start Lt. Col. John W. Hudson Camp 105 in Lexington and will be moving Camp 22 to Chelsea with its meeting place being the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

At next year's Department Encampment we hope all those who attend will have the opportunity to proudly state, "I made a difference. My ancestor would be proud of me!"

Please visit and Like our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/suvcwmass>.

7.14 Department of Michigan; Paul Davis, DC

In May of 2013, I was installed as the Commander of the Department of Michigan by the Commander In Chief, Perley Mellor. While my tenure has just begun, the Department of Michigan is a busy Department and we have continued the good work of the Order without interruption of the many programs and activities of the Department of Michigan.

The Department and its 24 Camps have worked tirelessly to keep green the memory of those who have gone before us. We have performed many Rituals and Ceremonies in several locations throughout the state in remembrance of our ancestors and sadly performed a Sons Burial Service for one of our past Department Commanders.

We also participate in several remembrance and memorial services outside the state. On June 29, 2013, several members of the Department who are also members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, 14th Michigan Infantry, Company A, participated in the rededication of the 75th

Anniversary of the Eternal Peace Light Memorial in Gettysburg in support of our Brothers from the Department of Pennsylvania.

During July, this same group performed memorial services at the graves and monuments commemorating the Michigan soldiers who fought and died at Gettysburg.

In November of 2013, the Department of Michigan will make its annual trip to Gettysburg for the 150th Remembrance Day/weekend memorial activities and parade with an estimated 30 to 35 participants.

The Department of Michigan continues to work with the media in the state of Michigan to improve our brand recognition and that of the SUVCW as a national organization. We have enjoyed good success and will continue our public relations and branding efforts.

The work and accomplishments of our Graves Registration Officers is outstanding. Of note is the efforts of one of our Camps who has employed ground scanning sonar equipment to locate the graves of several soldiers buried in a northern Michigan cemetery that had been previously unlocated and unidentified.

The Department of Michigan is very fortunate to have an intact GAR hall in Detroit that has been purchased by private investors who have renovated and restored the building including the many areas that were specific to the Sons of Union Veterans and MOLLUS as both organizations held their meetings in this building. A member of our Department has been contracted as a consultant to oversee the restoration and preservation of those areas of concern to the Sons. A rededication service is being planned for November of 2013.

A year ago, the Department began the development of a training video for use by Camps and Camp Guards for use in performing the proper procedures for the various Rituals and Ceremonies. The scope has now been defined and consists of three parts: A basic School of the Soldier, Proper Display and Posting of the Various Colors, and Proper Use and Display of Badges of the Order. To date we have obtained funding for at least one of the parts and the final draft of the script for that part has been approved for production.

The Department of Michigan is well aware of the need to increase our membership and especially bring younger members into the Order. The Department of Michigan was very fortunate to add 42 new members to our Roster. Unfortunately we lost several Brothers as well. We have several passings as our Brothers have aged. And age has caused still others to request discharges as they are no longer able to participate. At present we have 511 members which includes 13 junior members.

Retaining and adding new members is an important challenge we face in the Department of Michigan. It is ongoing and we will continue our recruiting efforts throughout this year and into the future.

Administratively, the Department of Michigan is fortunate to have an excellent Secretary and Treasurer. All reports have been filed in a timely fashion and our Department is financially sound.

The Encampment Committee of the Sons and Allied Orders of the Department of Michigan will be meeting in the next few weeks to consider the possibility of hosting a National Encampment in the near future.

7.15 Department of Missouri; Larry D. Dietzel, DC

On Saturday June 2, 2013 the Department of Missouri held their 18th Department Encampment in St Louis, MO at the Holiday Inn - South. The Department Encampment had ten (11) of the fourteen (14) camps represented.

Elections for the elected offices were held and the following brothers were elected to the following positions:

Commander:	Larry Dietzel, PCC, Columbia Tigers Camp #432
Senior Vice Commander:	Glen Alsop, CC, Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17
Junior Vice Commander:	Bryan Bradford, PCC, Columbia Tigers Camp #432
Secretary (2 year term):	Randal Burd, CC, Sigel Camp # 614
Treasurer (1 year term):	Martin R. Aubuchon, PCC, US Grant Camp #68
Council (2 year term):	Chris Warren, PDC, Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47
Council (2 year term):	Dale Crandell, Westport Camp #64
Council (1 year term):	Thomas Gremminger, PCC Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326

The Department currently has fourteen chartered camps: twelve in Missouri and two in Arkansas. One camp is under suspension pending closure due to lack of activity, membership numbers and filing of reports. The Department now has three Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War now formed.

The Department maintains an internet website. Currently the position of Signals Officer is filled by Walter E. Busch, PDC, US Grant Camp #68. Historical information has been added to the web page over the past year and is updated on a regular basis. The Department continues to use its Facebook page for quick and effective communications between its members. The Facebook page is managed by Department's Marketing and Promotions Officer James Dixon CC, Columbia Tigers Camp #432.

The Department presents the James B Eads award annually for the most outstanding camp participating in SUVCW activities and the Francis Blair award annually for the most outstanding Department member.

The US Grant Camp No. 68 received the 2013 James B. Eads awards.

Brother Robert D. Hammack, Lt. Colonel J. Felix St. James Camp #326, was selected to receive the 2013 Francis P. Blair Jr. Award

The Department is working on Sesquicentennial events coming in 2014, with the goal of the camps working together on the projects. As Price's Raid of 1864 went throughout the State of

Missouri and involve many counties in Missouri this is an opportunity in 2014 for the camps to participate in a large number of events in a short amount of time.

Many camps continue to present ROTC award certificates and Eagle Scout certificates. The number of ROTC award presentations has increased. We have identified additional schools and universities that have the ROTC or JROTC programs in the state in hopes that camps can increase the program in new areas. The Graves registration continues to be a very active task for one camp. Camps are active in living history events, school programs, education, and observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. Several camps have organized or participated in Medal of Honor Day Ceremonies throughout the state.

2013 Department Calendar of Events:

May 27 Memorial Day Observed Jefferson Barracks Cemetery, Lemay, MO and other locations throughout the state.

May 30 Traditional Memorial Day, SUVCW Camps may be holding events on this day.

June 2 Missouri SUVCW Department Encampment

July 20 US Grant Remembrance Day US Grant National Historic Site, Affton, MO
Tentative, Sponsor: US Grant Camp

August 8-11 SUVCW Nat'l Encampment Brookfield, Wisconsin

August 25 Gen. Thomas Ewing's Order No. 11 SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature
Event

Kansas City, MO. Sponsor: Westport Camp.

September 29 Capt. Constantin Blandowsky Remembrance, St Stanislaus Church St.
Louis, MO Sherman Camp

October 5 Central Region Association Conference Bardstown, KY

October 12 Department of MO Business Meeting House Hearing Room # 7
State Capitol Building Jefferson City, Missouri

November 11 Remembrance Day Some SUVCW Camps may be holding events on this
day.

November 23 Remembrance Day Gettysburg Address Gettysburg, PA

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he Department of Missouri was suspended in Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor's General Order 22. This suspension was due to miscommunication between several parties in the Department and National organizations. Correspondence from the Department Secretary included the following:

The Department of the Missouri submitted Form 35 to Executive Director Demmy on time, with a check for per capita dues. Unfortunately, this new Department Secretary made a miscalculation and had been in contact with Brother Demmy to correct this discrepancy. I do not feel that filing a report that ultimately requires a correction is the same as not filing a report. The department was in contact with Brother Demmy to correct the issue. The mistake has been corrected and a check for the deficit amount was sent to Brother Demmy. The Department was reinstated to good standing.

My concern is that, as the Department Commander I was never contacted about the issue prior to this suspension by anyone from National. I suggest in the future before suspension of a Brother, Camp, or Department, that some type of communication be given to the commander of said Brother, Camp, or Department. This will at least allow the issue to be addressed before punitive actions are made. We are all Brothers in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

As some of you may know, the Department of Veterans Affairs has changed its policy in the application for grave markers. The change only allows for Next of Kin or appointed personal representative to apply for the marker.

WHO CAN APPLY - *Federal regulation defines "applicant" as the decedent's Next-of-Kin (NOK); a person authorized in writing by the NOK; or a personal representative authorized in writing by the decedent. Written authorization must be included with claim. A notarized statement is not required.*

This rule affects many Veterans that have no markers, one of which we have in Missouri. This man, Wallace Lilly, was a GAR Post Commander and has no grave marker that this time. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War needs to take action and campaign to see this policy be changed to allow Veterans without representation be able to receive VA grave markers. A Veteran without family should be the first the Department of Veterans Affairs helps and should not be over looked.

7.16 Department of Nebraska; Michael Ponte, DC

Participation by the Department of Nebraska Brothers in 2012-2013:

One Nebraska Department brother, Brent Hood, Department Jr. Vice Commander, attended the National Encampment at Los Angeles, California in August 2012.

A rededication ceremony of the Lincoln Monument was held on September 2nd, in which the SVR Color Guard was involved.

Shiloh Camp and the Department of Nebraska held the annual Gettysburg Address Ceremony at the State Capitol on November 17th, 2012. This event included an ROTC unit and a guest speaker, Lt. Col. Michael Vick, Professor of Military Science, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska and also a SUVCW Brother.

Several brothers and I participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska on December 15th, 2012.

A mid-year Department meeting was held in Fremont, Nebraska on January 19th, 2013. Items of discussion included the 501 (C) 3 issue, ratification of the amendment to the National Charter, and the Department of Nebraska Encampment in April.

I participated in the installation of camp officers for Vifquain Camp #1 (January 17th) in Omaha, Nebraska and for Welstead Camp #3 (January 21st) in Fremont, Nebraska.

An honor guard was in place at the Lincoln Monument at the Nebraska State Capitol on the morning of February 12th, 2013.

The Department was involved with the annual Lincoln Birthday Celebration on February 16th, 2013. The movie *Lincoln* was shown at the Grand Theater in Lincoln, and displays were held after the movie.

A Patriotism Dinner was held February 22nd, 2013 which was attended by Brothers of the SUVCW and their wives, and members of the SAR, DAR and other Historical Societies.

The Department of Nebraska held it's 13th Annual Department Encampment on April 13th, 2013 at the IOOF Hall, 1101 N. 56th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Blake Bell from the Homestead Monument in Beatrice, Nebraska gave the afternoon program. The National Representative was Brother Don Shaw from Michigan.

Former DC Phil Rudebusch and I attended the 94th Annual DUCVW Nebraska Convention in Gretna, Nebraska on April 20th, 2013.

One school was formally inducted into the Adopt-A-School program this year.

Brothers marched in the Arbor Day Parade in Nebraska City on April 27th, 2013, and the GAR Hall was opened to visitors.

The Department Brothers presented ROTC Awards to 16 Junior ROTC programs and 3 ROTC programs at the Universities. The ROTC award was also presented at a University in South Dakota.

Several Eagle Scout Certificates were presented by Brothers.

7.17 Department of New Hampshire; David A. Nelson, DC

The Department of NH held its Annual Encampment on April 20, 2013
At the Common Man Restaurant, 25 Water Street, Concord, N.H.

The meeting commenced with Memorial Services of S.U.V.C.W. and A.S.U.V.C.W.

–Chaplains Eleanor Becotte and Dick Stevens presiding.

A Joint Opening of Annual Meetings of S.U.V.C.W. and A.S.U.V.C.W. followed with

New Hampshire Commander Dan Murray and President Mary Flynn presiding.

Present at the encampment were Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor and National President Jane Graham.

The S.U.V.C.W. meeting was called to order by Commander Dan Murray at 10:35 am.

Present: Cmndr. Murray; Sr. Vice-Cmndr. David Nelson; Jr. Vice-Cmndr. Tom Cullinane; Treas. Clayton Longver; Secty. Peter Whelpton; Coucil Members Tom Kiander, Roger Ilif & Dick Stevens; Chaplain Dick Stevens.

Absent: Eagle Scout Awards Off. Vic Falcetti, Patriotic Inst. Lance Robicheau.

Credentials Committee: Gary Ward reported 14 voting delegates.
Resolutions Committee appointed of Dana Frost, Ellsworth Brown.

Officer Reports:

- Cmndr. Murray reported concerns about Canney Camp 5's seeming failure to hold regular meetings pursuant to Department and National requirements, and about the seeming indifference by Canney Camp 5 officers to respond to official inquiries from superior authorities.
- Jr. Vice-Cmndr. Cullinane reported 5 new members taken into Department in past year.
- The Department Secretary read a summary of Department activities for 2012: hosting of N.E.R.A. meeting in July; continuing efforts on replacement G.A.R. Memorial Sundial at State House; observances of Remembrance Day and Defenders' Day.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance, April 2012: \$ 2,914.25

Income: 2,910.83 * SubTotal: 5,825.08

Expenses: 3,002.30

Ending Balance, April 2013: \$ 2,822.78

Expenditures were \$91.47 more than we received during the past year.

Department Investments earned \$530.34 during the past year.

Camp Reports for 2012:

- Camp 9 – Co. A, S.V.R – Report by Gary Ward:
Working with Lebanon City officials producing Civil War talks which have attracted as many as 20 non-members.
Hope to organize a Camp 9 Auxiliary.
Camp brothers regularly hosting Open Houses at Lebanon G.A.R. Hall and veterans building on Labor Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, etc.
- Camp 1 – Report by Tom Kiander:
Tom with Jim Sutherland have met with Cub Scouts to tell about Civil War.
Several Camp 1 members have taken Grave Registration Courses.
Have notified Goffstown School Board that Camp 1 members can give Civil War history presentations to classes.
Have had to meet in New Boston Library in recent years, but hope to soon resume meeting at the G.A.R. Hall in Hillsborough.
- Camp 7 – Report by Dave Nelson:
Members attended Memorial Day Services at Cathedral of the Pines and New Hampshire State Cemetery.
Camp 7 continues to support NH Civil War Flag Preservation
Members cleaned the Penacook Civil War monument in July.
Presented a Civil War history display at the Hopkinton State Fair during Labor Day weekend.
- Camp 60 – Report by Tom Cullinane:
Members participated in the Salem Veterans Monument re-dedication.
Members were in Memorial Day Parades.

Participated in Derry's Civil War Days, including a Sesquicentennial Commemoration at the Derry Town Burying Ground. Thanked other Camps for their support.

Supported publication of Ellie Becotte's book about Hampton in the Civil War.

- Camp 10 – No member attending.
- Camp 5 – No member attending.

Communications:

- Request from Eugene Mortorff to support his candidacy for Junior Vice C-in-C.
- Invitation from Dept. of Maine to all to attend its annual encampment, April 27.
- Request from Dept. of R.I. to support amending National Charter to include service in U.S. Revenue Cutter Service and U.S. Marine Corps as Civil War armed forces service.
- Summary of N.E.R.A. activities for past year from secretary of N.E.R.A.

Unfinished Business:

- Encampment Committee – Chairman Murray reported:
Presented Remembrance Day program, but Defenders' Day cancelled due to blizzard. Worked on Annual Encampment and 2 special programs with budget of \$800 from "Sons" and \$250 from Auxiliary.
- Sons of Veterans Reserve Committee – Sergeant Murray reported:
Currently 11 members; hope to go to Cathedral of Pines on Memorial Day.
Organizing a Color Guard; currently only 1 set of flag cups.

Report of C-in C Perley Mellor:

Report from Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor who explained the current status of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The national order will soon apply to the I.R.S. to re-instate the S.U.V.C.W. as a charitable organization under the 501,C,3 section of the I.R.S. Code. The application process will cost the National Order \$20,000. Total fines levied by the I.R.S. have been about \$50,000.

C-in-C Mellor explained that the change in the preamble to the National Order's Charter would recognize the Revenue Cutter Service members' descendants as eligible for full membership in the S.U.V.C.W.

C-in-C Mellor praised Camp 60's Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration in the Derry, N.H., Burying Ground for its outreach to members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Brother Mellor said that the Department of the Chesapeake has tendered a bid to hold the National Encampment in 2015 in Richmond – 150 years since its capture by Gen. Grant. The Encampment Committee will review the Chesapeake Department's bid before making a decision.

The Commander-in-Chief observed that while the Order has always attracted new members, it has been difficult to retain new members. Brother hoped that a newly formed Marketing Committee would help with recruiting.

New Business:

- Dana Frost asked about the procedures involved in submitting a bid for a National Encampment as well as holding an encampment.
- Dan Murray, who organized the National Encampment held in Nashua in 2005 said it takes 1.5 to 2 years of planning and organizing.

- Brother Mellor cautioned that some departments lose money hosting a National Encampment, and it has to involve the "Sons," the A.S.U.V.C.W., the L.G.A.R., and the other allied orders of the G.A.R.

Resolutions Committee:

- Ellsworth Brown said the committee reported favorably on the proposal from Rhode Island to amend the National S.U.V.C.W. Charter to recognize service in the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Marine Corps during the Civil War as enabling descendants to become members of the S.U.V.C.W.
- The Committee did not endorse the candidacy of Eugene Mortorff for National Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.
- Gary Ward moved to ratify amending the National S.U.V.C.W. Charter so service in the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Marine Corps descendants are eligible for membership in the "Sons." Dave Nelson seconded the motion. There were 12 affirmative votes, and no opposing votes. Two delegates cast no votes.
- Regarding the candidacy of Eugene Mortorff, the meeting voted that delegates should vote their conscience at the National Encampment.

New Business (continued):

- Discussion of holding a Sesquicentennial Commemoration in June 2014 for the 150th anniversary of the U.S.S. Kearsarge sinking the C.S.S. Alabama off Cherbourg, France. Brother Nelson observed that the Kearsarge was built in Portsmouth, and the ship is featured on the Portsmouth Civil War Monument on Islington Street.
- Dick Stevens said the New Hampshire Veterans Association (N.H.V.A.) has refurbished the Woodbury-Sanborn Memorial at the Weirs and plans to re-dedicate it this summer.
- Brother Stevens told the meeting that the N.H.V.A. will dedicate a Civil War veterans bench at the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at 10am, Thursday, May 30th.
- Peter Whelpton moved to "level fund" the Encampment Committee for 2013-14 at \$800. Gary Ward seconded, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Nominations for Department Officers:

- David Nelson for Commander; Tom Cullinane for Senior Vice-Commander; Gary Ward for Junior Vice-Commander; Clayton Longver for Treasurer; Peter Whelpton for Secretary; Council Members, Roger Ilif, Tom Kiander and Dick Stevens; and for National Encampments Delegates Vern Thomas, Sr., Tom Kiander, Dana Frost, Dick Stevens, and Tom Cullinane. All brothers in the department were nominated as alternates.

Recess for 15 minutes:

Ladies Delegation of Linda Murray and Jackie Johnston (PNP) presented donation of \$110 to the "Sons." Dan Murray thanked the Ladies. Fraternal Relations Committee of Dave Nelson, Gary Ward and Perley Mellor went to A.S.U.V.C.W. meeting to express gratitude for donation.

Report on Department Officers Election:

- Ellsworth Brown moved that presiding Department Commander Murray cast one ballot for all unopposed candidates. Seconded, approved, and accordingly done.

- Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor installed all Officers.
- Minutes of Annual Encampment of 2012 read, amended, and approved as amended.

Department Goals for 2013-2014

- Dedication of replacement SUVCW Sun Dial on grounds of NH State Capital.
- Update Department of New Hampshire website
- Visit all Camps in the State at least once
- 2014 Sesquicentennial Commemoration for sinking of CSS Alabama by USS Kearsarge.
- Increase membership.
- Assist struggling camps.
- Remembrance Day observances
- Work with City of Franklin to restore and revitalize GAR Memorial Hall.
- Increase general awareness of the order in the State.

7.18 Department of New Jersey; Ronald Brower, DC

No report submitted.

7.19 Department of New York; Robert Pugsley, DC

For the past three years our main focus has been observing the Sesquicentennial. We have had a few events and are planning more, with one being the observance of the Shohola Train disaster in 1864. Even though this event occurred in Pennsylvania the train was headed to Elmira, NY. One of our New York Camps hold an observance every year.

As always we are striving to recruit younger members. Our current list of Department Officers include three Brothers who are under the age of eighteen. Along with this we are also going to focus on retaining members and reaching out to former members.

We held our Annual Encampment in Ithaca, NY May 3-5, 2013 and next year's will be in Rochester, NY in May. About 30-40 Brothers attend.

On a continuing basis we support Grant's Cottage at Mt McGregor, NY and the maintenance of General George Thomas, "the Rock of Chickamauga" grave. We also are supporting Department of Florida's effort in erecting a monument to Union forces at the Battle of Olustee battlefield.

7.19.1 Recommendation

There is only one recommendation that I have and it has probably been entertained before:

1. Issuing an Identification number for each Brother.

In conclusion, we are trying to capitalize on these Sesquicentennial years in the hope of increasing our membership and visibility. As always, our main focus is in promoting the legacy and memory of the Union Servicemen who sacrificed to preserve the Union and throw off the bonds of slavery. They deserve nothing less.

7.20 Department of North Carolina; Dennis C. St. Andrew, DC

The Department of North Carolina sends greetings to Commander-in-Chief Mellor, and the 132nd Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I was installed as Commander of the Department of North Carolina at the 6th Annual Department Encampment on April 13, 2013 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The Major General Thomas H. Ruger Camp 1 hosted the Encampment at the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Armory. Eighteen Brothers were in attendance, as was COA Member Steve Hammond as the representative of Commander-in-Chief Mellor.

Membership: The Department of North Carolina membership stands at 80 Brothers in good standing. The Department gained 15 members over the past year, but unfortunately lost 14 members during this same time period (1 transfer). The Department membership includes 6 Life Members, 2 Junior Members and 1 Brother assigned in a war zone. Department Secretary/Treasurer John France recruited 5 new Brothers to the Ruger Camp 1, and his name has been submitted as a candidate for the National Aide program. The Department also gained 5 new members under the age of 40.

Sesquicentennial: The Department conducted an official Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event in 2013. The Battle of Bentonville, NC, was the largest engagement in North Carolina during the Civil War. Since 2010, the Department of North Carolina had been working toward the goal of erecting a memorial on the Bentonville Battlefield that would honor the Union soldiers who fought there in March, 1865. On March 16, 2013 the monument commemorating the Union soldiers of the XIV, XV, XVII and XX Corps was dedicated on the Bentonville Battlefield, Four Oaks, NC. This SUVCW Sesquicentennial event recognized this monument as the first to Union Soldiers on North Carolina State property. A medal was commissioned by the Department to commemorate the Battle of Bentonville and to help raise funds for the project.

Another successful effort within the Department to celebrate the Sesquicentennial was carried out by the Ruger Camp 1 of Fayetteville, NC. The Camp erected a monument to Union Captain Alexander McRae, a West Point graduate, who was one of a handful of men from Fayetteville that remained loyal to the Union. He fought for the Union while his brothers fought for the Confederacy. Captain McRae was killed at the Battle of Valverde, New Mexico on February 21, 1862 while defending his company's artillery. The Ruger Camp dedicated this monument (a bolder from the battlefield with a bronze plaque) on May 18, 2013, in Fayetteville, with many members of the McRae family present.

New Sesquicentennial events and activities will be encouraged and supported by the Department throughout the second half of the Civil War Sesquicentennial observance.

Eagle Scout Certificate Awards: The Department awarded 12 certificates in 2012, and 4 so far in 2013, to Eagle Scouts in North Carolina. Brother Travis Masters (Union Volunteers Camp 5) is the Department's Eagle Scout Coordinator.

JROTC Awards: The Department supports this award and encourages all Camps to participate

in this program. In total, the Camps of the Department awarded 24 JROTC medals & certificates, with the Ruger Camp 1 leading the way with 11 awards for 2013.

Memorial Day Observance: Brothers from Camps 1, 2, 4, & 5 participated in or were present at Memorial Day Ceremonies at the 4 North Carolina National Cemeteries in New Bern, Raleigh, Salisbury and Wilmington where Union soldiers are interred. Camp #3 visited and decorated Union graves in Madison County, Weaverville, and Asheville, NC. Other sites visited by Department Brothers included Bennett Place Historic Site, Bentonville Battlefield and Fort Bragg, NC. As Department Commander, I sent out a Memorial Day message to all Camps/ Brothers encouraging them to take part in honoring Union Veterans of the Civil War and fallen US veterans of all wars on Memorial Day.

Memorial University: The Department has 5 Brothers who have graduated from the Memorial University Officer Training Course. In the coming year, the Department leadership will continue to support and encourage our members to participate and complete this valuable course.

Civil War Memorials: I will be carrying out the duties of Department Civil War Memorials Officer in 2013-14. I plan on locating and recording all North Carolina memorials dedicated to Union soldiers & sailors, and then forwarding this information on to the National Civil War Memorials Committee.

Recruiting/Educational Efforts: Camps throughout the Department have and will continue to participate in recruiting and educational activities at historic commemorations and on patriotic holidays. Camp recruiting & educational activities over the past year have included efforts at Fort Fisher, Bennett Place, the State Capital, Bentonville Battlefield and numerous other locations. Recruiting goals for the Department are for each Brother to recruit one or more new Members to our Order during the year in order to grow and strengthen our Camps, Department, and National Organization.

7.21 Department of Ohio; Jonathan C. Davis, DC

Membership:

The 2012-13 Form 35 Department Annual Report documents membership of 494 Brothers in 20 Camps.

- We gained 78 Brothers and lost 42: 5 by death, 35 by drop, 1 by discharge, and 1 by transfer.

Department Encampment:

The 131st Department Encampment was held on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio in conjunction with the ladies of the Department Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Thirteen of the Department's twenty camps were represented with forty six voting members in attendance. Commander-in-Chief Mellor served as the installing officer.

Last Union Veteran of the Civil War Events:

September 29, 2012-Fayette County, Elon Thornton served as a Pvt in Company C, 90th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, re-enlisted as Corporal in Company D, 168th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Buried in Washington Cemetery, Washington Court House, Ohio. Ceremony conducted by Henry Casey Camp No. 92.

October 13, 2012-Belmont County, William W. Groves served as a Pvt in Company B, 126th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Ceremony conducted by General Benjamin Fearing Camp No. 2.

July 13, 2013-Morgan County, James W. Moody served as a Pvt in Company K, 161st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Glouster, Ohio. Ceremony conducted by John S. Townsend Camp No. 108.

Other Department Events:

June 9, 2013-Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service, Governor William Dennison Camp No. 1, Columbus.

July 20, 2013-Buffington Island Memorial Ceremony, 150th Anniversary of the largest battle in Ohio, ceremony held jointly with the Ohio Historical Society.

Department Goals:

Promote statewide respect for SUVCW by showcasing collective actions of all Brothers.

Fredric Lynch, PDC served 2012-13 as Ohio Historical Society **Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee** (CW150) representative. Among achievements:

Obtained CW150 Committee support and endorsement for Department program to document and safeguard **CW Veterans memorial cannons** in Ohio;

- Contributed to CW150 Committee initiative to contact the Department of Veterans Affairs to request that once again "heritage, historical, veterans, and genealogical organizations" be authorized to request and obtain **government headstones** for unmarked graves of veterans;
- Supported CW150 Committee initiative to achieve legislation designating March 2013 "**Medal of Honor Month**" in Ohio;
- Motivated publication on the CW150 website of series of CW people-oriented articles.
 - Department Commander wrote March article concerning **Ohio's Medal of Honor Recipients published by Ohio CW150 News Online located at:**
- Starting in 2013, the Ohio Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee will present "**Civil War 150 Heritage Awards**" annually to Ohio organizations that plan, organize, and execute major, multi-year programs to preserve and promote the state's Civil War history.
 - On Memorial Day 2013, the Department of Ohio and its Camps were awarded the first of these awards. The award recognized efforts in support of graves registration, last CW veteran recognition, placing tombstones on unmarked graves, and Civil War commemoration ceremonies and events.

Encourage and facilitate Joint SUVCW projects.

Southwest Ohio camps, under the Department of Ohio banner, participated in the Ohio Historical Society-sanctioned "*Reflection of Time-Southern Ohio Civil War Day*" in Wilmington July 13.

- Participating SUVCW Camps collectively staffed and operated a storefront "Civil War Recruiting Office" living history display and also conducted Camp recruiting;
- PDC Robert Davis, wartime Governor Dennison living historian, was opening speaker;
- Donations received earmarked for Department monuments and memorials efforts;
- Each camp participating had a table to recruit potential new SUVCW members;
- A SUVCW-SVR ceremony was held at Sugar Grove Cemetery's Veterans Memorial to honor Civil War veterans buried at "Soldiers Point" - - and to rededicate the GAR veterans memorial and two associated cannon there.

Cooperation and collaboration involving Brothers in Casey, Lytle, Keller, McKinley, Sherman and other Camps successful blocked improper sale of two **GAR War Veterans Memorial cannons** by Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington.

- PCinC Robert Grim leads the action group;
- Efforts to date include gaining strong support from the Clinton County Historical Society and the U.S. Army Center of Military History;
- News media coverage nationwide by eight newspapers, two television stations, two social media pages, the Baltimore Civil War Round Table newsletter, and a blog is documented;

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Motivate VA to rescind "Next of Kin Only" policy concerning requesting headstones for unmarked graves of veterans.

Over the past several years, the Memorial Affairs Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has made it progressively more difficult to order **headstones for unmarked graves of U.S. military veterans** of the Revolutionary War through the present buried in civilian cemeteries. The VA, as of June 2012, by a regulation (CFR 38.632), narrowed the categories of eligible headstone applicants from next of kin (NOK), funeral director, cemetery official, or others such as SUVCW Graves Registration Officers to just next of kin, which is synonymous to descendant.

The Department of Ohio initiated aggressive efforts to motivate the VA to change the policy.

- The Department's *Buckeye Bugle* newsletter February issue published an article on the subject written by Br. Bill Stark. Article included suggestion concerned citizens write Ohio U.S. Congressman Stivers expressing support to have the VA policy revised;
- The Ohio CW150 Advisory Committee facilitated Ohio Historical Society action;
 - OHS Director sent a letter to VA Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs Steve Muro requesting heritage and historical groups again be allowed to request and receive government headstones;
 - OHS formed an action group of concerned citizens and legislative aides;

- Ohio Department Commander sent VA Undersecretary Steve Muro a letter Feb. 27 asking that the policy be modified to enable heritage organizations to request markers;
 - The VA response was essentially, "Our policy is only NOK may request markers for unmarked graves;"
- The Department of Pennsylvania Commander offered to promote the effort in Pennsylvania.
 - Ohio Department provided extensive background information to share.
- On April 10, 2013 VA Undersecretary Muro announced during congressional testimony they would agree to review their policy and were agreeable to revising it to allow organizations such as the SUVCW to request and receive government headstones for unmarked graves. The policy change is under consideration;
- On May 16, U.S. Congressman Steve Stivers (R-Ohio) with bi-partisan support in the Senate sponsored **HR 2018, "The Honor Those Who Serve Act of 2013"** to have USC 38 revised to allow other than NOK to request and receive government markers for unmarked graves. Bill is currently in the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.
- Sustained public support is needed. At present, **GovTrack.us gives Bill 2% chance of passing:** <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr2018>.

Support existing effort to obtain state highway signs for GAR Highway (US 6) in Ohio. After many years of effort resulting in little support by the Ohio Dept. of Transportation to place GAR Highway signs along Ohio Route 6, there is increased possibility it will become reality.

- Dept. GAR Highway Officer Br. Pete Hritsko with support of Garfield Camp purchased some GAR Highway signs to use in fund raising efforts to purchase more signs to mark US Route 6. One is part of a fundraising display at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument in Cleveland courtesy of Br. Tim Daley and associates;
- Legislators have been contacted concerning the need to fund the project and to request funds be made available to do so. There is interest among several Ohio Assembly legislators to sponsor the special legislation needed to make it so.

7.22 Department of Oklahoma; Steven L. Clapp, DC

The Oklahoma Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a relatively small department, with 49 members and three camps: Jeremiah Smith in Oklahoma City, Indian Nations in Tulsa, and Sgt. Jacob Overturf in Broken Arrow.

Our membership is gradually growing and my primary goal is to increase that rate of growth. Specific objectives that we have identified to achieve that goal include:

- (1) Improving relations with re-enactor groups and seeking new members and associate members from those groups,
- (2) Starting a new camp outside of the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan area, perhaps in the Enid or MacAlester areas to broaden our geographic convenience and appeal;
- (3) Developing appealing attractions and activities that will engage more people at outdoor historical festivals,

- (4) Improving and standardizing our performance level at memorial events through additional practice, and
- (5) Increasing training for Department and Camp Commanders.

We believe that reaching these objectives will enhance the membership experience of current members, increase participation in camp and department events, and increase our rate of membership growth.

7.23 Department of Pennsylvania; Richard Essenwein, DC

Since our last meeting at the Department Encampment in Gettysburg, I respectfully submit the following report. During my tenure as Dept. Commander, I have met with several local governmental bodies in Western Pennsylvania as well as granting interviews with local television, radio and print media espousing the 150th commemoration of the Civil War as well as the benefits of membership in the SUVCW.

I continue to serve on the joint Memorial Day Parade Committee charged with the planning and execution of Kittanning's Memorial Day ceremonies and parade and I was proud to represent this Department at the Remembrance Day events and banquet. I represented this Department on Veterans Day 2012 by participating in the reading of fallen Western Pennsylvania Veterans names as part of a nationwide project. I also participated in the 75th rededication of the Peace Light Memorial in Gettysburg this past June.

While I can report that our Department is strong and prospering, we do have issues. At this time, there are Camps within our Department that are under suspension for failure to submit their annual report. Unfortunately, this is an all too common occurrence each year. As we continue to add new forms that need sent in, I fear this problem will continue to grow. I realize this is a volunteer organization and we all face challenges of balancing our personal schedules along with our SUVCW schedules but we must do better as Officers within our Order. When a Brother undertakes the responsibility of holding an office in a Camp, he must make every effort to fulfill his duties as required. Deadlines for response are stated for a reason. By failing to respond, it places an additional burden on those charged with compiling the requested information. It can be particularly frustrating to have Department Orders issued and virtually ignored by Camps. Communication is a two way street. However, it seems far too often, that the traffic flow is one way. We are blessed to have a wealth of knowledge and experience within our ranks and the willingness to help but we cannot assist you or your Camp if we are not notified of your concerns. There appears to be apathy among many Brothers toward Department and National Encampments. We have all heard Brothers say "nobody will listen to me" or "it doesn't matter what I think" in regards to attending an Encampment, however those who have attended can testify that one voice or idea can make a difference. I have communicated with various Brothers, who have been long time members of the Order, from a Camp under suspension. These Brothers could not distinguish between the SUVCW Camp and the independent re-enactor unit they belonged to. Unfortunately, after several conversations with these men, I believe this particular Camp will not succeed in regaining good standing.

I have had conversations with other Brothers, Camp Officers and Department Officers regarding various issues within their respective Camps. Thankfully, most of these issues have been

resolved and these Camps continue to prosper. I had the privilege of visiting with the membership and installing the new Officers of several Camps this year. I was impressed each and every time by the many projects and tasks these Camps were undertaking in the name of the Order. Faced with seemingly insurmountable odds, these Brothers endured and adapted and the result is a legacy that our ancestors would be proud of.

At this time, we are facing many exciting opportunities. We continue to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War while planning for the 2014 PA Department Encampment. We must not allow ourselves to become distracted by different views or plans but we need to become united in our single goal of remembering our “boys in blue.” This is a unique opportunity in our history which we need to recognize. In addition to increasing membership by recruiting new members we need to focus on the retention of current members as well. How many times does a Camp contact those brothers that are dropped from their rolls to find out the reason? We can all guess the reasons, but do we ever ask the person to be sure? Sometimes the reason we thought a Brother left and the reason he actually left are vastly different.

7.23.1 Recommendation

1.) I recommend that the SUVCW develop a brief “elevator speech” along with business size cards briefly espousing what the SUVCW is and what it does. Far too often, members of the public confuse the SUVCW with re-enactors. After explaining we are a patriotic and educational organization dedicated to preserving the memory of the boys in blue, people still ask the question “how” or “what do you do”. A brief elevator speech that answers these questions should be developed as well as business cards detailing exactly what we do along with contact information that may be handed out to people we meet.

It has been truly a pleasure to serve as the Pennsylvania Department Commander. I thank the Officers I have had the privilege of serving with this past year and I thank the many Camps for their kind invitations to meetings or special events.

7.24 Department of Rhode Island; Henry C. Duquette, DC

The Department of Rhode Island awarded its 2013 Citizen of the Year Award to Lt. Joseph Raposa, Batter C 1st RI Light Artillery, for his selfless contributions and support to our various programs throughout the year. The award, named in honor of Stephen H. Kettle, Co. D 2nd RI, Civil War ancestor of PC-in-C Leo F. Kennedy, was awarded on 5 April 2013 as part of our annual Department recognition dinner. In addition to the Kettle Award, Camp Citizen of the Year and Brother of the Year awards were also given. Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor attended the dinner. and installed the new slate of officers at the Department annual encampment on 6 April.

The Department’s 129th Appomattox Day Encampment was held the following day, 6 April, at the historic Benefit Street Arsenal. Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor attended and installed the new slate of officers. This marked the first time in over 20 years that the Providence Marine Corps of Artillery has consented to allow the Department to use the armory for an SUVCW event. We sincerely thank Brig. Gen. Richard J. Valente (Ret) for making the armory available to us again. Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor attended the encampment and installed the new slate of officers.

The Department as a whole flagged over 6,000 graves for Memorial Day and all Camps took part in various ceremonies across the state. In addition, Elisha Dyer Camp #7 conducted its annual "Caravan" to visit the graves of their Brother's ancestors. This year's caravan was the first ever held in the state of Connecticut and brought the Brothers nearly to the New York border. The Brothers withstood a pouring rain all day to honor the memory of 4 of their Civil War ancestors with patriotic readings.

Membership in the Department held steady this year with losses (11) nearly cancelling gains (12). The net gain of 1 brings the total membership of the Department to 96.

On November 3, Elisha Dyer Camp No.7 held its 2nd Signature Sesquicentennial Event – 1862 The Year of Burnside - honoring Rhode Island's General Ambrose E. Burnside on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of when the General assumed command of the Army of the Potomac. The event included a procession through the streets of Downtown Providence, RI of re-enactors from Battery B 1st RILA, Battery C 1st RILA, 14th RIHA and a color guard made up of Brothers from Camp 7. The procession ended at the equestrian statue of Gen Ambrose E. Burnside, erected in 1887 by the G.A.R. and the State of Rhode Island, in Burnside Park where City and State dignitaries read proclamations honoring Gen Burnside. Those present were treated to a performance by the Providence Brigade Band, as well as reflections by Elisha Dyer Camp No. 7 Camp Commander James P. McGuire on General Burnside's extraordinary North Carolina Expedition and the later disaster at Fredericksburg. Department of Rhode Island Commander Henry C. Duquette shared thoughts on Burnside's post-war service to his adopted State, and Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor brought greeting to Rhode Island from the National Organization. Also in attendance was Diane Mellor, Vice President of the National Auxiliary of the SUVCW. Providence Mayor Angel Taveras was on hand to greet the assembly and to offer a proclamation citing November 3, 2012 as the City of Providence's Civil War Remembrance Day. Steven Usler, Veterans Affairs Aide from the office of the Hon. Senator Jack Reed brought greetings from Rhode Island's senior Senator. A living history encampment planed for the Roger Williams National Memorial (NPS) had to be cancelled due to logistical problems caused by hurricane Sandy.

Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp No. 11 has completed the state-wide project of making a digital record of every Civil War monument in the state. Camp 11 has performed an invaluable service to the Department by photographing and creating an accessible layout design showing each monument and offering a detailed description for each. This ambitious task will serve as an excellent reference and educational resource for students, educators, historians and history buffs, as well as further advance the mission of the Sons. The results of the project may be viewed at the Department web site along with a number of antique G.A.R. postcards that Brother Brian Guiot has scanned and made available for the archive.

During May 2013, 15 Eagle Scout Awards were presented and three JROTC awards were presented. The Department continues to work closely with local troops to assure that all Eagle Scouts receive the SUVCW certificate.

In March 2013, Elisha Dyer Camp No.7 submitted a request for approval for its 3rd Signature Sesquicentennial Event. The event was conducted on 3 July in collaboration with the Department of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Army National Guard and the Artillery Company of Newport to commemorate the Battle of Gettysburg and to honor the “Gettysburg Gun” (an artifact of Battery B, 1st RILA) at the State House in Providence. Retired Chief Justice Frank J. Williams was engaged to instruct the public on the role of Rhode Island units in the Battle of Gettysburg and the war as a whole. A cannon salute was fired by the RIANG “Guards of Thunder” and the Artillery Company of Newport at the time of the commencement of the Confederate artillery cannonade on 3 July 1863.

Five days after the conduct of the 3 July Gettysburg commemoration, Elisha Dyer Camp 7 Camp Commander, John A. Connor, was informed that the application for SSE endorsement had been disapproved ostensibly for the following reason:”Insurance concern, no explanation for insurance coverage, especially if there is to be an Artillery Salute.” It was clearly stated in this SSE application that the artillery salute in question would be provided by the Rhode Island Army National Guard and the State’s Constitutional Militia – not the Sons of Union Veterans. Nonetheless, if further explanation had been requested, Commander Connor would have provided clarity on the liability issues related to the National Guard, as well as further information on the insurance coverage carried by the Newport Artillery Company (or clarification on any other issue of concern.) Again, no further explanation was provided because no explanation was requested.

We find it unacceptable that Commander Connor received no communication from either the SSE committee or the Council of Administration until 5 days after the event took place. It should be noted that failing to obtain the SSE endorsement did not in any way lessen the significance of the event.

7.25 Department of Texas, Louisiana, and New Mexico; Donald L. Gates, DC

The following is a summary report of the actions and activities of the Department of Texas and its Individual camps since the 131th National Encampment.

The Department, and each of three camps, continues to remain strong in membership and each is independently financially stable. The Department as a whole has a net worth of approximately \$12,000.

I am pleased to report that over the past year the Department has experienced continued growth. This year, the Department netted an 11% increase in membership over last year. The Department now consists of 160 brothers a 51% increase (A portion of that increase, approx. 13%, comes from the assimilation of 14 at-large members from the states of Louisiana and New Mexico.) in the last two years.

Recruiting remains our highest priority and focus. The Department seeks to accomplish this by interaction with the local communities and public in general to identify potential new members. One aspect of this is the Department’s involvement in the ROTC and Eagle Scout Award Programs. Through the three camps in the department, 42 Jr. ROTC medals, 3 Sr. ROTC

certificates and 75 Eagle Scout certificates were awarded at churches, schools and universities (UT-Arlington and San Angelo State) throughout Texas.

The Department of Texas elected new officers at the 19th Annual Department Encampment on June 8-9, 2013. Donald L. Gates was elected as Department Commander. Along with Commander Gates, Lewis Eugene Willis, Jr. was elected Senior Vice Commander, Dr. Stevenson T. Holmes was elected Junior Vice Commander, Scott D. Shuster, PDC was reelected Department Secretary and Treasurer and brothers Brian Glass, PDC, David LaBrot, DC and Harold Sickler, PDC were elected to the Department Council. Commander Gates appointed a full slate of officers to serve to serve the Department for the 2013-2014 term. The National Commander-in-Chief's representative, Brother Jerry Kowalski, at the Department Encampment on June 7-9, properly installed the Department's officers. As he had at the last encampment, Department Commander Labrot invited the DUVCW and the ASUVCW to join us at the Department Encampment. Four members of the Auxiliary drove nearly two hundred miles to attend and were very well received. We plan to invite them again and look forward to working them in the future to further promote the Allied Orders.

Since the Department Encampment, the Council has met and elected brother LaBrot Chairman and brother Glass Secretary.

The past year has been a very productive one for the Department of Texas.

On September 15, 2012, Commander LaBrot and I participated in the Texas General Land Office's Civil War Symposium (Death, Disease, and Minie Balls) held on the campus of the University of Texas at the personal request of Texas Land Commissioner, Jerry Patterson. Together we staffed an information table featuring a display of GAR National Encampment medals. We met with over 300 Texas historians and genealogists most of whom had no idea our organization existed. We also received a thank you from Commissioner Patterson for our participation.

On April 20, 2013, Commander LaBrot gave the welcoming remarks for the 6th Annual President's Tea, hosted by the Sarah Emma Seelye, Auxiliary No. 1, SUVCW in Dickenson, Texas. The tea was an outstanding success and Commander LaBrot commended the members of the auxiliary for a job well done and for their diligence and hard work in assisting the Lieut. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp 2, Department of Texas.

Along with these activities the camps in the Department of Texas were involved in numerous activities to fulfill each of the goals and objectives of the SUVCW. They have also worked to support the recruiting goals of the Department, and have fostered cooperative activities with the Allied Orders. The Department newsletter, "*The Unionist*", has broadcast these activities across the Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico to bring all the brothers up to date on Department activities.

Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp #1 in Ft. Worth, Texas

On August 11, 2012 the Byrne Camp proudly participated in the remembrance of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle on the Nueces River. The ceremony honored the men buried at the Treue Der Union monument in Comfort, Texas. The monument was originally erected on August 10, 1866. The battle amounted to a massacre of hill country unionists who were attempting to evade the service in the confederate army.

Saturday afternoon a Symposium entitled, "What a Tough Spot to Be In", was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church. During the symposium, the framed SUVCW Proclamation was presented to the Comfort Heritage Foundation. A copy of the SUVCW Proclamation along with the SUVCW Sesquicentennial Coin was given to a descendent of one of the patriots named on the Treue Der Union Monument. A presentation of the Remembrance Day Coin was made to the members of the planning committee.

The Camp plans to investigate and possibly restore one of the grave markers discovered at the cemetery in Comfort, Texas.

In November the Camp participated in the Massing of Colors ceremony in Fort Worth, Texas.

In March of 2013 Byrne Camp manned a booth at the Fort Worth Gun Show. The display was appreciated and they were asked to return for future gun shows.

On May 27, 2013, Camp 1 conducted their annual Memorial Day ceremony at the GAR monument in the Oakgrove cemetery in Fort Worth. Local TV station WFAA covered the ceremony.

Lieut. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2 in Houston, Texas

Throughout the year, the Lieut. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp 2, produced lively monthly meeting programs ranging from the Battle of Manassas to the History of Warships and from Civil War Battlefield Music to genealogy.

On October 20, 2012, the Camp participated in a Joint headstone rededication service honoring Union and confederate veterans at the historic Washington cemetery.

In November the Lea Camp participated in a Veterans Day salute by the City of Houston and an annual Civil War Days at Plantation Liendo on November 16-18, 2012.

On December 1, 2012 the Camp assisted the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1 with their Christmas party for wounded veterans at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston.

On December 15, 2012 brothers from Camp 2, joined members of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1, to participate in the Wreaths across America event held at Houston National Cemetery.

On January 12, 2013, the Lea Camp participated in the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Galveston and the Commemoration and re-dedicated the headstone of the Camp namesake, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, in Trinity Episcopal Cemetery. and they were again ably assisted by the Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary #1, in performing this event. They are also planning to have the 150th anniversary of this event designated a Signature Sesquicentennial event.

On February 9, 2013, the Camp participated in rededication service honoring the namesake for both the Camp's Auxiliary and the Local DUVCW tent. Sarah Emma Edmonds Seeyle is the only female member of the GAR, and is buried in historic Washington cemetery.

On April 6, 2013 the Lea Camp we participated in the Civil War Day program at the Clayton Library in Houston. Guest Speakers included Reggie Brown, state historical marker chairman for Anderson County, Brothers Tom Coughlin and Dr. Steve Holmes. Dr. Holmes spoke about his ancestor, Warren W. White, a veteran of the USCT. The Camp also participated in the President's Tea held by the Sarah Emma Seeyle Auxiliary No.1 held on the April 20th in Dickinson, Texas.

On May 28, 2013 the Camp participated in the Annual Memorial Day services at the Houston National Cemetery. As in past years the brothers were joined by reenactors from the 13th US Infantry and the Sisters of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary No. 1.

Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp 18, McKinney, Texas

The camp continued its fund raising activities by collecting donations and through the continued issuance of the Camp's sesquicentennial commemorative medal.

The Camp initiated a quarterly camp newsletter to keep members informed of camp activities.

On October 13, 2012 the Camp participated in the commemoration of a Civil War veteran's grave in Murphy Texas. Also in October the Camp participated in a ceremony commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Gainesville Hangings. The families of several of the victims made a generous donation to Camp 18.

On January 19, 2013 members of Camp 18 assisted Boy Scout Troop 714 with a Civil War encampment at the Heritage Farmstead Museum.

On March 9, 2013 Camp 18 hosted a Civil War Reunion and Encampment with the Heritage Farmstead Museum in Plano Texas. As Part of the event Camp 18 erected a meeting tent and simulated encampment quarters to depict what a GAR Encampment might have looked like at the turn of the century.

On April 13, 2013 Camp 18 provided a color guard along with a fife and drummers for the 12th Annual Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas. This year 15 Medal of Honor recipients from WW II, Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan were honored. Members of Co. K 1st US Infantry SVR and Camp 2 in Houston also participated in the color guard.

Sons of Veteran Reserve unit, Co. K, 1st U.S. Infantry associated with the Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp# 18 performed a Memorial Day Remembrance at Pecan Grove Cemetery, McKinney, TX. Brothers gathered at the Capt. W. L. Boyd grave site to conduct the ceremony where Camp Cmdr. Drake Peddie read a dedication by Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Chaplain Don Sielert concluded the ceremony by reading a closing prayer. Co. K later participated as one of the Honor Guards in the annual City of McKinney Pecan Grove Cemetery Remembrance ceremony that featured remarks by Congressmen Ralph Hall and Sam Johnson. After the ceremony several brothers remained provide living history interaction with the public.

SVR

Department of Texas SUVCW Brothers were also active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve with two SVR units, Cos. A, 8th US Infantry SVR, located in the Houston area, and Co. K., 1st US Infantry SVR, located in the Dallas area. Members of the Byrne and Ellsworth Camps are considering starting a third SVR in Fort Worth. Plans currently call for the formation of an artillery unit.

All Department Officers, Camp Commanders/Officers, and members from the Department are to be commended for their zeal and faithful adherence to the tenets of our order. The goals of service, recruitment, and retention of membership are primary to the continued success of the Department of Texas.

7.26 Department of Tennessee; Craig Brown, DC

No Report Received.

7.27 Department of Vermont; Whitney Maxfield, DC

20 Cabot St.
Barre, VT 05641
July 10, 2013

Brother Ed Norris
National Chief of Staff
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Subject: SUVCW Annual Report

Dear Brother Ed,

The Vermont Department Secretary has previously submitted an annual report on Form 35. However, in reference July 2 E-Mail to Francis Owen and relayed to me, I will submit an additional report to you.

I am Whitney Maxfield, Vermont Department Commander as of our Department meeting on May 18, 2013.

Our primary goal and objective is to increase membership by word of mouth, web page, and promotion during Civil War related events. To that end I believe the Stannard Camp #2 has two new prospective members, the Ripley Camp #4 has two prospective members, and I personally am working on one for the William Scett Camp #302.

I have already initiated a personal program of visiting Department Camp meetings by visiting the Ripley Camp #4's last meeting in Rutland, VT. on June 25th, and will continue to do so in the future.

The secretary and senior vice commander of the department are working on improving the VT. Dept. web page, and are actively collecting and cataloguing the department historical records.

The William Scett Camp #302 has recently financed, set, and dedicated a granite roll of honor memorial to the men who enlisted from Barre, VT. from 1861 - 1866 (the 7th VT. Infantry did not come home from Texas until April 1866). I am currently composing and we will produce a booklet on these soldiers and sailors.

We will participate next year 2014 in the Vermont Historical Society's History Expo at Tunbridge, VT.

We in the VT. Dept. and specifically the William Scett Camp presented this year 5 medals and certificates to senior ROTC cadets this spring and will continue to do so.

4 at Norwich University Northfield, VT.

1 at The University of Vermont Burlington, VT.

Four medals and certificates went to junior ROTC cadets:

1 at Essex Jct. High School Essex Jct., VT.

1 at Enosburg Falls High School Enosburg Falls, VT.

1 at North Country High School Newport, VT.

1 at Spaulding High School Barre, VT.

The Department Eagle Scout Program presented a certificate to Scout T.J. DeRose of Washington, VT. at his Eagle Court held on June 8, 2013.

We most likely will support with a small contribution to a proposed Vermont State Memorial at the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier, VT. to the 32,000 plus men who enlisted from Vermont during the Civil War. This memorial is a project of the 18th Vermont Regiment a Civil War interested volunteer organization. No such inclusive state memorial currently exists.

I recommend, if you or any other national officer wishes to communicate directly and timely with me, you use the telephone or regular U.S. Mail. I am computer illiterate and intend to stay so. My address is Whitney Maxfield 20 Cabot St. Barre, VT. 05641 and number is 802-476-4017. If this proves to be a problem to you or any other national officers, I shall reluctantly tender my resignation as Vermont Department Commander.

Whitney Maxfield
Whitney Maxfield
Vermont Dep't. Cmdr.

7.28 Department of Wisconsin; Kim J. Heltemes, DC

- Although I have only been elected as Dept. Commander a month ago, I have been busy with the 2013 National Encampment in setting up Friday nights “Camp Fire”. An article written by myself was published in the Banner to preview Camp Fire.
- Dept. Newsletters have been published on time. Camps have been busy with Memorial Day, ordering and setting Civil War markers, graveyard cleanups, parades, speeches, and recruiting.
- Camps have delegated work for the National Encampment such as Honor Guards, security, and setting up tours.
- Wisconsin was represented at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Springfield IL. , B.F. Stephenson Ceremony at Petersburg, IL.
- Our Department presented ROTC Certificates and Metals to ROTC Graduates of four colleges, two military academies, and one High School.
- Our Department Web Site continues to draw attention with Annual Web Site Statistics 2012-2013: 204 pages were viewed 17,902 times by 4,865 people, about 405 visitors per month.
- Department Councilor PC-in- C Steve Michaels documents our Department History by researching and publishing “Department Pioneers” in our newsletter.
- The Dept. GRO has registered 18,839 Wisconsin soldiers to this point.

C.K.Pier Camp #1 Activities

- Attended several living histories and Civil War expos and parades.
- Hosted the Patriotic Luncheon.
- Attended several graveside services and placed six markers.
- Cleaned Oak Hill Cemetery.
- Attended several ceremonies at the Old Soldiers Home.
- Recruiting new members including descendants of Medal of Honor recipients.
- Held quarterly staff meetings, meeting goals set.
- Attended services for two deceased members.
- Presented several ROTC awards.
- Donated to the Wisconsin Fisher House.
- Donated to the Altoona Pass monument
- Four members attended 2012 National Encampment in LA.
- Attended service at Lincoln’s grave.

Major General John Gibbon Camp #4

- Attended the Civil War Expo at Grafton.
- Did several school talks.
- Memorial Day at Wood National Cemetery and Delafield.
- Working with city officials to get local Civil War veterans honored.

Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5

- Cleaned Campbellsport Union Cemetery.
- Attended Cambridge Heritage Days parade.
- Presented award at Boscobel to a Brother from Camp #49.
- Part of the Port Washington Draft Riot remembrance.

- Attended the Civil War Expo at Grafton.
- Volunteer at the Kenosha Civil War Museum.
- Attended the Civil War Expo at the Kenosha Civil War Museum.
- Did several school talks.
- Memorial Day at Calvary Cemetery and Cushing Park.

Old Abe Camp #8

- Attended living history at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.
- Did a funeral service for a fallen Brother.
- Attended service at Lincoln's grave.
- Memorial Day services at Oshkosh and at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.
- Held Bingo at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.
- Recruited at the Trade Fair at Oshkosh.
- Put in three new grave markers on the 4th of July.

L.G. Armstrong Camp #49

- Manned the Camp tent at Boscobel re-enactment.
- Handed out two scholarships.
- Walked the Memorial Day parade.
- Portrayed soldiers at Pioneer Cemetery.
- Most important, this camp cares for the last active GAR Hall left in Wisconsin.

William Colville Camp #56-

- Participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony in Litchfield MN. In the GAR Hall there and Marched in the Memorial Day parade.

8 Unaudited Financial Statements

8.1 Balance Sheet

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR												
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET												
AT JUNE 30, 2013												
	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observation	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals	
ASSETS												
Current Assets												
Checking/Savings												
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 335,333.01	\$ 12,341.66	\$ 11,051.58	\$ 51,889.73	\$ 13,929.05	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 28,262.14	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 411,613.26
Accounts Receivable	\$ 481.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 655.16
Other Current Assets												
Undeposited Funds	\$ 6,417.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,270.00	\$ -	\$ 63.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,481.25
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 5,528.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,798.26
Inventory	\$ 23,650.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,650.55
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 35,596.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,270.00	\$ -	\$ 63.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,930.06
Total Current Assets	\$ 371,410.95	\$ 12,341.66	\$ 11,051.58	\$ 53,637.71	\$ 23,199.05	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 28,325.44	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 457,198.48
Fixed Assets												
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 14,086.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,034.86
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (13,144.88)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,936.08)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (23,080.96)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 941.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,012.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,953.90
Other Assets												
Other Assets												
Marketable Securities	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,883.74	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 275,883.74
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 107,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,630.14	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,877.81
Total Other Assets	\$ 207,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,746.14	\$ 308,883.74	\$ -	\$ 104,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 566,877.55
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 579,852.71	\$ 12,341.66	\$ 11,051.58	\$ 211,009.85	\$ 55,094.93	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 133,175.44	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,026,029.93

8.2 Income Statement

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013										
Income	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commande Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Canadian Heritage Defense Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Donations	1,357.45		20.00	100.00			100.00			1,577.45
Individual, Business Contributions										
Corporate										
In Memory Donations										
MOLLUS						1,100.00				1,100.00
NMAL Donation	500.00									500.00
Fundraising - Challenge Coins	2,465.18									2,465.18
SUVCW cont. from GAR Fund						2,000.00				2,000.00
Donations - InKind										
Total Donations	4,322.63	-	20.00	100.00	-	3,100.00	100.00	-	-	7,642.63
Restricted Donations										
Advertising	374.00						25,000.00			374.00
Scholarships										
Investments										
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2,223.62	6.17		4,103.46	8.83		115.54			6,457.62
Dividend Income	117.79			53.88						171.77
Mutual Funds Earnings					4,176.71					4,176.71
Total Investments	2,341.41	6.17	-	4,157.44	4,185.54	-	115.54	-	-	10,806.10
Sales										
QM Sales	45,632.25									45,632.25
Web Page Service										
QM Shipping & handling	4,377.57									4,377.57
Miscellaneous Revenue	182.50									182.50
Total Sales	50,192.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,192.32
Program Income										
Banner Subscriptions	120.00									120.00
National Encampment Reg. Fees	1,590.00									1,590.00
Per Capita Dues	96,520.50		12,038.50		30,148.25					138,708.25
Life Membership Fees	384.00		48.00	150.00	120.00				7,050.00	7,752.00
Life Member Cards										
Honor Roll				115.00						115.00
New Member Fees	1,565.50						1,635.50			3,201.00
Membership Dues	32.50									32.50
National Patriotic Instructor Appeal							50.00			50.00
Fundraising - Challenge Coins							847.50			847.50
Charter Application Fees	50.00									50.00
Luncheon						1,566.00	1,000.00			2,566.00
Miscellaneous	90.95					10.04				100.99
Reimbursement Fees	700.00									700.00
Remembrance Day										
Transfer from SR. Vice Fund										
Web Site Income										
Total Program Income	99,455.45	1,598.00	12,086.50	285.00	30,289.25	1,576.04	3,533.00	-	-	155,833.24
Total Income	156,685.81	1,604.17	12,106.50	4,522.44	34,454.79	4,676.04	28,748.54	-	-	224,474.29

Facilities and Equipment									
Rent								9,270.00	9,270.00
Depr and Amort - Allowable								483.94	2,010.45
Total Facilities and Equipment								9,753.94	11,280.45
Insurance									
Liability Insurance								2,797.04	2,797.04
Directors & Officers								298.56	298.56
Total Insurance								3,095.60	3,095.60
Operations									
Advertising									
Bank Fees									
Office Expenses								1,488.98	1,488.98
Software								333.88	333.88
Proceedings Transcription								1,304.00	1,304.00
Proceedings Printing									
Dues									
Miscellaneous									
Quartermaster Supplies									
Past CinC Jewel								1,329.10	1,329.10
Penalties									
Postage								344.89	664.10
Printing & Photocopying							81.27	45.00	971.55
Supplies								452.43	452.43
Telephone & Internet								2,027.86	2,027.86
Web Hosting								192.24	192.24
Total Operations							81.27	2,825.18	8,764.14
Program Expenses									
National Encamp. Host Comm.								1,000.00	1,000.00
Awards								230.20	230.20
Scholarships								1,830.00	2,000.00
Grants								8,250.00	8,250.00
Life Member Reimbursements									
Luncheon								566.00	1,118.00
Meeting Room								1,546.32	1,546.32
Speaker									
Advertising									
Equipment Rental								355.58	355.58
Bus Rental								262.50	606.25
Printing								606.25	606.25
Miscellaneous								41.32	41.32
Wreath									
Musicians								1,403.03	1,403.03
Photographs								109.10	109.10
Refreshments									
Decorations								394.48	394.48
Bus Rental									
Travel & Meetings								144.21	144.21

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
 SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 2013 - 2014 BUDGET

	2012-13 budget	2012-13 actual	2013-12 budget
GENERAL FUND			
Income			
Donations			
Donations	\$0	\$1,357	\$500
NMAL Donation	\$500	\$500	\$0
Fund Raising GAR Challenge Coins	\$3,000	\$2,465	\$2,000
Restricted Donations			
Restricted Donations Advertising	\$0	\$374	\$0
Investments			
Interest	\$2,000	\$2,224	\$500
Dividends		\$118	\$1,500
Sales			
Quartermaster Sales	\$35,000	\$45,632	\$40,000
QM Shipping & handling	\$4,000	\$4,378	\$4,500
Misc		\$183	\$0
Program			
Banner Subscriptions	\$150	\$120	\$100
National Encampment Registration Fees	\$1,500	\$1,590	\$1,500
Per Capita Dues (16.00)	\$98,000	\$96,520	\$98,000
Life Membership Per Capita (2012 362 @ \$16)	\$5,808	\$384	\$500
New Camp & Department Application Fee	\$50	\$50	\$50
Web Page Service	\$250		\$100
Reinstatement Fee	\$300	\$700	\$500
Misc	\$100	\$91	\$100
Subtotal	\$150,658	\$156,686	\$149,850
Reserve Funds	\$1,702	\$0	
Total Income	\$152,360	\$156,686	\$149,850

Expenses**Sales**

Quatermaster Supplies	\$33,000	\$27,263	\$35,000
QM Shipping & handling	\$4,500	\$4,665	\$4,500
Dies	\$350	\$1,500	\$0
Paypal Fees	\$1,000	\$752	\$350
Cash shortage and overage	\$0	\$151	\$0
Pennsylvania Sales Tax	\$500	\$281	\$300
New York Sales Tax	\$300	\$210	\$300
California Sales Tax	\$350	\$292	\$0
Wisconsin Sales Tax			\$0

Administrative

CinC Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Nat. Secretary Expenses	\$3,000	\$1,525	\$3,000
Nat. Treasurer Expenses	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Nat. Quartermaster Expenses	\$3,000	\$2,740	\$3,000
JVCinC Recruiting Expenses	\$600	\$408	\$500
CinC Representatives Expenses	\$3,750	\$3,364	\$3,750
Banner Editor Travel Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,586	\$1,750
Bank Charges	\$50	\$20	\$50
Bad Debt	\$100		\$100
501(c)(3) conversion	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Bureau Charitable Org Registration	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0

Contract Services

Accounting services	\$3,000	\$2,340	\$2,500
Audits FY ending 30 June 2011 & 30 June 2012	\$5,500	\$12,047	\$7,500

Facilities & Equipment

Depreciation		\$1,527	
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Insurance

Insurance - Officers Bond	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
Insurance - General Liability, D&O & QM Supplies	\$3,325	\$3,096	\$2,750

Operations

Office Expenses	\$700	\$1,489	\$1,400
Software	\$400	\$334	\$0

Proceedings transcribing	\$1,200	\$1,304	\$1,400
Proceedings Printing	\$500	\$0	\$500
Past CinC Jewel 2 years	\$850	\$1,329	\$750
Postage	\$500	\$274	\$500
Printing & photocopying	\$0	\$890	\$1,000
Web Site	\$300	\$192	\$300

Program

National Encampment Host Committee	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Awards	\$500	\$1,097	\$1,200
Scholarships	\$0	\$170	\$0
Misc Committee Expenses	\$100	\$199	\$200
Gettysburg Sesquicentennial	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
National Encampment Photographer	\$600	\$869	\$750
National Encampment Photographer Supplies	\$50	\$81	\$100
National Encampment	\$2,100	\$2,463	\$2,500
Fund raising	\$1,500	\$715	\$800
Banner	\$37,500	\$36,303	\$37,500
Special Projects	\$500	\$0	\$0
Contingency Fund	\$500	\$0	\$500
Telephone	\$50	\$0	\$50
Graves Registration	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500
National Encampment Site Committee	\$500	\$0	\$500
Sons of Confederate Veterans Representative	\$300	\$0	\$300
Misc Expenses	\$150	\$0	\$150
Refund Overpayment Per Capita Dues	\$100	\$0	\$100
National Seal	\$210	\$210	\$0
Nat. Encampment Recording Equipment	\$750	\$750	\$0
Past Proceedings -- digitize	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
Subtotal Expenses	\$153,185	\$138,937	\$151,850
Transfer to GAR Fund	\$4,175	\$0	\$4,025
Transfer to Permanent Fund			
Transfer to Nat. Headquarters Fund			
Total Expenses	\$157,360	\$138,937	\$155,875

Net Gain/Loss	(\$5,000)	\$17,749	(\$6,025)
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GAR FUND

Income

Donations

Donations	\$500	\$100	\$500
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Restricted Donations

Scholarship Clifford Hyde		\$25,000	\$0
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Investments

Interest	\$250	\$116	\$100
Dividends		\$0	\$300

Program

Registration fee New Members (50%)	\$1,000	\$1,636	\$1,500
National Partiotic Instructor Appeal	\$50	\$50	\$50
Blue - Gray Ball	\$0	\$0	\$0
Challenge Coins	\$2,200	\$848	\$750
Reimbursement Wreaths Remembrance Day	\$450	\$245	\$250
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Hyde Bequest draw against restricted donation			\$2,500
Subtotal	\$4,450	\$28,995	\$5,950
Transferred from General Fund	\$4,175	\$0	\$4,025
Total Income	\$8,625	\$28,995	\$9,975

Expenses

Program

Scholarship	\$2,000	\$1,830	\$2,500
Scholarship Hyde Bequest		\$0	\$2,500
Postage	\$50	\$0	\$0
Lincoln Memorial	\$125	\$113	\$125
Lincoln Tomb	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,750
Remembrance Day	\$1,200	\$1,052	\$1,200
Challenge Coin	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,000
Cathedral of the Pines	\$100	\$0	\$100
Tomb of the Unknown	\$225	\$113	\$125
Stephenson Memorial	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0

GAR Campfire	\$500	\$500	\$500
Grants Tomb	\$125	\$163	\$175
Blue-Gray Donation to NPS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bank Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc		\$100	\$0
Total Expenses	<u>\$8,625</u>	<u>\$6,871</u>	<u>\$9,975</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$0	\$22,124	\$0

PERMANENT FUND

Donations

Individuals businesses, corporations		\$100	\$0
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Income Restricted

NMAL New Member Fees	\$10	\$0	\$10
Honor Roll	\$100	\$115	\$100
Life Member Fees	\$0	\$150	\$0
Misc	\$0		\$0
Total Income Restricted	<u>\$110</u>	<u>\$265</u>	<u>\$110</u>

Income Temporarily Unrestricted

Interest	\$2,500	\$4,103	\$3,500
Dividends		\$54	\$1,200
Misc	\$0		\$0
Total Temporarily Unrestricted	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$4,157</u>	<u>\$4,700</u>

Expenses

Program

Life Member Reimbursements (171 @ \$4)	\$684	\$566	\$630
Life Member Reimbursement Program 2 (43 @ \$10)	\$430	\$0	\$430
Life Member Per Capita (363 @ \$23)	\$8,349	\$3,775	\$8,349
Life Member Cards	\$0		\$0
Postage	\$0		\$0
Misc	\$0	\$81	\$81
Subtotal Expenses	<u>\$9,463</u>	<u>\$4,422</u>	<u>\$9,490</u>
Transfer Income to General Fund			
Total Expenses	<u>\$9,463</u>	<u>\$4,422</u>	<u>\$9,490</u>

Net Gain/Loss	(\$6,853)	\$0	(\$4,680)
Life Member Per capita not payable	(\$6,963)	(\$265)	(\$4,790)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Income temporarily Restricted

Life Member Fees	\$5,000	\$7,050	\$6,000
Misc	\$100	\$0	\$0
Interest/earnings/dividends	\$200	\$0	\$180
Total Income Restricted	\$5,300	\$7,050	\$6,180

Expenses

Life Member Per Capita (27 @ \$23)	\$115	\$552	\$621
Life Member Cards	\$10	\$0	\$10
Postage	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$125	\$552	\$631

Net Gain/Loss	\$5,175	\$6,498	\$5,549
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SENIOR VICE CINC FUND

Income

Investment Income

Interest	\$10	\$6	\$0
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Program

Registration Fee New Members (50%)	\$2,000	\$1,598	\$1,500
Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Senior Vice CinC Fund Reserve	\$3,140		\$3,650
Total Income	\$5,140	\$1,604	\$5,150

Expenses

Program

Membership Advertising	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Scholarships 2012	\$0	\$0	\$0
Memorial University	\$150	\$0	\$150
Transfer to Grand Army of the Republic Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Expenses	\$5,150	\$0	\$5,150
Net Gain/Loss	(\$10)	\$1,604	\$0
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND			
Income			
Donations			
Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investments			
Interest	\$0	\$9	\$10
Mutual Funds Earnings	\$0	\$4,177	\$8,000
Program			
Per Capita Dues (\$5.00)	\$30,625	\$30,149	\$31,250
Life Membership Per Capita	\$1,815	\$120	\$115
Subtotal	\$32,440	\$34,455	\$39,375
Transfer from General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$32,440	\$34,455	\$39,375
Expenses			
Administrative			
Executive Director	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Executive Director Expenses	\$2,000	\$992	\$1,000
Facilities & Equipment			
Rent	\$10,100	\$9,270	\$9,270
Depreciation		\$484	\$484
Operations			
Telephone & Internet	\$2,000	\$2,028	\$2,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$500	\$0	\$500
PO box rental	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Expenses postage & supplies	\$0	\$797	\$1,000
Total Expense	\$31,600	\$30,571	\$31,254
Net Gain/Loss	\$840	\$3,884	\$8,121

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND**Income**

Donations

Individuals	\$25	\$100	\$0
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Program

Per Capita Dues (\$1.50)	\$9,188	\$12,039	\$12,000
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Life Membership Per Capita	\$545	\$48	\$46
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Subtotal Income	\$9,757	\$12,187	\$12,046
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Civil War Memorial Fund Reserves	\$263	\$0	\$3,954
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Total Income	\$10,020	\$12,187	\$16,000
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Expenses**Program**

Grants	\$10,000	\$8,250	\$15,000
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Bank Charges	\$20		\$0
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Total Expenses	\$10,020	\$8,250	\$16,000
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Net Gain/Loss	\$0	\$3,937	\$0
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CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND**Income**

Investment

Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Interest	\$10	\$0	\$10
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Total Income	\$10	\$0	\$10
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Expenses**Administrative**

Legal Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Misc Exp	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Total Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Net Gain/Loss	\$10	\$0	\$10
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CANADIAN CIVIL WAR MONUMENT FUND**Income**

Donations

Donations	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total income	\$0	\$0	\$0

Expenses

Misc	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0

Net Gain/Loss

\$0	\$0	\$0
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LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY FUND**Income****Donations**

MOLLUS	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
SUVCW from GAR Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,750

Program

Luncheon	\$1,750	\$1,566	\$1,750
Photographs	\$50		\$50
Misc	\$0	\$10	\$10
Lincoln Tomb Fund Reserve	<u>\$335</u>	<u>\$340</u>	<u>\$225</u>
Total Income	\$5,235	\$5,016	\$4,885

Expenses**Operations**

Postage, travel, telephone	\$300	\$189	\$300
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Program

Luncheon	\$1,750	\$1,546	\$1,750
Meeting Room	\$0	\$0	\$0
Speaker	\$250	\$600	\$250
Music at Tomb	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Equipment Rental	\$275	\$256	\$275
Bus Rental	\$400	\$263	\$350
Programs & Ribbons	\$500	\$606	\$500
Photographs	\$100	\$109	\$100
Umbrella Tent	\$350	\$395	\$350
Misc Expenses	\$100	\$41	\$100
Bank Charges	\$10	\$0	\$10

Total Expenses	\$4,935	\$5,016	\$4,885
Net Gain/Loss	\$300	\$0	\$0
Grand Total Income	\$214,162	\$250,415	\$224,606
Grand Total Expenses	\$227,278	\$194,619	\$233,260
Net Difference Income - Expenses	(\$13,116)	\$55,796	(\$8,654)
Total Reserve Funds Use	(\$9,615)	(\$340)	(\$11,854)
Net Change in Assets	(\$22,731)	\$55,456	(\$20,508)

Appendix 2
Speeches of the Commander-in-Chief

LINCOLN DEATH DAY TOMB CEREMONY

Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters of The Allied Orders and all Honored guests:

We gather here today in the shadow of the final resting place of our beloved 16th President Abraham Lincoln. While we honor and pray for his soul, we remember his example and the story of his life.

His continuous search for Peace and Justice ,his genuine feelings for the common man, his true belief in The American Form of Government, and his steadfast faith in The People are just some of the ideas

and principles that we all hold dear to our hearts and minds. Yet, while we remember these ideas, we here in the 21st Century need to remind ourselves what we really sometimes forget about President

Lincoln: His uncanny ability to reach out and work with all citizens, Friends and Foes. This idea that there is room for compromise was not a sign of weakness, but rather one of great strength. For while

Lincoln would try to find common good and work with all, he would never compromise on his deep rooted principles. In his heart he knew the Democratic Republic that he now led had its founding roots

in the Declaration of Independence written 84 years before he was elected to The Presidency. In Philadelphia on his way to his Inaugural in 1861, President-Elect remarked That The Declaration gave us all

Liberty, "not alone to the people of this country, but hope to the world for all future time." This hope of Freedom and Liberty was in his own words not just for America, but for the whole of all Humanity in all

corners of the World! His deep and True beliefs sustained him through the Great Tribulations of The Civil War and his own Personal Life's Struggles. So Strong were these beliefs, that at This 1861 appearance

in Philadelphia he declared " I would rather be assassinated on this spot than to surrender it"

As he guided and Saved Our Union, let us remember his life and his Personal Sacrifice. For it can be truly said of Abraham Lincoln That he was and still is a Man for "of the people, By The People and for The people".

This is his most Lasting Legacy: he was one of us whom we SHALL NEVER FORGET. God Bless Abraham Lincoln, and God Bless These United States of America. Thank You for your attendance Here on This Important

Occasion.

CIVIL WAR TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

The Real Heroes of our Civil War: The Ones who fell for the Union

Greetings and thanks to all here today on this Sacred ground.

We are here today to honor and remember those who fell for the union and never returned. These Civil War unknown are very special and sacred to us all, for it is they who truly gave the Last full measure of devotion. They left their homes and their families and went off to defend and preserve the Union that we have down to this very day.

These unknown dead, known only to God, are our true symbol of Patriotism and honor. They left their homes and Farms and went off to fight the enemy and were not concerned about their own fates, only the future of The Country. They perished to preserve the way of life we have today and we must always HONOR and REMEMBER this sacrifice by them and their families. The wives, children, parents and friends who they left behind never knew their fate, only their sacrifice. They carried on with their lives after the War and honored the memory and love of their lost heroes throughout the rest of their lives.

Today, we honor that Memory of Sacrifice as Memorial Day. Known as Decoration Day in their time, it was first established under General John Logan's General Order #11 order in 1868. Perhaps the true meaning of their efforts can be summed up by a quotation from President Lincoln himself: "It is not merely for today, but for all time to come that we should perpetuate for our children's children this great and free government, which we have enjoyed all our lives." Great words from a great Man who we also remember here today.

Thank You!

First, let me thank you all for inviting me to your annual reunion here in Vicksburg, Mississippi. It is an honor and privilege to bring my own personal greetings as well as those of the National Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to our confederate brothers.

My goal this past year has been to bring together the organizations that have the same basic mission. "To honor our ancestors and never forget those who fought in the Civil War." The war has long been ended, but it cannot be forgotten. Our goal, as descendants of these brave men and women, is to work together to educate and interest our future generations. WE must make sure that schools keep teaching the lessons learned from the shedding of so much of our countrymen's blood.

The five years of the Sesquicentennial has given us a chance to bring forth our mission. Many of you have done re-enacting events, living history, and presentations. This is a great way of raising the interest of others and has gained all of the organizations recognition and new members. It is important to put even more effort into the next two years, so that we can continue to spread word of our goals and missions. Please keep up your great work, you don't have to be perfect, you just have to get their interest.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War wish the Sons of Confederate Veterans a harmonious and successful reunion.

Thank you!

Greetings to the SCV

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Thank you!

Greetings to the WRC

As Commander in Chief, I bring you the greetings of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the Woman's Relief Corp.

It has been a wonderful year working with your National President Shirley Grant. She has brought wisdom and laughter to the Allied Orders and has been willing to work with other Nationals. Her graciousness and friendship has been appreciated by all who have been around her.

A highlight of my year will be the memories and experience of being in her company at the events held in Washington, DC. She kept us entertained with her amusing stories of her travels and home life.

To you sisters, I extend my thanks for giving me a wonderful Sister to work with. I also extend my warmest wishes that you have a joyful, prosperous and harmonious Encampment.

Appendix 3

General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
Office of the Commander-in-Chief
Perley E. Mellor, Commander-in-Chief
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General Order #1 (Item #4 revised)
SERIES 2012-2013
22 August 2012

1. I am truly humbled, honored and appreciative to all the Brothers that attended the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles, California for 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 during my 2012-2013 term.
2. I wish to thank the Department of California & Pacific for hosting an excellent 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles. The Brothers that attended this Encampment were treated to some special events that will generate memories that will hopefully last a lifetime.
3. Congratulations go out to the newly elected Presidents of the Allied Orders. Our primary 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 complete support; please feel free to call on me any time.
4. The Vision and Planning Committee and the Committee on Promotion & Marketing were not made a Standing Committee at the National Encampment. I am reappointing both of these committees for another year with the chairmen and membership to be defined in the National Committee listing to be posted soon.
5. To support the Vision 2020 Plan I am forming a new special committee. The National Committee on Fund Raising will examine the fund raising proposal submitted by Brother Glenn Knight and other possible fund raising actions and report back to the encampment next year with a plan for implementation.
6. Also, the Civil War Sesquicentennial is upon us. We must take full advantage of the Sesquicentennial as we work towards our vision; we will not have an opportunity like this again for the foreseeable future. We need to use this period of time to recruit as many new Brothers as possible and to reach out to the Brothers that have let their dues lapse. We should be able to increase our membership by 400 by August 2013.
7. The Headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief will be located at 16 Norma Dr., Nashua, NH, 03062-1340 and all correspondence to me may be mailed to this address. Correspondence may also be made by e-mail at cinc@suvcw.org. To speak with me please phone (603) 880-4699.

8. Correspondence concerning new members, membership reporting, finances dealing with annual reports or historical information with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Headquarters should be directed to David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director, at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat. Civil War Museum), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000; execdir@suvcw.org.
9. All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order should be sent to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburg, PA 15214-1251, (412) 931-1173; treasurer@suvcw.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@suvcw.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 Encampments dates before the November Council of Administration meeting, if possible. Planning for Department Encampments 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 Ed Norris, 91 Kelly Drive, Lancaster, MA 01523-1959, (978) 365-7628; norris.ed@comcast.net.
12. Application for Civil War Memorial Grants and requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be directed to Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, 9519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527; (636) 274-4567, 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@suvcw.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.
15. The death of a Brother should be reported to National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL 60126, 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 resources for the general public, especially those that are contemplating membership in our Order. We must show that we are an active organization.

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 132nd National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their respective Departments upon the same schedule.
19. It is the intention of the Commander-in-Chief to continue the program of recognizing Brother's for their recruiting efforts. A Brother who recruits at least three new Members or Associates during the 2012-2013 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 Brothers or Associates in that time will, in addition, receive a Certificate of Merit. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported to the National Secretary through Department Secretaries by July 1, 2013.
20. 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 2013 at the 132nd National Encampment in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Ordered this 21st Day of August, 2012.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
22 August 2012

The Department of Connecticut has filed Form 35 (Department Annual Report) with the National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their Charter has hereby been lifted and they are reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 22nd Day of August, 2012.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
4 September 2012**

1. Additional appointments are being made to the National staff. The following appointments are effective immediately.
2. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell is appointed to the Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument. He will assist Brother Lamb and the others members of the committee in their endeavors.
3. James P. McGuire, from the Department of Rhode Island is appointed as Backup National Webmaster with all the rights and privileges of National Webmaster. PCinC Keith G. Harrison will remain as a Backup National Webmaster.
4. PDC Michael S. Bennett from the Department of New York is re-appointed as chairman of the Special Committee on Juniors. Brother Bennett held this position during the previous administrative year and has effectively made great strides in the right direction.
5. PCC Daniel Meehan from the Department of New Hampshire is appointed to the National Committee on e-Bay Surveillance.
6. PCinC James B. Pahl (jbpahl0824@yahoo.com) is re-appointed to the position as the reviewer for postings of bio/resume information of Brothers running for National Offices. These pages should include date, Department and Camp name, letter of intention, your eligibility for membership and a photo on the resume or bio page. It is suggested that submissions not exceed one page for each.

Ordered this 4th Day of September, 2012.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
18 September 2012**

At the 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Los Angeles 9-11 August, 2012, at which quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend the preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 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 our organization, per Article III of the C&R, as the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed Forces.

As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50% of the Departments. Departments of the SUVCW are hereby directed to conduct a vote to ratify at their 2013 Department Encampments. The National Secretary is directed to provide instructions to Department Commanders (not later than November 30, 2012) on how to conduct and report the results of this vote.

Ordered this 18th Day of September, 2012.

Perley E. Mellor.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order #5
SERIES 2012-2013
2 October 2012

1 - The National counselor recently issued Opinion I addressing the question presented from the Department of Kansas about the wording of their Department Bylaws.

2 - The current wording in the Department of Kansas Bylaws regarding incorporation of policies is: "Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the following rules, regulations, policies, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto: Section A. POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS. All policies of the Department of Kansas which have been approved by a Department Encampment, until such time as the policy is officially rescinded by a subsequent encampment."

3 - As an alternative to how the Bylaws currently read above, they should be changed to read as follows, this will eliminate the policies and procedures from being considered a direct part of the Bylaws and requiring CinC approval for changes. *"The following rules, regulation, policies and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto shall require the approval of the Department Commander or the Department Encampment and they can be used to manage the department in support of these Bylaws."*

4 - ARTICLE VIII

By-laws

Each Department shall adopt By-laws consistent with these Regulations, and subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. All amendments, alterations, or deletion of Department By-laws shall be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for approval as to consistency with the Articles of Incorporation,

Constitution and Regulations. No By-laws, amendments, alterations, or deletions shall be effective until approved by the Commander-in-Chief in writing. Any provision of a Department's By- Laws which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or Regulations is null and void.

5 - This being said, any items placed in bylaws require CinC approval. If they want to have policies and amend them whenever they want, they can, as long as they are not part of the departments bylaws. It would seem that number 3 above is fine for them to state - providing these are NOT part of the bylaws, only supporting them. Number 2 would have to be changed by the department.

Ordered this 2nd Day of October, 2012.

Perley E. Mellor.

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 2012-2013
3 December 2012

1 – Andrew Wheeler, from the Department of New York is appointed as Assistant Quartermaster his duties will be but not limited to putting together orders, running errands, stock work, paperwork, etc. This position will be in effect for the remainder of the year. He will not have signatory authority at this time. The Programs and Policy Committee is tasked to create a job description for this position. The next Commander-in-Chief can then decide whether to continue the appointment in future years.

2 – A new temporary committee has been formed called Government Headstone Application Committee. The membership of this committee will be Steve Aarli – IL Chair, Steven Hall – PA, David Burkett – OR, Stephen Siemsen – AZ, John Eger – IN, Stephen Twining – MA, and Bruce Frail – RI. The primary duties of this committee will be to work with the National Committee on Graves Registration (NCGR), assist people inside and outside of the Allied Orders in researching and providing VA Headstones whether they are for unmarked graves or replacement headstones they should also, with the assistance of the NCGR design videos and workshops to show people the proper way to complete forms, raise headstones, level headstones and install all new types of headstones. They will also receive the data from the check boxes of the graves registration forms and transmit that data to local Department and Camps for their action of which they will assist when needed. All contact with Department of Veterans Affairs should be through the office of the National Graves Registration Officer. The programs and Police Committee is tasked to create a job description for this Committee. The next commander-in-Chief can then decide whether to continue the committee as a Standing Committee or a Special Committee.

Ordered this 3rd Day of December, 2012.

Perley E. Mellor.

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 2012-2013
3 December 2012

1 – It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Real Son John Whitman of Oklahoma. He passed away on 19 November 2012. It is important that we remember all of our ancestors Sons and Daughters in our prayers.

2 –I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 2 January 2013 in remembrance of Real Son John Whitman.

Ordered this 3rd Day of December, 2012.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
7 December 2012

1 – Brother Jim Houston has announced that he will retire from being Chairman, and on the National Encampment Committee, effective at the 2013 Milwaukee, WI Encampment. Brother Robert (Bob) Petrovic has volunteered to temporarily act as assistant chairman for the remainder of the term. The next elected Commander-in-Chief will have to make two regular appointments to the National Encampment Committee.

Ordered this 7th Day of December, 2012.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
11 December 2012**

It has come to my attention that a Real Daughter, Caruth Smith Washington, age 104 of Monroe, New Jersey, passed away on November 20, 2012, at Cranbury Nursing Home, Monroe. She was the daughter of a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient and believed to be the last direct descendant of a slave in America.

Born to the late Gertrude Catlett Smith and Color Sergeant Andrew Jackson Smith, Caruth was an educator and community activist in CA and NY. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Edward L. Washington: son, Ricque Le'Seur, Sr.; sister, Susan Shelton. Survived by her grandchildren, China, Bart, Che, and Ricque Le'Seur, Jr., wo nephews; one niece and a host of relatives and friends.

The memorial service was Wed., Dec. 5th at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, 771 Somerset Street, Somerset. The Arrangements are by Anderson Funeral Service. No mention of where she is buried.

The obit is in Central Jersey newspaper, online (see below) and published in Home News Tribune on December 4, 2012:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mycentraljersey/obituary.aspx?n=caruth-smith-washington&pid=161454506#fbLoggedOut>.

All membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website shall draped in black until 10 January, 2013 in remembrance of Real Daughter Caruth Smith Washington.

Ordered this 11th Day of December, 2012.

Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
13 December 2012**

A motion to waive National Per Capita for the 2013 calendar year for those members who have experienced financial hardship resulting from tropical depression Sandy within the departments of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine or New Hampshire, on a need-based to be determined by individual Camp Commander and discreetly reported in the Camp's annual report for those camps identified as being within the impact area. Department

Commanders are to identify the impacted camps to the Executive Director, National Secretary and National Treasurer by 31 December 2012.

Ordered this 13th Day of December, 2012.

Perley E. Mellor.

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 2012-2013

13 December 2012

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Real Daughter Rosella Scieszinski. She passed away on 4 October, 2012. It is important that we remember all of our ancestor's Sons and Daughters in our prayers. Below is her obituary:

2. *Rosella Scieszinski, IA. --- Father, John Brandon, Co. A, 6th WI Vols. "Iron Brigade".*

ALBIA — Rosella Scieszinski, 103, of Albia, passed away **Oct. 4, 2012**, at Monroe Care Center in Albia.

She was born Nov. 13, 1908, to John and Grace Rand Brandon in Monroe County. A graduate of Chariton High School, Rosella was a dietician at the Albia Hospital and VA Hospital in Knoxville. She was the last remaining child of a Union Civil War Veteran in Iowa and the oldest living resident of Monroe County.

Rosella was an excellent cook and really enjoyed cooking for her family. She also loved to play cards, along with quilting and traveling.

She is survived by three children, Eleanor Barnhill of Albia, Bill (Mary) Livengood of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Garold (Marva) Livengood of Marion; 19 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; cousins; and friends.

Rosella was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Vern Livengood and Leo Scieszinski; a daughter, Thelma Livengood; and a son, Dale Livengood.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Monday at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia; with Leonard Boswell, member of Congress, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia.

In 2009, her late Brother John Brandon who passed in '08 was reported as deceased on his camp's form 27.

3. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 13 January 2013 in remembrance of Real Daughter Rosella Scieszinski.

Ordered this 13th Day of December, 2012.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
20 December 2012

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) Past National President Eleanor P. Lowe. Eleanor died on December 12, 2012 in Arlington, MA. She was a 60 + year member of Annie A. Gould Tent #1, DUVCW in Portland, ME. Eleanor was born and raised in Portland, ME and lived a good part of her life in Arlington, MA. She was a great asset to the Department of MA SUVCW and ASUVCW in planning the 2008 National Encampment in Peabody, MA. She was also a longtime friend to my family. Eleanor will be missed by all who knew her. The funeral service will be held on Friday December 21, 2012, at the Douglas Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Rd., Lexington, MA at 10:00 A.M. Interment will be in Forest City Cemetery, South Portland, ME.
2. We are already in a period of mourning and that will continue until 13 January 2013. All membership badges Camp and Department charters and the National website will stay draped in black until the above date.

Ordered this 20th Day of December, 2012.
Perley E. Mellor, 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 2012-2013
20 December 2012

Over the past several months the SUVCW has had several situations come to the attention of Camps, Departments and the National Organization. The following are just a couple of items that have surfaced:

1. The SUVCW National Organization are not lawyers, therefore we cannot and will not give legal advice on any matter to any Brother, Camp, or Department. I do know that there are many lawyers and judges that are Brothers in the Order. What they do and say is up to them and the state laws that they live by.

2. We, as Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are bound by our own Constitution, Article IV Religion and Politics Which states “*The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or partisan topics is strictly prohibited*”. This is a reminder that all email lists or mailing lists obtained by association with the Order are not to be used for any purpose other than legitimate business of the Order. This does not stop the legislative affairs officer or committee from reporting on a wide variety of pending legislative issues that impact the Order, such as access to landlocked cemeteries by easements, protection of grave markers, etc.

Ordered this 20th Day of December, 2012.

Perley E. Mellor.

Commander-In-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Eugene Mortorff, Secretary,

General Order #14
SERIES 2012-2013
8 January 2013

Below I have attached General Order 2013-01 issued by Major General Robert Grim, SVR to the SVR. I am sending out my own General Order to the entire SUVCW because I believe everyone in our Order needs to be aware of these changes to the Remembrance Day Parade and weekend as quickly as possible. Please ensure General Grim's General Order has the greatest dissemination throughout the Order (following):

GENERAL ORDER 2013-01

Sons of Veterans Reserve

January 2013

1. The 57th Annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day Parade sponsored by Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held on Saturday 23 November 2013 and not on Saturday 16 November 2013 as previously published. We apologize for any inconvenience this date change may cause.
2. The SVR/SUVCW headquarters hotel has also changed. Our headquarters hotel is now the Wyndham Hotel 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA, phone 1-717-339-0020 1-717-339-0020 FREE . There is a 2 night minimum and we have a special daily room rate of \$113.00. They also own the Courtyard Marriott which is right next door within walking distance and the rate there is also \$113.00. In addition to the hotel room rate the local and state governmental authorities will impose their customary tax on hotel guests. Hotel reservations can be made any time after 15 January 2013. It is suggested that you make your reservation early as this will be the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address which may result in a large number of visitors to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day weekend. The special hotel rate is available to all those identifying themselves as participating in the SVR/SUVCW Remembrance Day activities.
3. The annual SVR breakfast will be held at the Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 a.m. 23 November 2013. Reservations should be made with Colonel Donald E. Darby, Adjutant General of the SVR.
4. The annual Grand Army of the Republic memorial ceremony will be conducted at the Woolson

Monument in Ziegler's Grove on 23 November 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

5. The Original Civil War Ball sponsored by the SVR/SUVCW will be held at the Wyndham Hotel on the evening of 23 November 2013. Tickets are available from Brigadier General Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Deputy Commander of the SVR. Music will be by the Philadelphia Brigade Band with dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble Performing Troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation. The net proceeds from this ball are donated to the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument preservation.

Robert E. Grim
Major General
Commanding

Attest:
Col. Donald E. Darby
Adjutant General

Ordered this 8th Day of January, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
17 January 2013**

A request has been received from Camp-at-Large "The Corporal Renninger Camp # 1 of Eugene, Oregon" to disband. The Camp for some time has indicated that they were having a great deal of problems with the Brothers of the Camp stepping up and becoming Camp Officers. Due to circumstances beyond any ones control the Brothers of the Camp have voted to surrender their charter. These Brothers have transferred to another Camp in Oregon and the other Brothers are in the process of becoming Members-at-Large. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted. 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 National Organization any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holding belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 17th Day of January, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 #15a
SERIES 2012-2013
18 January 2013

As the Department Commander of the Camps-at-Large I am directing the former Camp-at-Large “The Corporal Renninger Camp # 1 of Eugene, Oregon” transfer all cash assets of the Camp directly to the Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp #6 of Oregon. Send all other properties to the National Organization as directed in General Order # 15. As a majority of the Renninger Camp brothers are transferring to the Baker Camp. It is my understanding the ones not transferring are doing so because of distances involved, not dissatisfaction with the Baker Camp or the Order. These funds will go a long way in assisting the Baker Camp to further their efforts to serve the Order.

Ordered this 18th Day of January, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
29 January 2013

It is with deep regret that Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Department of California and Pacific has reported the passing of Real Son Walter Edward Roode at age 99. Brother Roode passed away on Saturday January 19, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. He was born in Belchertown, MA on June 8, 1913 the son of Stephen Washington Roode and Mary (Peereboom) Roode. His father served with Co. K, 9th Vermont Infantry and was captured, paroled, and reenlisted with Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 17th U. S. Infantry. He fought for the Union in the Battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, and Petersburg, among others. Walter's sister and Real Daughter Montiel Helen (Roode) McAuley, age 97, resides in Massachusetts. Brother Roode is also survived by a daughter, Bonnie Sechrist of Pennsylvania, step-daughter Kathy Swartz, and his caregiver daughter-in-law Janie McBride. He has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Walter was a WWII veteran and Past Post Commander of the American Legion. Messages of condolence may be sent to Mrs. Janie McBride, 935 Sierra Plum Circle, Portola, CA 96122

I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 28 February 2013 in remembrance of Real Son Walter Edward Roode.

Ordered this 29th Day of January, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
1 February 2013**

1. I am creating a new Special Committee called **Regulation** to completely over haul the SUVCW Regulations. This committee will have a completion date of August 13 – 17, 2014, at the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia.
2. The committee Chair will be PCinC James B, Pahl, and the committee will also consist of PCinC Donald Darby, PCinC Richard D. Orr, PDC Alan Russ, & PDC Robert J. Wolz. The committee will have access to the Brothers in the Order if assistance is needed.

Ordered this 1st Day of February, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
22 March 2013**

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Real Daughter Emily Jane Dinsmoor Stevens. She passed away on March 12, 2013. It is important that we remember all of our ancestors Sons and Daughters in our prayers. Below is what was reported by Merle Rudebuach, PDC, and Secretary Department of Nebraska.

I am reporting on the death of a Real Daughter who resided in Nebraska. Her name is Emily Jane Dinsmoor Stevens, and death date is March 12th, 2013. She was the daughter of Samuel Perry Dinsmoor, (recorded as Dinsmore, in military records) Co. B, 116th Ohio Infantry. Enlisted 12 Aug 1862, discharged 14 Jun 1865. He was born on 8 Mar 1843 and died 21 July 1932. He lived in

Lucas, KS where he built his home of limestone and surrounded by 150 statues and trees made of cement which is known as the "Garden of Eden". He is buried in a 40 ft. tall mausoleum on the property. It is called the most unique home, for living or dead, on earth.

He was at the battle of Gettysburg, and observed Lee surrender. His daughter Emily was one of two children born to his second wife, who was 20, when he was 81 years old.

I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 21 April 2013 in remembrance of Real Daughter Emily Jane Dinsmoor Stevens.

Ordered this 22nd Day of March, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
4 April 2013

1. Additional changes are being made to the National staff. The following appointments and changes are effective immediately.
2. Due to personal reasons Brother David K. LaBrot from the Department of Texas, has resigned as Chairman of the 2020 Vision and Planning Committee. Brother Brian Pierson from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina is appointed as Chairman of the 2020 Vision and Planning Committee.
3. Brother Robert L. Amsler, PCC, Department of Missouri, is relieved of duties with the National Committee on Legislation with the thanks of the National Organization. The National Committee on Legislation will continue with only two members for the remainder of their term of office.

Ordered this 4th Day of April, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
9 May 2013

1. Additional changes are being made to the National staff. The following appointments and changes are effective immediately.
2. The position of Assistant National Webmaster (Web Ring) is hereby abolished. This particular function is no longer used for the Web Sites. My thanks to Brother Frederick W. Cole for his many years of service in this role.
3. The following Brothers are temporarily appointed to the National Encampment Credentials Committee. Philip L. Caines, Department of California & Pacific and Martin R. Aubuchon, Department of Missouri. These two appointments will remain in effect for the remainder of this administrative year.
4. Brother Glenn B. Knight, PDC, Chairman Department of Pennsylvania and Brother Bruce S. Gosling Department of Michigan are relieved of duties with the National Committee on Fund Raising with the thanks of the National Organization. The following Brothers are appointed to the National Committee on Fund Raising Chairman Tim Graham, Department of Ohio and Nick Kaup, Department of Illinois.

Ordered this 9th Day of May 2013.

Perley E. Mellor.

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 2012-2013

19 May 2013

Memorial Day

1. As Camps and Departments make plans to honor our Civil War ancestors this Memorial Day weekend, let us also reflect on the freedom we continue to enjoy by those military veterans that have gone after them. Our freedom is not free. It has been earned by thousands of Americans who have sacrificed their blood and lives for this great country.
2. I ask that all Brothers either as part of their Camp, SVR Unit or individually, participate in an event in their communities on Monday, 27 May, the day of National observance to fulfill the charge left to us by General Logan as legal heirs to the GAR.
3. If at all possible all Brothers should try to observe the 30th day of May as this day was established for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion.

Ordered this 19th Day of May, 2013.

Perley E. Mellor.

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 2012-2013
17 June 2013

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. As of this date, the Executive Director has not yet received Form 35 from the following Departments and I am hereby placing the following delinquent Departments under suspension:

California & Pacific

Connecticut

Massachusetts

Missouri

New York

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.
3. 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 less than months 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 17th Day of June, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
19 June 2013

The Department of Missouri has filed a completed 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 19th Day of June, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
3 July 2013**

1. The Department of Massachusetts and the Department of California & Pacific have filed a completed Form 35, "Department Annual Report" with National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charters has been lifted and they are hereby reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 3rd Day of July, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor.
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 2012-2013
3 July 2013**

I have included in this General Order a request to amend the Constitution of the SUVCW to be considered at the National Encampment in Milwaukee, WI on August 8 – 10 2013.

**Proposal to Amend Article VII, Section 1(c) of the
Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
"Honorary Membership"**

I. Background. For more than a year, I have worked closely with two British citizens to discover, identify, and improve the grave of Private William Blazey, 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery, who is buried in the Bexleyheath, Kent, England, Cemetery. Their dedication to assisting me in this project has been exemplary and worthy of special recognition. When I consulted the Constitution concerning Honorary Membership, I was surprised to learn that non-citizens are excluded even when they have rendered service to the Order that is worthy of this recognition. While not American citizens, they

otherwise meet the criteria and, in my opinion, are worthy of consideration for Honorary Membership. First, they are not eligible for membership in the Order.

Second, they meet the requirement of eminence, having both received civil honors from Her Majesty the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II, for years of dedicated service to Queen and Country. They have been invested as Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE), which was founded by King George V to recognize achievement or service in or to the community which is outstanding in its field and has delivered a sustained and real impact which stands out as an example to others.

Because I believe that Honorary Membership should recognize the contributions of citizens and non-citizens alike, this recommendation offers the following change to the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is submitted for consideration to the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with the Constitution, Article IX, Page 9.

II. Reference. Article VII (“Membership”), Section 1(c) (“Honorary Members”), Page 6, to wit:

“The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary memberships to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order.”

III. Problems. As the criteria are currently defined, Honorary Membership:

1. Rewards good citizenship of notable people without reference to outstanding support of the historic purposes, goals and mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Is limited only to citizens of the United States no matter how praiseworthy or conspicuous are the contributions of non-citizens to the mission of the SUVCW. This is also inconsistent with the policy of admitting non-citizens to membership through consanguineous descent.

IV. Discussion. All awards presented on behalf of the Order and its Commander-in-Chief ought to recognize outstanding contributions to the historic mission of the SUVCW to preserve and promote the memory of the “Boys in Blue” no matter what the criteria for the individual award.

As stipulated, Honorary Membership is not given with reference to contributions to the order, but to important people who are being commended for outstanding citizenship. Because citizenship is limited to Americans only, Honorary Membership cannot be granted to foreign nationals.

While their contributions to the historic mission of the Order may have warranted special recognition, they cannot be even considered for this reward, no matter how deserving.

Furthermore, as specified, there appears to be no mission-oriented purpose for even having the award, even if the Order does gain public recognition when awarding Honorary Membership to some noteworthy person.

V. Proposed Amendment. It is recommended that Article VII, Section 1(c), Page 6, should be amended to read as follows:

“The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary membership **to individuals who** are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order **and who meet one of the following criteria:**

1. American citizens of unimpeachable loyalty and patriotism who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act.

2. American citizens of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order.

3. Foreign citizens of unimpeachable character and eminence who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act, and whose words and deeds demonstrate an appreciation for and support of the historic role played by the United States in promoting peace and liberty throughout the world.

The National Organization, Departments, and Camps shall not impose the per capita dues, fees, dues, or any other monetary assessment on Honorary Members. Honorary Members are entitled to a free subscription to the Banner.”

VI. Additional Information.

1. This amendment does not conflict with or violate the spirit of the purposes of the Order as stated in Section III, Federal Charter (1954), or Section 200302, Federal Charter (1998).

2. This amendment will not impact Chapter V (“General Regulations”), Article III (“Badges and Decorations”), Section 3F (“Honorary Member Badge”), Page. 59, because it authorizes the issue of the badge to Honorary Members without reference to criteria. Should it be decided, however, to select a different device for foreign citizens (e.g., oak leaf versus star), a change would be required to the National Regulations in Article 3, Section 2, Page 58.

Respectfully submitted

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Douglas K. Fidler, PhD, PDC, PCC
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Tennessee

Ordered this 3rd Day of July, 2013.

Perley E. Mellor.

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 2012-2013

23 July 2013

1. The Department of New York has filed a completed Form 35, “Department Annual Report” with National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charters has been lifted and they are hereby reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 23rd Day of July, 2013.

Perley E. Mellor.

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 2012-2013
25 July 2013

The proposed Amendment to the SUVCW Constitution to Change the Preamble to Reflect Revenue Cutter Service as Eligibility for Membership has passed. The vote so far is 23 Department reporting with 494 Yeas, 18 Nays and 5 Abs. There were 19 Departments that voted unanimous for approval.

Ordered this 25th Day of July, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor
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 2012-2013
3 August 2013

It is with deep sorrow that I announce the passing of Marian Morgan, Past National President of the National Woman's Relief Corps (WRC), Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. She died Thursday, August 1, 2013 and was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, who died on April 23, 2013. Mrs. Morgan was National President for two terms 1989-1990 and 1990-1991. She was very involved in the work of the Grand Army Memorial Museum in Springfield, Illinois and dedicated to volunteering at the Veteran's Home in Battle Creek, Michigan.. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday, August 6, at Winkel Funeral Home in Otsego, Michigan.
Condolences may be sent to: Family of Marian Morgan at 324 Sherwood Street, Otsego, MI 49078-1257. I am requesting that all membership badges Camp and Department Charters and the National website will be draped in black until 2 September 2013.

Ordered this 3rd Day of August, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor
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 2012-2013
19 August 2013**

1. This final General Order for the 2012-2013 administrative year documents the awards that were presented at the National Encampment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

2. The following awards were presented at the 2013 National Encampment

Lifetime Achievement Award

Joseph "Joe" Long, Jr. - Department of Pennsylvania

Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award – Brother of the Year

Ronald F. Rittel – Department of Iowa

Abraham Lincoln Award – Camp of the Year

General Frederick K. Lander Camp #5, Lynn, MA – Department of Massachusetts

Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Linder Award

(Department with greatest number of new members)

Department of Ohio (78)

U.S. Grant Cup Award

(Department with highest percentage of gain of new members)

Department of Georgia-South Carolina (27%)

Joseph S. Rippey Award – Most Outstanding New Camps

George J. Stannard Camp #2, North Western, VT

Under Forty Award

(Department with the greatest number of new members under age 40)

Department of Wisconsin (7)

Marshall Hope Award – Most Outstanding Newsletter

Department

"The Missouri Unionist" – Department of Missouri

Camp

"They Will Not Be Forgotten", – Colonel Hecker Camp #443, Department of Illinois

Albert Woolson Award

(Most Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event)

**Bentonville Battlefield Union Monument Dedication
Department of North Carolina SUVCW**

Scholarship Awards

Britta A. Musser – Mt. Union Church Camp #502 Auxiliary – Dept. of Pennsylvania

**Horace Greeley Award – Most Outstanding Website - Department
Department of California & Pacific
Camp - Lincoln Cushing Camp # 2, Department of the Chesapeake**

Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star:

Lee Stone, PDC – Department of the Chesapeake

Charles (Charlie) E. Kuhn, Jr. PCinC – Department of Pennsylvania

James H. Houston, PDC – Department of Ohio

National Aides

Gary Scheel – Department of Missouri – 13 new members

David K. LaBrot – Department of Texas – 10 new members

James Ludlam - Department of New Jersey -10 new members

Fredric C. Lynch – Department of Ohio – 8 new members

Dr. Douglas Fidler – Department of Tennessee – 7 new members

Robert Grandchamp – Department of Vermont – 6 new members

John R. France – Department of North Carolina -5 new members

C. Jeffrey Heagy – Department of New Jersey – 5 new members

Timothy Murphy – Department of New Jersey – 4 new members

David Hann – Department of New Jersey – 3 new members

William Kale – Department of New Jersey – 3 new members

Meritorious Service Award

William C. Stark – Department of Ohio

George J. Weinmann – Department of New York

Chris Czopek – Department of Michigan

David M. Lamb – Department of Iowa

Thomas Gaard – Department of Iowa

Steven Bogle – Department of Iowa

Allan W. Howey – Department of Ohio

Dr. Mary Walker Award – Ladies Appreciation, National Award

Jane Graham, PNP – Auxiliary to the SUVCW

Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP - Auxiliary to the SUVCW

Ellen Higgins, SVP – Daughters of Union Veterans 1861 - 1865

Judy Rock, NP – Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

B.F. Stephenson Award – Brother who recruits most new members

David Rish – Department of Ohio (17 new members)

John R. Clem Award – Most Outstanding Junior(s)

**Payton Seats – Governor William Denison Camp # 1
Department of Ohio**

Ordered this 19th Day of August, 2013.
Perley E. Mellor
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 4
Attendees of the 132nd National Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
132nd Annual National Encampment
Attendees by Department**

Department of California and Pacific

Frank C. Avila	Phillip L. Caines	Tad D. Campbell	Michael P. Drouin
Dean A Enderlin	Linn Malaznik	Timothy P. Reese	Glenn L. Roosevelt
Thomas T. Graham	Jerry R. Sayre	Michael R. Roosevelt	

Department of Chesapeake

D. Michael Beard	Jeffrey C. Burden	Mark R. Day	Steve S. Hammond
Kevin L. Martin	Andrew M. Johnson	Kenneth D. Hershberger	Eugene G. Mortorff
Michael A. Paquette	Lee D. Stone	W. Faron Taylor	Duane M. Travor
Lawrence E. Slagle			

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

James M. Barker	L.E. (Gene) Cheney	Walter Weart	
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Connecticut

Willard Schulte

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John A. Pardee	James G. Ward		

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Bradley J. Quinlin			

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Steve Aarli	John M. Bigwood	Leonard C. Cassaro, Sr.	Ronald E. Clark
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Rob Hauff	Nicholas H. Kaup	William E. Johnson, Jr.	Jerome W. Kowalski
James L. Lyon	Brandon J. Lyon	Everett Nylund	Robert E. Rogers
Stuart C. Stefany	Jody Switzer	Philip Thompson	Steven J. Westlake
Charles E. Wright	Paul T. Zeien, Jr.	James A. Zingales	Steven Haight

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Craig A. Powers	J. Alan Teller		

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William McAlpine	Courtney Stahr	David L. Thompson	David M. Lamb
Ronald Rittel			

Department of Kansas

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Roy A. Lafferty			

Department of Kentucky

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Edward Norris	Conley W. Ford	Kevin P. Tucker	

Department of Maine

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Bruce Gosling	Gary A. Granger	Keith G. Harrison	Thomas L. Jenkins
James B. Pahl	Donald W. Shaw	David S. Smith	

Department of Missouri

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John Palmer	Jack Grothe	Karl McCardle	Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
Robert M. Petrovic			

Department of Nebraska

Merle A. Rudebusch

Department of New York

Jeffrey Albanese	Robert L. Pugsley	Danny L. Wheeler	
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Department of Ohio

Shawn A. Cox	Donald E. Darby	Johnathan Davis	Thomas W. Graham
Kenneth L. Freshley	Robert E. Grim	James G. Hilton	James H. Houston
John M. Huffman	Kerry L. Langdon	Fred C. Lynch	Donald L. Martin
Henry E. Shaw, Jr.	Tim Graham	Gordon R. Bury II	

Department of Pennsylvania

John R. Gibson	Richard D. Orr	David W. Demmy, Sr.	Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson
George L. Powell	Steve R. Indan	Charles E. Kuhn	David W. Sosnowski

Department of Rhode Island

John A. Connor	Henry C. Duquette	Stephen E. Hackett	Joseph S. Hall, Jr.
Robert Hood	Leo F. Kennedy	Bruce D. Frail	

Department of Tennessee

Charles H. Engle	Douglas K. Fidler	Geoffrey C. Hintze	
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Department of Texas

Donald L. Gates	Leonard R. Lockwood		
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Jeremy Brown	Mark A. Campbell	Daniel K. Croninger	Dean Collins
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Mikko Lagunero	Bruce C. Laine	Andrew Laine	Brian D. McManus
Robert J. Mann	Virgil O. Matz	Stephen A. Michaels	Frederick F. Murphy
Philip G. Olson	Brian G. Peters	Kent A. Peterson	Gregory D. Pomerening

Alan O. Petit	Gerald T. Regan	Richard Rohan	Andrew C. Willenbring
Kirby A. Scott	Ken Williams	Dan Wilson	Gary W. Young
Ronald M. Aronis	Larry J. Hynding	Jeffry Lesar	Patrick J. Lynch
Robert A. Minish	Randal R. Nelson	William W. Parker	Vernon D. Ward
H. Craig Wheeler			
Camps-at-Large			
Loran T. Bures	John R. Conrad		
National Membership-at-Large			
Adam Gaines			

APPENDIX 5
Past Commanders-in-Chief of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
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

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
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
2012	Perley E. Melor	Massachusetts

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

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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 6
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
58th	1939	August 29-30	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
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
115th	1996	August 8-11	Columbus, Ohio
116th	1997	August 7-10	Utica, New York
NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
117th	1998	August 6-9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19-22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17-20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10-12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9-11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8-10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12-15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4-7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
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
132nd	2013	August 9-12	Brookfield, Wisconsin

Appendix 7

National Treasurer's Spreadsheets

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Fundraising Expense - Challenge Coins											-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	758.86										758.86
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	81.00										81.00
National Encamp. Printing	2,462.68										2,462.68
Natl encampment awards	867.00										867.00
Challenge Coins	263.74										263.74
Sons Of Confederates Rep.											-
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	9,160.43										9,160.43
Total Program Expenses	14,993.91	0.00	1,450.00	0.00	0.00	394.48	337.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,175.89
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	25,408.45	0.00	1,450.00	0.00	3,275.12	394.48	337.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,865.55
Net Income	78,628.37	929.07	10,285.00	655.36	27,900.27	-394.48	1,755.34	0.00	0.00	600.00	120,358.93

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO OCTOBER 31, 2012**

	General	Sr. Vice			National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
	Operating	Commander	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership	Consolidated
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Monument	Fund	Totals
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	81.00										81.00
National Encamp. Printing	2,462.68										2,462.68
Natl encampment awards	867.00										867.00
Challenge Coins	267.68										267.68
Sons Of Confederates Rep.											-
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	13,104.84										13,104.84
Total Program Expenses	18,942.26	0.00	2,450.00	0.00	0.00	394.48	622.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,409.24
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	31,404.56	0.00	2,450.00	0.00	8,503.88	394.48	622.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,375.42
Net Income	75,365.76	1,089.59	9,353.00	1,269.34	22,841.36	-394.48	1,648.78	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	112,673.35

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO JANUARY 31, 2013**

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Obeservice Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Charter Application Fees											-
Luncheon											-
Miscellaneous	21.50										21.50
Reinstatement Fees	570.00										570.00
Rememberance Day											-
Transfer from SR. Vice Fund											-
Ticket Sales (Blue Gray Ball)											-
Web Site income											-
Total Program Income	97,393.00	1,272.50	11,860.50	265.00	29,704.25	-	1,310.00	-	-	3,130.00	144,935.25
Total Income	129,549.20	1,276.14	11,880.50	2,193.40	32,595.30	-	2,994.85	-	-	3,130.00	183,619.39
Cost of Goods Sold											
Cost of Goods Sold											
Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales											
Cost Of Sales - QM sales	13,853.17										13,853.17
QM Shipping & Handling	1,033.86										1,033.86
Paypal Fees	381.36										381.36
Cash Shortage and Overage	70.38										70.38
Total Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	15,338.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,338.77
Total COGS	15,338.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,338.77
Gross Profit	114,210.43	1,276.14	11,880.50	2,193.40	32,595.30	-	2,994.85	-	-	3,130.00	168,280.62
Expense											
Bad Debt Expense											-
Administrative Expenses											
CinC expenses											-
Nat. Sec. Expenses	942.76										942.76
Nat. Treasurer Exp.	2,793.18										2,793.18
Nat. QM Expenses	2,740.37										2,740.37
CinC Repre. Expenses	4,000.00										4,000.00
Executive Director					8,500.00						8,500.00
Executive Director Expenses					549.69						549.69

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO JANUARY 31, 2013**

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commander Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Obeservice Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Grants Tomb											-
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier											-
Blue-Gray Donation to NPS											-
GAR Campfire											-
Grave Registrations											-
Misc. Committee Expense	198.98										198.98
Gettysburg Sesquicentennial	5,000.00										5,000.00
Lincoln Birthday Committee											-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	868.86										868.86
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	81.00										81.00
National Encamp. Printing	2,462.68										2,462.68
Natl encampment awards	867.00										867.00
Challenge Coins	589.29										589.29
Sons Of Confederates Rep.											-
Stephenson Memorial							1,000.00				1,000.00
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	18,047.02										18,047.02
Total Program Expenses	29,515.03	0.00	3,450.00	0.00	0.00	519.83	2,881.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,366.36
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	56,727.94	0.00	3,450.00	0.00	16,843.17	519.83	2,881.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	80,422.44
Net Income	57,482.49	1,276.14	8,430.50	2,193.40	15,752.13	-519.83	113.35	0.00	0.00	3,130.00	87,858.18

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2013**

	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Income											
Donations											
Individual, Business Contributions	1,220.00		20.00								1,240.00
Corporate											-
In Memory Donations											-
MOLLUS						2,100.00					2,100.00
NMAL Donation	500.00										500.00
Fundraising - Challenge Coins	1,537.50						607.50				2,145.00
SUVCW cont. from GAR Fund											-
Donations - Inkind											-
Total Donations	3,257.50	-	20.00	-	-	2,100.00	607.50	-	-	-	5,985.00
Investments											
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	1,574.12	4.63		2,558.06	7.41		89.09				4,233.31
Mutual Funds Earnings					4,676.00						4,676.00
Total Investments	1,574.12	4.63	-	2,558.06	4,683.41	-	89.09	-	-	-	8,909.31
Sales											
QM Sales	29,144.15										29,144.15
Web Page Service											-
QM Shipping & handling	2,821.72										2,821.72
Miscellaneous Revenue	133.00						1,000.00				1,133.00
Total Sales	32,098.87	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	33,098.87
Program Income											
Banner Subscriptions	120.00										120.00
National Encampment Reg. Fees	1,590.00										1,590.00
Per Capita Dues	95,492.50		11,910.00		29,828.00						137,230.50
Life Membership Fees				150.00					4,590.00		4,740.00
Life Member Cards											-
Honor Roll				115.00							115.00
New Member Fees		1,365.00					1,435.00				2,800.00
Membership Dues		32.50									32.50
Charter Application Fees											-
Luncheon						261.00					261.00
Miscellaneous	21.50					10.00					31.50

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JULY 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2013**

	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Misc. Expenses											-
Total Administrative Expenses	19,722.70	-	-	-	9,492.05	-	-	-	-	-	29,214.75
Contract Services											
Accounting Fees	1,411.25										1,411.25
Legal Fees											-
Audit Fees	5,397.49										5,397.49
Total Contract Services	6,808.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,808.74
Facilities and Equipment											
Rent					6,952.50						6,952.50
Depr and Amort - Allowable	1,017.52				362.97						1,380.49
Total Facilities and Equipment	1,017.52	-	-	-	7,315.47	-	-	-	-	-	8,332.99
Insurance											
Liability Insurance	1,987.44										1,987.44
Directors & Officers	166.40										166.40
Total Insurance	2,153.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,153.84
Operations											
Advertising											-
Bank Fees											-
Office Expenses	1,210.67										1,210.67
Software	333.88										333.88
Proceedings Transcription	1,304.00										1,304.00
Proceedings Printing											-
Dies											-
Miscellaneous											-
Quartermaster Supplies											-
Past CinC Jewel	659.22										659.22
Penalties											-
Postage											-
Printing & Photocoying											-
Supplies											-
Telephone					1,534.70						1,534.70
Internet Cable					49.99						49.99
Web Hosting	144.18										144.18

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JULY 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2013**

	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Natl Encamp. Photographer	868.86										868.86
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	81.00										81.00
National Encamp. Printing	2,462.68										2,462.68
Natl encampment awards	867.00										867.00
Challenge Coins	632.59										632.59
Sons Of Confederates Rep.											-
Stephenson Memorial							1,000.00				1,000.00
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	27,815.66										27,815.66
Total Program Expenses	39,326.97	0.00	4,450.00	0.00	0.00	519.83	2,994.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,291.25
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	72,681.72	0.00	4,450.00	0.00	18,392.21	519.83	2,994.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	99,038.21
Net Income	43,548.42	1,402.13	7,480.00	2,823.06	16,119.20	1,851.17	137.14	0.00	0.00	4,590.00	77,951.12

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO APRIL 30, 2013

	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Natl Encamp. Photographer	868.86										868.86
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	81.00										81.00
National Encamp. Printing	2,462.68										2,462.68
Natl encampment awards	867.00										867.00
Challenge Coins	668.03										668.03
Sons Of Confederates Rep.											-
Stephenson Memorial							1,000.00				1,000.00
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	27,815.66										27,815.66
Total Program Expenses	39,362.41	0.00	4,450.00	558.00	0.00	4,645.29	5,494.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	54,510.15
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	80,402.99	0.00	4,450.00	639.27	24,014.61	4,645.29	5,494.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	119,646.61
Net Income	37,961.14	1,402.64	7,480.00	2,893.68	10,497.34	711.71	(2,124.71)	0.00	0.00	4,590.00	63,411.80

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO may 31, 2013**

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commande Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observiceance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Income											
Donations											
Individual, Business Contributions	1,284.45		20.00	100.00			100.00				1,504.45
Corporate											-
In Memory Donations											-
MOLLUS						1,100.00	1,000.00				2,100.00
NMAL Donation	500.00										500.00
Fundraising - Challenge Coins	1,900.00						822.50				2,722.50
SUVCW cont. from GAR Fund						2,000.00					2,000.00
Donations - Inkind											-
Total Donations	3,684.45	-	20.00	100.00	-	3,100.00	1,922.50	-	-	-	8,826.95
Restricted Donations											
Advertising	374.00										374.00
Investments											
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2,008.60	5.66		3,488.33	8.42		102.24				5,613.25
Mutual Funds Earnings					4,676.00						4,676.00
Total Investments	2,008.60	5.66	-	3,488.33	4,684.42	-	102.24	-	-	-	10,289.25
Sales											
QM Sales	43,317.88										43,317.88
Web Page Service											-
QM Shipping & handling	4,065.72										4,065.72
Miscellaneous Revenue	182.50										182.50
Total Sales	47,566.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,566.10
Program Income											
Banner Subscriptions	120.00										120.00
National Encampment Reg. Fees	1,590.00										1,590.00
Per Capita Dues	96,036.50		11,978.00		29,998.00						138,012.50
Life Membership Fees				150.00						6,425.00	6,575.00
Life Member Cards											-
Honor Roll				115.00							115.00
New Member Fees		1,465.00					1,535.00				3,000.00
Membership Dues		32.50									32.50
Charter Application Fees	50.00										50.00
Luncheon						1,566.00					1,566.00
Miscellaneous	31.50					10.00					41.50
Reinstatement Fees	640.00										640.00
Rememberance Day											-
Transfer from SR. Vice Fund											-
Web Site income											-
Total Program Income	98,468.00	1,497.50	11,978.00	265.00	29,998.00	1,576.00	1,535.00	-	-	6,425.00	151,742.50
Total Income	152,101.15	1,503.16	11,998.00	3,853.33	34,682.42	4,676.00	3,559.74	-	-	6,425.00	218,424.80

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO MAY 31, 2013**

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commande Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total Insurance	2,562.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,562.49
Operations											
Advertising											-
Bank Fees											-
Office Expenses	1,317.57										1,317.57
Software	333.88										333.88
Proceedings Transcription	1,304.00										1,304.00
Proceedings Printing											-
Dies											-
Miscellaneous											-
Quartermaster Supplies											-
Past CinC Jewel	659.22										659.22
Penalties											-
Postage	220.80				344.89	45.00					610.69
Printing & Photocopying	890.28			81.27							971.55
Supplies					452.43						452.43
Telephone & Internet					1,878.45						1,878.45
Web Hosting	176.22										176.22
Total Operations	4,901.97	-	-	81.27	2,675.77	45.00	-	-	-	-	7,704.01
Program Expenses											
National Encamp. Host Comm.	1,000.00										1,000.00
Awards	230.20										230.20
Scholarships	170.00						830.00				1,000.00
Grants			5,750.00								5,750.00
Life Member Reimbursements				566.00							566.00
Luncheon						1,546.32					1,546.32
Meeting Room											-
Speaker											-
Advertising											-
Equipment Rental						355.58					355.58
Bus Rental						262.50					262.50
Printing						606.25					606.25
Miscellaneous						41.32					41.32
Wreath											-
Musicians						1,403.03					1,403.03
Photographs						109.10					109.10
Refreshments											-
Decorations						394.48					394.48
Bus Rental											-
Travel & Meetings						144.21					144.21
Lincoln Memorial							112.95				112.95
Lincoln Tomb							2,000.00				2,000.00
Rememberance Day							1,051.50				1,051.50

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2012 TO may 31, 2013

	General Operating Fund	Sr. Vice Commande Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Lincoln Tomb Obeservance Fund	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense Fund	Canadian CW Monument Fund	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Cathedral of the Pines											-
Grants Tomb							163.00				163.00
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier											-
GAR Campfire							500.00				500.00
Grave Registrations											-
Misc. Committee Expense	198.98										198.98
Gettysburg Sesquicentennial	5,000.00										5,000.00
Lincoln Birthday Committee											-
Natl Encamp. Photographer	868.86										868.86
Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	81.00										81.00
National Encamp. Printing	2,462.68										2,462.68
Natl encampment awards	867.00										867.00
Challenge Coins	707.40										707.40
Sons Of Confederates Rep.											-
Stephenson Memorial							1,000.00				1,000.00
Special Projects											-
Donation to GAR Fund											-
Banner	36,303.92										36,303.92
Total Program Expenses	47,890.04	0.00	5,750.00	566.00	0.00	4,862.79	5,657.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,463.78
W/O Intercompany balances											-
Total Expense	90,891.84	0.00	5,750.00	647.27	25,358.95	4,907.79	5,657.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	132,950.80
Net Income	31,395.73	1,503.16	6,248.00	3,206.06	9,323.47	-231.79	(2,097.71)	0.00	0.00	6,425.00	55,660.42

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

		General	Sr. Vice	Preservation	Permanent	National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
		Operating	Commande	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Defense	Monument	Membership	Consolidated
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
Income												
	Donations											
	Individual, Business Contributions	1,357.45		20.00	100.00			100.00				1,577.45
	Corporate											-
	In Memory Donations											-
	MOLLUS						1,100.00					1,100.00
	NMAL Donation	500.00										500.00
	Fundraising - Challenge Coins	2,465.18										2,465.18
	SUVCW cont. from GAR Fund						2,000.00					2,000.00
	Donations - Inkind											-
	Total Donations	4,322.63	-	20.00	100.00	-	3,100.00	100.00	-	-	-	7,642.63
	Restricted Donations											
	Advertising	374.00										374.00
	Scholarships							25,000.00				25,000.00
	Investments											
	Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2,223.62	6.17		5,363.46	8.83		115.54				7,717.62
	Dividend Income	117.79			53.98							171.77
	Mutual Funds Earnings					4,176.71						4,176.71
	Total Investments	2,341.41	6.17	-	5,417.44	4,185.54	-	115.54	-	-	-	12,066.10
	Sales											
	QM Sales	45,629.35										45,629.35
	Web Page Service											-
	QM Shipping & handling	4,377.57										4,377.57
	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,195.50										2,195.50
	Total Sales	52,202.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,202.42
	Program Income											
	Banner Subscriptions	120.00										120.00
	National Encampment Reg. Fees	1,590.00										1,590.00
	Per Capita Dues	96,520.50		12,038.50		30,149.25						138,708.25

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

		General	Sr. Vice			National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life		
		Operating	Commande	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	GAR	Defense	Monument	Membership		Consolidated
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
	Bank Fees												-
	Office Expenses	1,488.98											1,488.98
	Software	333.88											333.88
	Proceedings Transcription	1,304.00											1,304.00
	Proceedings Printing												-
	Dies												-
	Miscellaneous												-
	Quartermaster Supplies												-
	Past CinC Jewel	1,329.10											1,329.10
	Penalties												-
	Postage	274.21				344.89	45.00						664.10
	Printing & Photocopying	890.28			81.27								971.55
	Supplies					452.43							452.43
	Telephone & Internet					2,027.86							2,027.86
	Web Hosting	192.24											192.24
	Total Operations	5,812.69	-	-	81.27	2,825.18	45.00	-	-	-	-		8,764.14
	Program Expenses												
	National Encamp. Host Comm.	1,000.00											1,000.00
	Scholarships	170.00						1,830.00					2,000.00
	Grants			8,250.00									8,250.00
	Life Member Reimbursements				566.00						552.00		1,118.00
	Luncheon						1,546.32						1,546.32
	Speaker/Luncheon						703.03						703.03
	Equipment Rental						355.58						355.58
	Bus Rental						262.50						262.50
	Printing						606.25						606.25
	Miscellaneous						41.32						41.32
	Musicians						700.00						700.00
	Photographs						109.10						109.10
	Umbrella Tent						394.48						394.48
	Travel & Meetings						144.21						144.21
	Lincoln Memorial							112.95					112.95

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

		General	Sr. Vice				National	Lincoln		Civil War	Canadian	Life	
		Operating	Commande	Preservation	Permanent	Headquarters	Obeservance	Tomb	GAR	Heritage	CW	Membership	Consolidated
		Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Totals
	Lincoln Tomb								2,000.00				2,000.00
	Remembrance Day/Woolson Monument								1,051.50				1,051.50
	Grants Tomb								163.00				163.00
	Tomb of the Unknown Soldier								112.95				112.95
	GAR Campfire								500.00				500.00
	Misc. Committee Expense	198.98							100.00				298.98
	Gettysburg Sesquicentennial	5,000.00											5,000.00
	Natl Encamp. Photographer	868.86											868.86
	Natl. Encamp. Photo. Supplies	81.00											81.00
	National Encamp. Printing	2,462.68											2,462.68
	Natl encampment awards	1,097.20											1,097.20
	Challenge Coins	715.28											715.28
	Stephenson Memorial								1,000.00				1,000.00
	Banner	38,506.05											38,506.05
	Total Program Expenses	50,100.05	0.00	8,250.00	566.00	0.00	4,862.79	6,870.40	0.00	0.00	552.00		71,201.24
	W/O Intercompany balances												-
	Total Expense	105,935.30	0.00	8,250.00	647.27	30,571.17	4,907.79	6,870.40	0.00	0.00	552.00		157,733.93
	Net Income	18,279.67	1,604.17	3,856.50	5,135.17	3,883.62	-231.75	21,878.14	0.00	0.00	6,498.00		35,529.52

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT SEPTEMBER 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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 17,682.31	\$ (1,167.50)	\$ (4,534.93)	\$ (15.12)	\$ (11,376.25)	\$ -	\$ (410.26)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (600.00)	\$ 95.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 19,059.79	\$ (1,167.50)	\$ (4,534.93)	\$ (15.12)	\$ (11,376.25)	\$ -	\$ (410.26)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (600.00)	\$ 1,472.48
Total Liabilities	\$ 19,059.79	\$ (1,167.50)	\$ (4,534.93)	\$ (15.12)	\$ (11,376.25)	\$ -	\$ (410.26)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (600.00)	\$ 1,472.48
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 440,048.46	\$ 12,575.49	\$ 5,299.58	\$ (9,479.52)	\$ 42,222.56	\$ 4,332.84	\$ 111,312.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 606,312.21
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,137.01
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00							
Net Income	\$ 78,628.37	\$ 929.07	\$ 10,285.00	\$ 655.36	\$ 27,900.27	\$ (394.48)	\$ 1,755.34	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 405.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 123,007.84
Total Equity	\$ 518,676.83	\$ 13,504.56	\$ 15,584.58	\$ 207,531.84	\$ 70,122.83	\$ 3,938.36	\$ 113,068.14	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 956,813.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 537,736.62	\$ 12,337.06	\$ 11,049.65	\$ 207,516.72	\$ 58,746.58	\$ 3,938.36	\$ 112,657.88	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 958,285.54

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT JANUARY 31, 2013**

	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS												
Current Assets												
Checking/Savings												
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 346,840.46	\$ 12,339.13	\$ 13,584.58	\$ 28,436.80	\$ 23,750.50	\$ 4,141.36	\$ 80,819.92	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 511,317.75
Accounts Receivable	\$ 88.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258.25
Other Current Assets												
Undeposited Funds	\$ -			\$ -								\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 3,348.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,090.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,438.19
Inventory	\$ 28,360.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,360.68
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 31,708.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,090.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,798.87
Total Current Assets	\$ 378,637.58	\$ 12,339.13	\$ 13,584.58	\$ 28,606.80	\$ 26,840.50	\$ 4,141.36	\$ 80,819.92	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 546,374.87
Fixed Assets												
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 14,086.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,034.86
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (12,508.70)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,774.78)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (22,283.48)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,577.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,173.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,751.38
Other Assets												
Other Assets												
Marketable Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,591.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,591.85
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,708.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,708.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,630.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315,033.31
Total Other Assets	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,338.14	\$ 29,591.85	\$ -	\$ 29,971.66	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,333.16
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 502,749.36	\$ 12,339.13	\$ 13,584.58	\$ 208,944.94	\$ 57,605.79	\$ 4,141.36	\$ 110,791.58	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	# \$ 924,459.41
LIABILITIES & EQUITY												
Liabilities												
Current Liabilities												
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (55.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (55.90)
Other Current Liabilities												
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Funds	\$ 5,218.41	\$ (1,512.50)	\$ (145.50)	\$ (124.94)	\$ (313.00)	\$ 125.35	\$ (634.57)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,130.00)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 203.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ -	\$ 963.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 5,218.41	\$ (1,512.50)	\$ (145.50)	\$ (124.94)	\$ (313.00)	\$ 328.35	\$ (634.57)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ (3,130.00)	\$ 963.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 5,218.41	\$ (1,512.50)	\$ (145.50)	\$ (124.94)	\$ (368.90)	\$ 328.35	\$ (634.57)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ (3,130.00)	\$ 907.10

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT JANUARY 31, 2013**

	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	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,218.41	\$ (1,512.50)	\$ (145.50)	\$ (124.94)	\$ (368.90)	\$ 328.35	\$ (634.57)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ (3,130.00)	\$ 907.10
Equity												
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 440,048.46	\$ 12,575.49	\$ 5,299.58	\$ (9,479.52)	\$ 42,222.56	\$ 4,332.84	\$ 111,312.80	\$ 10,137.01	\$ -	\$ 531.78	\$ -	\$ 616,981.00
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00								
Net Income	\$ 57,482.49	\$ 1,276.14	\$ 8,430.50	\$ 2,193.40	\$ 15,752.13	\$ (519.83)	\$ 113.35	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 405.00	\$ (1,291.78)	\$ 3,130.00	\$ 89,215.31
Total Equity	\$ 497,530.95	\$ 13,851.63	\$ 13,730.08	\$ 209,069.88	\$ 57,974.69	\$ 3,813.01	\$ 111,426.15	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ (760.00)	\$ 3,130.00	\$ 923,552.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 502,749.36	\$ 12,339.13	\$ 13,584.58	\$ 208,944.94	\$ 57,605.79	\$ 4,141.36	\$ 110,791.58	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 924,459.41

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MARCH 31, 2013

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Blue Gray Ball
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 334,407.18	\$ 12,340.12	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 44,062.93	\$ 23,071.37	\$ 5,512.36	\$ 105,838.90	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 125.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -			\$ -							
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 4,478.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,317.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Inventory	\$ 27,987.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 32,466.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,317.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Assets	\$ 366,998.95	\$ 12,340.12	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 44,232.93	\$ 25,388.87	\$ 6,512.36	\$ 105,838.90	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 14,086.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (12,635.89)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,815.11)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,450.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,133.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,383.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,630.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Assets	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,746.14	\$ 31,383.03	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 490,983.54	\$ 12,340.12	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 209,979.07	\$ 57,905.01	\$ 6,512.36	\$ 110,688.90	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Fund	\$ 7,106.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 125.35	\$ (761.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 203.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 760.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 7,386.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 328.35	\$ (761.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 760.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 7,386.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 328.35	\$ (761.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 760.00

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MARCH 31, 2013

	General	Sr. Vice	Preservation	Permanent	National	Lincoln	GAR	Civil War	Canadian	Life	Blue
	Operating	Commander	Fund	Fund	Headquarters	Tomb	Fund	Heritage	CW	Membership	Gray
						Observance		Defense	Monument		Ball
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,386.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 328.35	\$ (761.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 760.00
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 440,048.46	\$ 12,575.49	\$ 5,299.58	\$ (9,071.52)	\$ 42,222.56	\$ 4,332.84	\$ 111,312.80	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 405.00	\$ -	\$ 531.78
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00							
Net Income	\$ 43,548.42	\$ 1,402.13	\$ 7,480.00	\$ 2,823.06	\$ 16,119.20	\$ 1,851.17	\$ 137.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,590.00	\$ (1,291.78)
Total Equity	\$ 483,596.88	\$ 13,977.62	\$ 12,779.58	\$ 210,107.54	\$ 58,341.76	\$ 6,184.01	\$ 111,449.94	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 4,590.00	\$ (760.00)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 490,983.54	\$ 12,340.12	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 209,979.07	\$ 57,905.01	\$ 6,512.36	\$ 110,688.90	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MARCH 31, 2013

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Blue Gray Ball	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS												
Current Assets												
Checking/Savings												
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 334,407.18	\$ 12,340.12	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 44,062.93	\$ 23,071.37	\$ 5,512.36	\$ 105,838.90	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 539,222.44
Accounts Receivable	\$ 125.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 295.75
Other Current Assets												
Undeposited Funds	\$ -			\$ -								\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 4,478.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,317.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,796.43
Inventory	\$ 27,987.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,987.09
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 32,466.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,317.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,783.52
Total Current Assets	\$ 366,998.95	\$ 12,340.12	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 44,232.93	\$ 25,388.87	\$ 6,512.36	\$ 105,838.90	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 575,301.71
Fixed Assets												
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 14,086.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,034.86
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (12,635.89)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,815.11)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (22,451.00)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,450.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,133.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,583.86
Other Assets												
Other Assets												
Marketable Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,383.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,383.03
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,630.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 274,911.65
Total Other Assets	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,746.14	\$ 31,383.03	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337,410.68
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 490,983.54	\$ 12,340.12	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 209,979.07	\$ 57,905.01	\$ 6,512.36	\$ 110,688.90	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 915,296.25
LIABILITIES & EQUITY												
Liabilities												
Current Liabilities												
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Current Liabilities												
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Fund	\$ 7,106.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 125.35	\$ (761.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 203.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,243.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 7,386.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 328.35	\$ (761.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,243.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 7,386.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 328.35	\$ (761.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,243.00

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MARCH 31, 2013

	General	Sr. Vice	Preservation	Permanent	National	Lincoln	GAR	Civil War	Canadian	Life	Blue	Consolidated
	Operating	Commander	Fund	Fund	Headquarters	Tomb	Fund	Heritage	CW	Membership	Gray	Totals
						Observance		Defense	Monument		Ball	
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,386.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 328.35	\$ (761.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 760.00	\$ 1,243.00
Equity												
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 440,048.46	\$ 12,575.49	\$ 5,299.58	\$ (9,071.52)	\$ 42,222.56	\$ 4,332.84	\$ 111,312.80	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 405.00	\$ -	\$ 531.78	\$ 609,900.90
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,137.01
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00								
Net Income	\$ 43,548.42	\$ 1,402.13	\$ 7,480.00	\$ 2,823.06	\$ 16,119.20	\$ 1,851.17	\$ 137.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,590.00	\$ (1,291.78)	\$ 76,659.34
Total Equity	\$ 483,596.88	\$ 13,977.62	\$ 12,779.58	\$ 210,107.54	\$ 58,341.76	\$ 6,184.01	\$ 111,449.94	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 4,590.00	\$ (760.00)	\$ 914,053.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 490,983.54	\$ 12,340.12	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 209,979.07	\$ 57,905.01	\$ 6,512.36	\$ 110,688.90	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 915,296.25

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT APRIL 30, 2013

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 334,324.83	\$ 12,340.63	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 44,147.55	\$ 18,675.03	\$ 4,424.90	\$ 103,452.05	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 531,354.57
Accounts Receivable	\$ 125.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 295.75
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -			\$ -							\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 3,498.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,043.38
Inventory	\$ 25,040.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,040.42
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 28,538.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,083.80
Total Current Assets	\$ 362,989.38	\$ 12,340.63	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 44,317.55	\$ 20,220.03	\$ 5,424.90	\$ 103,452.05	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 562,734.12
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 14,086.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,034.86
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (12,763.08)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,855.44)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (22,618.52)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,323.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,092.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,416.34
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,383.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,383.03
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,630.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 274,911.65
Total Other Assets	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,746.14	\$ 31,383.03	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337,410.68
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 486,846.78	\$ 12,340.63	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 210,063.69	\$ 52,695.84	\$ 5,424.90	\$ 108,302.05	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 902,561.14
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,175.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14.00	\$ 412.69	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,857.01
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Funds	\$ 7,231.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 125.35	\$ (886.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 430.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 7,661.66	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (128.47)	\$ (436.75)	\$ 125.35	\$ (886.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 430.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 8,836.98	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (114.47)	\$ (24.06)	\$ 380.35	\$ (886.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 2,287.01

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT APRIL 30, 2013

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,836.98	\$ (1,637.50)	\$ (195.00)	\$ (114.47)	\$ (24.06)	\$ 380.35	\$ (886.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (4,590.00)	\$ 2,287.01
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 440,048.46	\$ 12,575.49	\$ 5,299.58	\$ (9,071.52)	\$ 42,222.56	\$ 4,332.84	\$ 111,312.80	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 405.00	\$ -	\$ 609,369.12
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,137.01
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00							
Net Income	\$ 37,961.34	\$ 1,402.64	\$ 7,480.00	\$ 2,893.68	\$ 10,497.34	\$ 711.71	\$ (2,124.71)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,590.00	\$ 63,412.00
Total Equity	\$ 478,009.80	\$ 13,978.13	\$ 12,779.58	\$ 210,178.16	\$ 52,719.90	\$ 5,044.55	\$ 109,188.09	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 4,590.00	\$ 900,274.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 486,846.78	\$ 12,340.63	\$ 12,584.58	\$ 210,063.69	\$ 52,695.84	\$ 5,424.90	\$ 108,302.05	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 902,561.14

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MAY 31, 2013**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 358,996.87	\$ 12,341.15	\$ 11,284.58	\$ 44,445.93	\$ 18,116.83	\$ 4,226.40	\$ 103,289.05	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 554,105.81
Accounts Receivable	\$ 125.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 245.75
Other Current Assets											
Undeposited Funds	\$ -			\$ -							\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 4,343.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 772.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,116.34
Inventory	\$ 24,000.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,000.83
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 28,344.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 772.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,117.17
Total Current Assets	\$ 387,467.29	\$ 12,341.15	\$ 11,284.58	\$ 44,565.93	\$ 18,889.33	\$ 4,226.40	\$ 103,289.05	\$ -	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 583,468.73
Fixed Assets											
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 14,086.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,948.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,034.86
Acc. Depr - Furn & Equip.	\$ (12,890.27)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,895.77)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (22,786.04)
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,196.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,052.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,248.82
Other Assets											
Other Assets											
Marketable Securities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,383.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,383.03
US Savings Bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,116.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,630.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 274,911.65
Total Other Assets	\$ 122,533.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165,746.14	\$ 31,383.03	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 12,897.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337,410.68
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 511,197.50	\$ 12,341.15	\$ 11,284.58	\$ 210,312.07	\$ 51,324.81	\$ 4,226.40	\$ 108,139.05	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 923,128.23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,707.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 385.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,093.18
Other Current Liabilities											
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due To Other Funds	\$ 16,878.66	\$ (1,847.50)	\$ (2,267.00)	\$ (178.47)	\$ (5,616.75)	\$ 125.35	\$ (1,186.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (6,425.00)	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 17,167.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 2,004.00	\$ -	\$ 5,010.00	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,401.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 34,045.66	\$ (1,737.50)	\$ (263.00)	\$ (178.47)	\$ (606.75)	\$ 125.35	\$ (1,076.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (6,425.00)	\$ 24,401.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 39,753.31	\$ (1,737.50)	\$ (263.00)	\$ (178.47)	\$ (221.22)	\$ 125.35	\$ (1,076.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (6,425.00)	\$ 30,494.18

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT MAY 31, 2013**

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Total Liabilities	\$ 39,753.31	\$ (1,737.50)	\$ (263.00)	\$ (178.47)	\$ (221.22)	\$ 125.35	\$ (1,076.04)	\$ 516.75	\$ -	\$ (6,425.00)	\$ 30,494.18
Equity											
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 440,048.46	\$ 12,575.49	\$ 5,299.58	\$ (9,071.52)	\$ 42,222.56	\$ 4,332.84	\$ 111,312.80	\$ 2,243.91	\$ 405.00	\$ -	\$ 609,369.12
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,137.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,137.01
Permanently Restricted				\$ 216,356.00							
Net Income	\$ 31,395.73	\$ 1,503.16	\$ 6,248.00	\$ 3,206.06	\$ 9,323.47	\$ (231.79)	\$ (2,097.71)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 55,771.92
Total Equity	\$ 471,444.19	\$ 14,078.65	\$ 11,547.58	\$ 210,490.54	\$ 51,546.03	\$ 4,101.05	\$ 109,215.09	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 892,634.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 511,197.50	\$ 12,341.15	\$ 11,284.58	\$ 210,312.07	\$ 51,324.81	\$ 4,226.40	\$ 108,139.05	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -	\$ 923,128.23

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT JUNE 30, 2013

	General Operating	Sr. Vice Commander	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	National Headquarters	Lincoln Tomb Observance	GAR Fund	Civil War Heritage Defense	Canadian CW Monument	Life Membership	Consolidated Totals
Net Income	\$ 18,279.67	\$ 1,604.17	\$ 3,856.50	\$ 5,135.17	\$ 3,883.62	\$ (231.75)	\$ 21,878.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 60,903.52
Total Equity	\$ 456,315.13	\$ 14,179.66	\$ 9,156.08	\$ 212,419.65	\$ 46,106.18	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 133,190.94	\$ 12,380.92	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 895,752.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 580,384.87	\$ 12,341.66	\$ 11,051.58	\$ 212,369.85	\$ 55,594.93	\$ 4,101.09	\$ 133,175.44	\$ 12,897.67	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,028,322.09



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Report of the Programs and Policies Committee

Ken L. Freshley, Chair

August 5, 2013



This report is to cover the Program and Policies Committee.

1. SUVCW Scholarship Proposal
2. Review of Fundraising Committee mission statement
3. National Chaplain Award – Father Corby Award
4. Policy for removal of “non-participant of a committee member”
5. Changes on the ROTC Application
 - a. no cost of medal, just shipping charge of \$5.00
 - b. Add shipping to address
 - c. Add name of school to sponsor contact section
 - d. Remove school info from cadet info section
 - e. Fix QM address
6. Review Intellectual Property Policy
7. Do we need a Jr. and Jr Associate Certificate ?, if so we need to change wording as it does not guarantee membership as stated on membership form.
8. Form 22 – Remove requirement from form to require a camp roster, as it is required with the form 27.
9. Form 61 – Sent back to the National Committee in Civil War Memorials to rework form and resubmit to the P & P committee for review and approval
10. John L. Clem Award
11. Lifetime Achievement award

ITEM #1 - SUVCW Scholarship Proposal

Reviewing and reaching a decision on the Scholarship proposal is going to require more work. I've attached the actual proposal that Brother Fidler presented prior to the national encampment in 2009. He was then a member of the scholarship committee. As you can see there are a number of recommendations being made along with the factors taken into consideration. Additionally there are options offered that are not necessarily recommended by Brother Fidler but could be potential ways forward. These will all require some time to discuss - preferably face to face. Brother Fidler has requested that he be present for these discussions so he can explain his rationale and answer any questions.

We recommend that PDC Douglas Fidler's Scholarship Program position paper be referred to the Scholarship committee for review and that committee level endorsement along with recommendations and any revisions be provided during the Order's next business year. We also recommend that PDC Fidler be re-appointed to the Scholarship committee.

ITEM #2 - Fundraising Committee mission statement:

"It shall be the mission of this committee to evaluate the current fund raising being conducted by the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to consider its implications and potential in the process of creating a National Development Plan for the Order. Such plan will include recommendations on the continuation, co-opting or elimination of current fund raising options, proposals for annual appeals, special fund appeals and a long-range donor identification and maintenance program. Plans will include budgeting for expenses and anticipated income and be presented to the Council of Administration and the National Encampment for approval."

We recommend the approval of this mission statement

Items #3, 10 and 11 – New Awards

We recommend the adoption of these 3 new awards (National Chaplain Award, Jonny L. Clem Award (most outstanding Junior) and the SUVCW Lifetime Achievement Award).

We have included an update awards policy to include these new awards.
See the attached example of the National Chaplain's Award.

ITEM #4 - Policy for removal of "non-participant of a committee member"

We were tasked with formulating a "policy for removal of 'non-participant of a committee member'." We have assumed this to mean that a formal policy is desired specifying when and how members of a national committee may be removed for nonparticipation on the committee.

If we have understood the intended task correctly, we contend that no policy is required in this case. The authority to appoint and remove members of national

committees is already clearly granted to the Commander-in-Chief by the SUVCW National Constitution and Regulations, as follows:

Chapter III (National Organization), Article IV (Officers):

Section 3. On assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other officers and national committees, and may appoint one or more Assistant National Secretaries and one or more Assistant National Treasurers and may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate, except that he shall not appoint the Editor of the Banner, or the Membership-at-Large Coordinator.

Section 6. The Commander-in-Chief shall have power to remove all appointive officers. Notice of such removal shall be provided in a timely manner.

If, however, it is determined that the authority granted the Commander-in-Chief by the National Constitution and Regulations is insufficient and that a formal policy is warranted, We suggest the following:

The Commander-in-Chief appoints all national officers and national committees not otherwise specified in the National Constitution and Regulations. Such appointees serve at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief and may therefore be removed from such appointment whenever deemed appropriate by the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order in a timely manner communicating any such staffing changes and/or replacement appointments.

ITEM #5 - Changes on the ROTC Application Form #7

- a. no cost of medal, just shipping charge of \$5.00
- b. Add shipping to address
- c. Add name of school to sponsor contact section
- d. Remove school info from cadet info section
- e. Fix QM address

The changes were performed on the form and see attached changed form

ITEM #6 - Review Intellectual Property Policy

We have reviewed and recommend the adoption of this policy.

ITEM #7 - Do we need a Jr. and Jr Associate Certificates

We recommend that we have the Junior and Junior Associate Membership Certificates as they are great recruiting tools and we believe it will help in membership retention.

1. The Junior Membership Certificate should be as the current Junior Associate certificate is, with the change of the name of the certificate.
2. The Junior Associate Membership Certificate should be as is, with the removal of the statement "This makes him eligible to be an Associate at age 14 in his camp of choice under Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty"

ITEM #8 – Form 22 change – remove camp roster requirement

The change was reviewed and we recommend the removal of the requirement for the roster, attached is the corrected form #22

ITEM #9 - Form 61 –

Sent back to the National Committee in Civil War Memorials to rework form and resubmit to the P & P committee for review and approval

POSITION PAPER ON REVISIONS TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

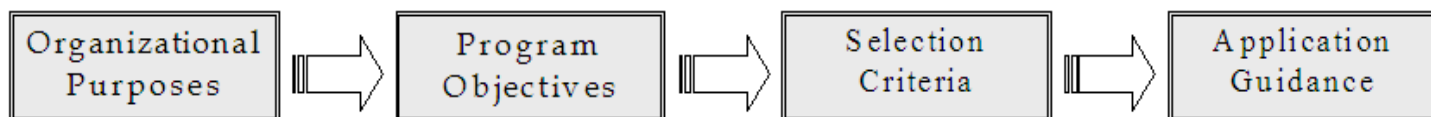
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BACKGROUND. Through the generosity of the Order and its Brother members, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Scholarship Program has assisted well-qualified high school seniors and college students as they pursue higher educational goals. Many Brothers have served on the selection committee as chairmen or members since its beginning, applying the established criteria with integrity to select those students who will best represent the goals of the Order. Although these criteria have served well in the past, it is important to review any program periodically to ensure that it serves the organization well. The purpose of this Position Paper is to review the current SUVCW Scholarship Program and to recommend a variety of changes.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM. This Position Paper asserts that the SUVCW Scholarship Program should be revised. First, as contrived, it does not appear to support the purposes of the Order because there is no clearly defined relationship between organizational purposes and the program's objectives. Second, because program objectives are not defined, the selection criteria are not based on specific objectives and are too generally stated to facilitate clear differentiation between candidates. Third, because selection criteria are stated so generally, committee members are given little guidance for making their selection. Thus, while the goals of the SUVCW Scholarship Program are noble and worthwhile, it is problematic whether the current program both rewards worthy candidates *and* promotes the success of the Order. Any revision to the program must fulfill both objectives: to promote future academic accomplishment and to contribute to an ever-growing success of the SUVCW. Before attempting revision, however, it is important to define a working model for achieving these objectives.

MODEL FOR REVISING THE EXISTING PROGRAM. This Position Paper will address each component separately and in detail below, but, to summarize, its intention is to demonstrate that the organizational purposes of the SUVCW must define the program objectives of the Scholarship Program. In turn, the program objectives must determine the selection criteria that will support the organizational purposes of the Order. Finally, there must be guidance, offering both objective and subjective assistance that will facilitate the selection of winners by committee members. The figure below describes graphically a process for achieving the objectives of pro-

Fig. 1 - Model for Revising the SUVCW Scholarship Program



moting the Order and assisting students who wish to continue their education.

Organizational Purposes. The purposes of the Order are nowhere better stated than in the “Sons of Veterans Petition for Charter and Order Granting the Same” (1881): “The purposes for which it is formed are:

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- (a) To keep green the memory of our fathers and their sacrifice for the maintenance of the Union;
- (b) To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in caring for their helpless and disabled veterans, to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans, to perpetuate the memory and history of the heroic deeds and the proper observance of Memorial Day;
- (c) To aid and assist worthy members of our order;
- (d) To inculcate patriotism and love of country not only among our membership but among all the people of this land, to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.”

The Founders believed that their Order should remember the sacrifices of the soldiers of the past, honor their debt to those soldiers in the present, and ensure that their descendants of the future would not lose the blessings of victory through neglect or ignorance. The purpose of the SUVCW Scholarship Program must mirror the purposes of the organization as originally conceived and continuously promoted to this present day. These broadly expressed purposes should be expressed in specific program objectives

Program Objectives. As suggested above, the two primary objectives of the SUVCW Scholarship Program should be, first, to promote the success of the Order and its purposes, *and*, second, to reward outstanding students who best personify those purposes. Therefore, selection criteria must be established that require applicants to demonstrate outstanding potential in consonance with those purposes and a history of activities, performance, and achievement that is in the best tradition of the Order.

Selection Criteria. The two program objectives should be fulfilled by specific selection criteria. Meeting these criteria will demonstrate that the applicants are worthy of the scholarship. In order to meet the objectives, these criteria must also fulfill the purposes of the Order in a present-day context, either directly or indirectly. Recommendations for specific selection criteria are suggested below.

Application Guidance. It is both counterproductive and, possibly, unwise to establish selection criteria that are entirely subjective. Committee members must certainly apply wisdom in their deliberations, but a system of guidance that objectifies the parts of applications will greatly enhance their ability to choose the very best candidates. Objectification would be accomplished in two ways: assigning weights to each part of the application based on perceived importance to the selection process, and assigning judging scales with comments within each part to assist committee members in evaluating each application. Having assigned individual numeric scores to each application using this guidance, members could then combine all individual scores to arrive at a total score. The committee chairman would be empowered to solicit further subjective input from members should the total score of any applicant be within one percent of the score achieved by the second-place winner.

Section I

CRITIQUE OF THE CURRENT SELECTION CRITERIA. This section critiques the current program before recommending improvements. Specific recommendations will be discussed in a later section.

Current Scholarship Awards	Comment
Two \$1,000 scholarships of-	1. It should be noted that all these criteria are written with reference to high

ferred to high school seniors and college students contingent upon their enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university prior to December 31st of the year the scholarship is granted.	school students only, not college students. This complicates the application process for the latter. 2. While the generosity of the Order and its brothers is noteworthy, it is rather unusual for an organization to offer multiple scholarships of equal value. 3. “College Student” should be defined – e.g., undergraduates only, or graduate students as well? How old? 4. The date is unrealistic because it ignores academic calendars. Semesters begin in August/September and January. 5. There is no restriction on the number of times a student may win the award.
1. Membership in the SUVCW Membership in the Allied Orders	This criterion is severely limiting. Its primary purpose is to reward current membership, not to encourage recruitment. While this criterion ensures opportunities for females, it discriminates against them. To be fair, it should only require that females be members of an allied order, and not related to an SUVCW member.
Current Scholarship Awards	Comment
2. Class Rank	Class rank is listed as a “standard of selection” on the website and on the application form, while GPA and test scores are mentioned only on the application form. Some measure of academic attainment is necessary, but class rank is misleading because class rank is related to class size and not to academic achievement. Rank is unsatisfactory for comparing academic accomplishment. Also, class rank is irrelevant with respect to college.
3. Performance Record	This is arguably the most important part of the application and current criteria are sufficient.
4. Attitude toward College Work	It is not clear to what this criterion refers. Academic performance, whether by high school or college students, should indicate attitude. It also suggests subjective evaluation, which is reflected in the three recommendations.
5. Recommendation	An assessment by knowledgeable third parties is a valuable selection tool. However, as stated, it offers no guidance to the assessors about what to discuss. A letter is not the best format because it relies too heavily on the communicative skills of the author. Because the website does not discuss standards of evaluation, referees can write anything they wish, thus making comparison by committee members very difficult. Suggested referees are relevant to high school students only.
6. Disbursement of Funds	For winners already enrolled in a college, there should be a second option that permits the funds to be paid to a financial institution that holds notes on the student loans. Some colleges actually reduce institutional financial aid by the amount of outside aid, making SUVCW aid inconsequential to the student.

Section II

DISCUSSION OF REVISIONS TO THE SUVCW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. This Position Paper now turns to describing optional changes for the National Commandery to consider.

Criterion	Suggested Changes
Number and Amount of Scholarships	<p>OPTION 1 – Retain current number and amount – two scholarships worth \$1,000 each, awarded to students that are either high school or college students.</p> <p>OPTION 2 – Retain current number and amount, but designate one scholarship for high school seniors and one for college students.</p> <p>OPTION 3 – One scholarship worth \$2,000 awarded to students that are either high school or college students.</p> <p>OPTION 4 – Retain one scholarship worth \$1,000. Split the second \$1,000 scholarship into multiple scholarships – two \$500 scholarships, or one worth \$500 and two worth \$250.</p> <p>OPTION 5 – Retain one scholarship worth \$1,000 for this program. Apply the second \$1,000 to a scholarship program associated with one or more youth programs the Order already supports, either the Boy Scouts of America or the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.</p>

Criterion	Suggested Changes
Student Classification	<p>“High School Senior” is self-evident, but “College Student” needs clarification. Under the current criteria, graduate students could not be excluded from consideration. Revised criteria should be written so that they apply equally to either high school or college students.</p> <p>OPTION 1 – Define “college student” as an undergraduate student who will be a sophomore, junior, or senior, but will not have turned 25 years old until after the start of the academic year for which the scholarship has been awarded. Since many programs now take five years to complete, “senior” would include a “fifth-year senior”.</p> <p>OPTION 2 – Extend Option 1 to specify graduate school students.”</p> <p>OPTION 3 – Specifically exclude graduate students.</p>
Enrollment Requirement	<p>OPTION 1 – The award winner must enroll as a full-time student in the college of choice for the fall term following the awarding of the scholarship by the time established by that institution.</p> <p>OPTION 2 – The award winner must enroll as a full-time student in the college of choice by the spring term following the awarding of the scholarship by the time established by that institution.</p> <p>OPTION 3 – The award winner may defer enrollment as a full-time student in the college of choice until the fall term of the academic year following the awarding of the scholarship with the permission of the Scholarship Committee Chairman. The funds will be retained by the order during the year’s deferment.</p>

Membership	<p>The need for a membership criterion depends on the purpose of the Scholarship Program. If an applicant must be a member, then the program's purpose is either to attract or reward membership. If an applicant does not have to be a member, then the program is expected to promote the intrinsic values of the Order, with membership as a concomitant possibility.</p> <p>OPTION 1 – Retain current membership requirement.</p> <p>OPTION 2 – Retain current membership requirement, but address disparity between male and female applicants noted above.</p> <p>OPTION 3 – Expand the definition of membership to include applicants to the Order who either (1) have already submitted an application or (2) have attached a membership application to the scholarship application. Awarding of the scholarships for those not currently members would be contingent on acceptance to the appropriate Order.</p> <p>OPTION 4 – Remove the membership requirement entirely.</p>
Measurements of Academic Performance	<p>Remove reference to class ranking as a standard of selection on the website, but keep it on the application form. While a concrete number, its importance is too subjective as a means of comparison. Remove reference to class ranking as a standard of selection but retain it as a factor in recommendations.</p>
Performance Record	<p>Retain as a measurement of past performance and future potential.</p>
Attitude toward College Work	<p>This concept is too abstract to be mentioned as a standard of selection on the website, but retain as a factor in recommendations.</p>
Criterion	Suggested Changes
Letters of Recommendation	<p>OPTION 1 – Retain current requirement for letters of recommendation.</p> <p>OPTION 2 – Retain current membership requirement, but address inequality between male and female applicants noted above, but address wording disparity between high school and college applicants.</p> <p>OPTION 3 – Replace the open letter of reference with a reference form that asks referees to rate applicants on specific factors with specific short comments. This will ensure that committee members will be able to compare applicants even on subjective issues, and that applicants are not rewarded or penalized by the skill of the writer. This form will also be equally applicable to high school and college students.</p>
Disbursement of Funds	<p>OPTION 1 – Retain current requirement for disbursement of funds.</p> <p>OPTION 2 – Permit the applicant to apply the scholarship award either against the college bill or against an outstanding college loan, with payment going directly to the institution.</p>

Section III

RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE SUVCW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. This Position Paper now recommends specific changes to the National Commandery. It provides a summary, with reference to the organizational model addressed above.

Number and Amount of Scholarships

Change 1. The number of scholarships should be changed from two \$1,000 general scholarships to one general scholarship, and one designated for one or both of the youth programs supported by the Order, the Eagle Scout Recognition Program and Junior ROTC Recognition Program. The number of times an applicant may win this award should be specified as once only, although the applicant may apply more than once. This will open opportunities for more students and prevent criticism that the program benefits a select group of students.

Factor 1. The current program limits participation to just a handful of existing youth members. It has virtually no impact on youth education outside of our members. Should participation continue to be so restrictive, and because there are two scholarships available, it would be best to expand the potential for social impact by using the second scholarship to fund another program. If designated for one program, then the scholarship could remain \$1,000, or be divided into two \$500 scholarships, or be divided one \$500 and two \$250 scholarships. If designated for the two other youth programs, then the \$1,000 could be divided between the two programs.

Factor 2. Supporting one or both of the other youth programs with a scholarship would be a magnificent manifestation of the Order's purpose to "inculcate patriotism and love of country not only among our membership but among all the people of this land, to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all." Among American youth programs today, there are no others that so profoundly support the founding values of our Order than the Boy Scouts of American and the Junior ROTC program. The foundations of both these programs is patriotism, citizenship, and volunteerism.

Membership in the SUVCW or Allied Orders

Change 2. Membership status should not be used as a criterion for restricting applicants. It may be used as a factor in determining winners.

Factor 1. While it can be argued from the Organizational Purposes that restricting the scholarship fulfills one purpose of the Order, to "aid and assist worthy members", applying this purpose in this way makes the Scholarship Program at best a retention tool, or even a reward of membership open to a very few junior members.

Factor 2. This recommendation would represent a significant departure from the policy declared in the *Digest of the Order*, Pol II, 97th, 73. This policy restricts the scholarship to members and severely limits the pool of potential applicants. As written, the principle benefit of the program is that it rewards membership, with some potential for helping retention. It is far less likely that it will encourage recruitment, since applicants are likely to be members because their father or grandfather was a member first.

Factor 3. Approval by Brother Delegates at the 126th National Encampment in St. Louis of a policy to require at least one year of membership restricts the already limited pool still further because it ignores the process most high school seniors employ to fund their college education. It is a highly unusual high school student who begins searching for scholarships before the beginning of the senior year. With this new policy change, it is *already* too late for potential students to apply for the scholarship because it is impossible to have been a member for one year by 31 March of their senior year. It is likely that this new policy will actually hurt recruitment because non-members will quickly discover that it is impossible to meet the membership requirements until their second year of college – most will simply move on to another scholarship and forget about the Order.

Factor 4. There is considerable likelihood that a small number of students could become a winner in multiple years because they are already members, they know about the scholarship, there is no restriction on the number of times they may win the scholarship, *and* there is little competition.

Factor 5. If opened to students at large, however, a more powerful case can be made that the scholarship promotes the purpose of “inculcat[ing] patriotism and love of country not only among our membership but among all the people of the land, to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.” The program would then promote the intrinsic values of the Order, with membership as a concomitant possibility.

Factor 6. Opportunities for recruitment would likely increase as many more students and their parents investigate the Order’s website. Recruitment is most frequently the result of adult-to-adult contact, with new recruits including their children in the application process. By permitting nonmembers to compete for scholarships, however, there is increased potential for the recruitment of adults through their children who are trying to fund their education. Having learned about the Order through its scholarship program, parents may join themselves through peeked interest or even gratitude for financial assistant.

Choice of Collegiate Majors, Degrees, and Type of Institution

Change 3. The requirement that recipients express interest in “teaching American History upon graduation from college” is too limiting and should be broadened to include other majors and professions. Likewise, it is essentially non-enforceable, since it is a one-year scholarship and the Order cannot retract the scholarship if the student changes majors later on.

Factor 1. The requirement that applicants avow an interest in teaching American history after graduation from college is well in keeping with the purposes of the Order to “keep green the memory of our fathers and their sacrifice for the maintenance of the Union,” to “inculcates patriotism and love of country”, and to “sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.” Selection should not be limited to American history majors only, but include the study of all history, political science, and government, since all promote this worthy purpose.

Factor 2. The selection criteria should not exclude applicants who wish to pursue professions other than teaching. Applicants would serve the purposes of the Order if they chose to pursue careers in government, military, public service, and the clergy, for example.

Factor 3. The selection criteria should not exclude applicants who wish to pursue other degrees, but priority should be given to those seeking degrees in any of those three areas. It may be used as a factor in determining winners.

Factor 4. Scholarship recipients should be permitted to use the funds to earn associate, bachelors, and graduate degrees so long as funds are applied before the student turns 25 years old. This age is chosen specifically because it is the age at which full-time students cease to be considered dependents for tax-reporting purposes.

Factor 5. Scholarship recipients should be permitted to use the funds at all accredited two-year and four-year collegiate institutions so long as they remain full-time students.

Assessment of Academic Potential and Record of Performance

Change 4. The task of choosing winners is excessively subjective and makes it extremely difficult for committee members to differentiate among applicants. The process would be greatly enhanced with the creation of a comprehensive guide for evaluating applications that will facilitate the selection of scholarship winners by weighting the relative importance of each assessment criterion, and providing sliding scales for assigning value to each criterion.

Factor 1. Since this scholarship is supposed to promote the study of history, it should require that applicants write a short (500 words) essay on some aspect of the Civil War. The reasons for this should be obvious: students must research a topic and will learn more about the Civil War; the

ability to communicate in writing is the mark of a student who is prepared for college work; and it will provide an additional tool for evaluation of the overall worthiness of the applicant.

Factor 2. Since this scholarship requires that applicants be members in the Order, then it should require that applicants provide a genealogy of their family. A four-generation chart should be attached, with additional information that extends back to the Civil War generation.

Factor 3. The Application Form requires some minor revisions so that it applies equally to high school and college students. The information required is acceptable

Factor 4. Recommendations should not be in the form of a letter in which referees can speak about whatever they think is important. They should be in the form of a standardized form that requires referees to address specific criteria by applying a sliding scale and short comments that exemplify the candidate. This will ensure an easier method of comparing the relative merits of the various candidates.

Factor 5. The website should make available all forms in a fillable format, either in PDF or Word formatting.

Disbursement of Funds

Change 4. Winning applicants should be given the option of applying the funds to their college tuition bill or against existing loans. This is particularly important if the students attend an institution that awards institutional aid that is reduced by the amount of the outside aid. In this case, the student is no better off, but the institution benefits from the Order's largesse.

Awards and Recognition Policy

Items in red are new changes

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) through actions of various National Encampments or Commanders-in-Chief has established a number of awards and recognitions for Departments, Camps, Brothers, and unassociated individuals and entities. This policy is to establish in one location the awards and recognitions and the criteria for presentation.

There are two awards for Brothers established through the Regulations.

1. **Meritorious Service Award.** This is a certificate awarded by the Commander-in-Chief to a Brother for exceptional service to the Order or society.
2. **Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.** This is a certificate and the ½ inch Gold Star appliance to be worn on the ribbon of the Brother's badge. The Commander-in-Chief presents it, with the concurrence of the Council of Administration, to a Brother who has served the Order for an extended period of time in an outstanding and exemplary manner or for an extraordinary action by a Brother. Recommendations for consideration for this award are to be made to the Commander-in-Chief. If he concurs with the recommendation, he will then put the recommendation before the Council of Administration for consideration. A majority vote of the members of the Council of Administration is required to authorize the Commander-in-Chief to make the presentation.

National Encampments and/or Commanders-in-chief established the following awards and recognitions for presentation within the Order:

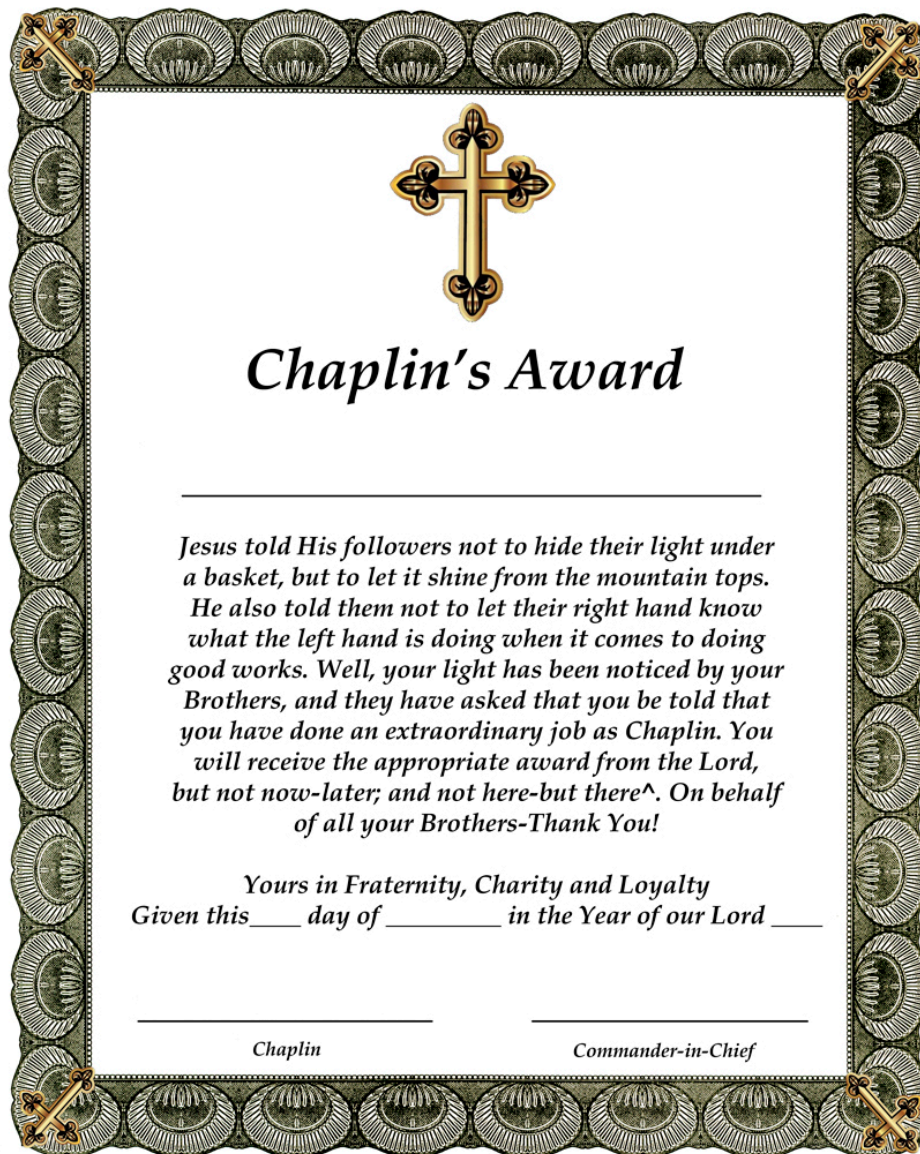
3. **Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award** - The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to the Camp that he judges to be the most outstanding camp during his term of office. Recommendations may be made to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief makes the final determination. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief and he is under no obligation to make such an award.
4. **Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** - The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to the Brother whom he judges to be the most outstanding member of the Order during his term of office. Recommendations may be made to the Commander-in-Chief. 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.
5. **B.F. Stephenson Award** - This award is presented to the individual Brother who recruits the greatest number of new members during the period from April 1 through March 31. It is presented by the Commander-in-Chief and is based upon information provided with the annual report to the National Executive Director by May 31.
6. **Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award** - This award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members during the period from April 1 through March 31. It is presented by the Commander-in-Chief and is based upon information provided with the annual report to the National Executive Director by May 31.
7. **U.S. Grant Cup** - This award is presented to the Department with the greatest percentage increase in membership during the period from April 1 through March 31. It is presented by the Commander-in-Chief and is based upon information provided with the annual report to the National Executive Director by May 31.

8. **Under Forty Award** -This award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members under age 40 during the period from April 1 through March 31. It is presented by the Commander-in-Chief and is based upon information provided with the annual report to the National Executive Director by May 31.
9. **Marshall Hope Award for the Best Newsletter** - The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to the Department or Camp that he judges to have the most outstanding newsletter during his term of office. Recommendations may be made to the Commander-in-Chief. 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.
10. **Joseph S. Rippey Award** - The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to the new Camp, chartered within the last calendar year, that is deemed to be most active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War veterans graves registration, and Civil War memorials assessment. 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.
11. **National Aide** - The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to any Brother, who recruits five or more members during his term of office. Recommendations may be made to the Commander-in-Chief. 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 the award are recognized in General Orders and may wear the National Ribbon behind their respective membership badge for a period of twelve months. The status of National Aide expires when the awarding Commander-in-Chief leaves office.

Commanders-in-Chief or the Council of Administration established the following awards to be presented to non-members.

12. **Certificate of Recognition** - This certificate is presented by the Commander-in-chief to any individual or entity which has contributed significantly to the Order, to 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. Recommendations may be made to the Commander-in-Chief. 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.
13. **Founder's Award** - This recognition is presented a maximum of once per calendar year to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War Soldiers. The Commander-in-Chief on behalf of the Council of Administration presents this recognition. Recommendations may be made to the Council of Administration through the National Secretary. The Council of Administration makes the final determination. The award is made solely at the discretion of the Council of Administration and it is under no obligation to make such an award. The award consists of a walnut plaque with the name of the recipient and the year of presentation engraved in the wood. A permanent plaque with the name of the recipients is maintained in the National Headquarters of the SUVCW. No member of the SUVCW or any organization which is part of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for this award.
14. **SUVCW Lifetime Achievement Award** – this 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 a year.

15. **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. 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 a year.
16. **National Chaplains Award** - this award was established to recognize the Chaplains of the order, who have done an extraordinary job and performing tasks over and above the call of duty. Nominations of this award should be sent to the National Chaplain for review, then forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief for approval. 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 a year.



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

ROTC AWARD APPLICATION

Form 7 (Application Instructions)

For the presentation of the Certificate, Medallion and Service Ribbon during the School Year

SPONSOR CONTACT & SHIPPING INFORMATION (SUVCW CAMP/DEPT. OR ROTC / JROTC UNIT)

Sponsored by _____
SUVCW Camp Name or ROTC /JROTC Unit Name Camp or Unit No. Department or State

Contact _____
SUVCW Camp/Dept. Contact or ROTC /JROTC Unit Contact Contact Telephone

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

High School / College _____ City _____ State _____

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Ship to Name _____
(If different from Contact) Contact Email

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

ROTC / JROTC Branch: Army Navy Air Force Marine Corps

CADET INFORMATION

Has this Recipient received the SUVCW ROTC Award or the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate Award: YES NO

SELECTION CRITERION

Cadet selected for this award should display a high degree of patriotism to his or her Nation and have demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership. (OPTIONAL: List significant achievement or factor in selecting this recipient.)

SPONSOR COSTS

There is no cost for the ROTC / JROTC Award, consisting of a certificate and full size medallion and service ribbon (in acrylic presentation box) is there is a \$5.00 which includes shipping and handling via regular U.S. Mail.

Date of Award Ceremony / Presentation _____ Date Ordered _____

X _____
Commander or Instructor Signature (Camp, Department or ROTC / JROTC Unit) Printed Name

Make Checks Payable to "National Organization, SUVCW" Check # _____

Send this completed
Form and payment to:
Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC
SUVCW National Quartermaster
5 Benny Lane
Ithaca, New York 14850

SUVCW Copyright and Trademark Policy

(Proposed Draft -- April 14, 2012)

Copyright

If a Camp, Department, or the National organization creates documentation, photographs videos, or other original works of authorship, the wording "Copyright [date], Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" or "© [date], Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" must be included in the original work; the year of authorship will be inserted where "[date]" appears.

Trademark

Permission from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's Council of Administration is required to use the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War name or logos as part of any project, product, or service that is riot for the exclusive use by a Camp, Department, or the National organization member.

The Council of Administration may grant permission to use the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War name and logos for projects, such as producing a souvenir, that meet the following criteria:

1. The primary purpose of your project is to promote the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Your project is non-commercial or for fundraising purposes. The project can make money to cover its costs or contribute to a Camp's, Department's, or the National organization's treasury.
3. The project cannot be run by a Camp, Department, or National organization member's or members' non-profit or for-profit business.

Use of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War name and logos are additionally allowed in the following situations:

1. You are using the logos on the web site or documentation for a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp or Department that has been chartered by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, or the National organization.
2. You are using a graphic provided by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to promote an event or you are speaking, volunteering, or sponsoring an event and officially representing the Sons of Union: Veterans of the Civil War.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War does not allow the use of its name or logos in advertising not officially associated with a Camp, Department, or the National organization.

When in doubt about your use of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War name or logos, please contact the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's Council of Administration.



SONS of UNION VETERANS
of the CIVIL WAR

Junior Associate

This will certify that _____
is a Junior Associate of _____ Camp No. _____
Department of _____

The following is a correct transcript from
the records of this Camp:

Brother _____ was born in _____
County of _____ State of _____
He was, _____ when initiated, _____ years of age.

He was initiated on the _____ day of _____
_____ into Camp No. _____
Department of _____,
located at _____.

This makes him eligible to be an Associate at age 14 in his
camp of choice under Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Attest:

CAMP SECRETARY

CAMP COMMANDER



A. Davis
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Certification of Election and Installation Of Camp Officers

Form 22 – Rev 08/13

Camps: Send completed form and one copy to the Department Secretary

Department: Send the completed form to National Headquarters

Signatures are required on the last page of this form. – Retain photocopies for your records

Date _____

Camp Name Camp Number Department Abbreviation EIN

City State Initiation Fee Annual Dues

Meeting held (name of building, if applicable and address) Time

Frequency of meetings (day of week, and month(s))

Camp Officers Installed:

Commander

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Junior Vice Commander:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone () _____

Email: _____

Council Member 2:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Secretary:

Name _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Senior Vice Commander

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Council Member 1:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Council Member 3:

Name _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Treasurer:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____
Email: _____

Patriotic Instructor:

Name: _____
Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone () _____
Email: _____

Graves Registration Officer:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____
Email: _____

Civil War Memorials Officer:

Name _____
Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____
Email _____

Phone: () _____
Email: _____

Chaplain:

Name: _____
Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____
Email: _____

Historian:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone: () _____
Email: _____

Eagle Scout Coordinator:

Name: _____
Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone () _____
Email _____

Past Commanders:

Name (First, Middle, Last) Year(s) Served as Commander

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Name (First Middle, Last) Year(s) Served as Commander

Use additional pages to complete Past Commander's List

Financial Information

Audit of Camp's Financial Books and Accounts was conducted _____, by:

Council Member's Name (Signature and Printed)

Council Members Name (Signature and Printed)

Council Member's Name (Signature and Printed)

Installing Officer

Signature of Installing Officer

Date

Camp Secretary and Commander

Signature of Camp Secretary and Date

Signature of Camp Commander and Date

Department Secretary

Received at Department Headquarters on this date: _____.

Signature of Department Secretary