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(SERIES 2021-2022)

(This notice provides a brief synopsis of the General Orders. Please consult the published General Orders for complete substantive information.)

GENERAL ORDER #7

Photography and Video imagery. It is Ordered that the following statement be noted on the Official Programs for all SUVCW events, ceremonies, and meetings, along with posting on any SUVCW website homepage and photo galleries: "Individuals attending events hosted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by virtue of their attendance, agree to the usage of their likeness in the Banner, any Camp or Department Newsletter, any SUVCW website and/or on any SUVCW Social Media outlet, promotional brochures, or any other SUVCW material". It is further Ordered that no one shall post to any Social Media outlet and/or web site, or any other means of communication, any live or video recordings or selected video clips from any business sessions (including committee meetings) of a Camp, Department, or National Encampment, with an explicit exception of the presentation of awards or special recognitions. There shall be no prohibition against the posting of still photography during or after any such meeting. Nothing in this Order shall be considered as any type of prohibition in the use of interactive video technology via Zoom or other such program for Brothers of the Order and invited guests attending meetings by electronic means consistent with National Regulations and/or National Policy.

GENERAL ORDER #8

Forms a committee to review membership qualifications.

GENERAL ORDER #9

Appoints John Surman, PDC to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Annual Encampment of Department of Nebraska.

GENERAL ORDER #10

Announces action by the Council of Administration to appoint Alan L. Russ, PDC Kansas as the National Secretary upon the resignation of Jonathan Davis from that office.

GENERAL ORDER #11

Announces action by the Council of Administration to approve the complaint filed by the Commander-in-Chief against Eric D. Richhart, PDC of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming and empowers the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief with appointing a hearing panel to consider these charges. Further, the Commander-in-Chief took summary disciplinary action and suspended the membership of Eric D. Richhart in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall not be present at nor participate in any function of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pending the outcome of the hearing.

GENERAL ORDER #12

Announces the passing of Andrew Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief. All charters, social media sites and member badges shall be draped in mourning until June 23.

GENERAL ORDER #13

The Commander-in-Chief's Memorial/Decoration Day observances order.

GENERAL ORDER #14

Re-appoints the Special Committee to Reorganize the National Regulations for the sole purpose of incorporating Chapter V, Article I, Section 3 of the 2013 National Regulations into the current National Regulations, as having been inadvertently omitted from the Reorganized National Regulations adopted at the 2014 National Encampment.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

**Minutes of the Council of Administration Meeting -
16 April 2022**

NOTICE: This is a synopsis of proposed minutes as edited by the Banner Editor. The full minutes, once approved, will be posted on the Order's website and is the official version.

Lincoln Death Day observances in Springfield. Two years left on our current contract with the Abraham Lincoln DoubleTree by Hilton. Three things need to be done:

Update the Job Description for this committee in the C&R for to include a change that when this event falls on Easter, that the committee can change the date to either one week prior to or one week after Easter.
Commander-in-Chief Paquette has already informed MOLLUS of this change to which they had no objection



Update the language in our agreement with MOLLUS to reflect the change above Massachusetts Dept.

The committee is exploring the possibility of selecting a new hotel after the current contract expires. A new Ramada Hotel with a Banquet Center is offering better room rates.

This year, there was an abundance of last-minute requests to present wreaths. Bob did not have assistance to register them. Motion to charge a late fee, motion failed. Motion to allow all Organizations to register wreaths on day of event, passed.

Discussed various awards and medals qualifying for the Order's War Medal. No final decision.

The Commander-in-Chief notified the CofA that our National Secretary cannot discharge the duties of his office. The CofA elected Alan Russ to be a Temporary Acting National Secretary to discharge duties until such time as the National Secretary is able to resume duties. In the event the National Secretary resigns from office, then Alan Russ, PDC be appointed National Secretary until the next National Encampment. (Editor note, the Nat. Sec. did resign his office).

The CofA approved summary discipline against Eric D. Richhart, PDC and his membership was suspended pending the outcome of the hearing.

Committee still working on advertisement banners for our database pages. Pending new web site.

A CinC Committee proposed to establish plan for the 250th year of the independence of the United States. Committee appointed.

Motion to undo prior vote from the March virtual meeting concerning the Virtual Meeting Committee passed.

Motion to advocate the reinstatement of the honored practice of wreath laying on Memorial Day. This is being tracked.

Motion to create award to recognize accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission through Social Media. Referred to P&P.

Motion for the next CinC to instruct the National Signals Corps to develop a resource guide for Departments with best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW websites and social media. CinC to follow up.

Status of whether or not to establish an ownership claim to the G.A.R. Kit Carson monument in Santa Fe, NM discussed and continued.

Request from Vicksburg National Cemetery for our participation as a consulting party approved. Brother Henry Duquette appointed.

Discussed placing flags in the Gettysburg National Cemetery in November. CinC will establish a committee

to start planning.

Motion to approve support to promote Ulysses Grant to General of the Armies of the United States approved. See General Order #6.

P&P instructed to review the job description of the National Secretary.

Discussed P&P's document retention policy.

Motion to add Space Force Cadet to form 7 approved.

Motion to un-black out the boxes in Dept Patriotic Instructors form 41, line 17 passed. Dept PI to report hours but not dollar amount.

Motion to not provide ROTC medals for past years passed.

Scholarships discussed and with a donation we have received, potential for more than the normal number of scholarships exists.

Engaged in discussions concerning a potential directed fundraising policy. P&P working on this.

P&P charged with looking at creating a "Draping the Charter Ceremony".

Discussed travel reimbursement policies when representing the Commander-in-Chief. No action.

CofA approved of a "About the SUVCW" information document. CofA approved an Electronic Meeting policy. Hoping for further input from the Special Virtual Meetings Committee.

The National Treasurer announced his revised Treasurer's Handbook.

Fundraising Campaign Structure was discussed and the CofA voted to approve the rank structure system of recognition.

CofA discussed the independent contractor position of Assistant Executive Director. Position will be advertised to the brothers of the Order with a tight deadline. Budgeting for this will be discussed at a future meeting.

CofA informed a Capital Campaign will be launched at the National Encampment.

Several points were presented by National Civil War Memorials Officer Walt Busch and referred to the Communications and Technology Committee.

The National Committee on Scholarships recommended a job description modification - referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The Pennsylvania Department made recommendations as to the ROTC award. Referred to the Committee on Program and Policy.

P&P Committee instructed to put the oath back on the form 3.

Approved providing streamers to the host Department

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- OBITUARY -

LEE FRANKLIN WALTERS, PDC

JULY 28, 1942 - APRIL 27, 2022



It is with a heavy heart that we pass along the passing of Brother Lee Walters, PDC, former National Executive Director. He was a man of great insight and commitment.

Lee Franklin Walters, 79, of Mechanicsburg, PA died Wednesday evening, April 27, 2022 at Harmony of West Shore, Mechanicsburg, PA. Born July 28, 1942 in Chambersburg, PA.

He was the owner and operator of Lee Franklin Walters Woodworking and retired from the Pennsylvania State Museum. He was a member of the John Hartranft Camp 15 in Harrisonburg. He was the third National Executive Director and Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania.

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of a National Encampment, including prior years back to 2000.

Special Committee on Virtual Meetings pointed out a potential issue with the practice of the CofA discussing items through an email exchange and then taking a vote by email - which may violate the new sections of Roberts Rules of Order on virtual meetings. Referred to the National Parliamentarian.

Motion to eliminate both the current Department and National Chaplain awards for a single National Award

failed. Motion to rename the Department Chaplain Award the Dwight L. Moody Award passed.

Motion to rename the Last Soldier Project to the Last Union Veteran Project passed.

PCinC Don Shaw affirmed his candidacy for National Quartermaster Rob Payne, PDC (Dept of Michigan) announced his candidacy for CofA.

Dan Murray, PDC (Dept of Massachusetts) announced his candidacy for National Secretary.

Harry Reineke, PDC announced he is not running for reelection for his Council seat.

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Brothers: As you consider your charitable giving, please keep in mind the good work of the Order. As National now has 501(c)(3) status, gifts to the National Organization are tax deductible. Your donations can be used in two areas. The first is our Monuments and Memorials fund, where National can give grants to Departments and Camps. Your donations would allow for more grants to be awarded. The second area would be our scholarship fund. Currently, we are limited to two scholarships of \$2,500. Your gifts can make additional scholarships available to our college bound brothers and sisters.

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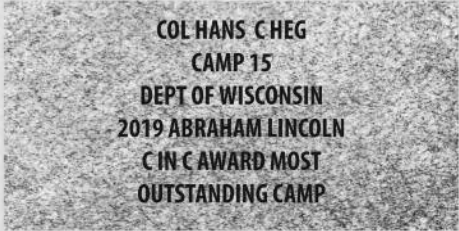
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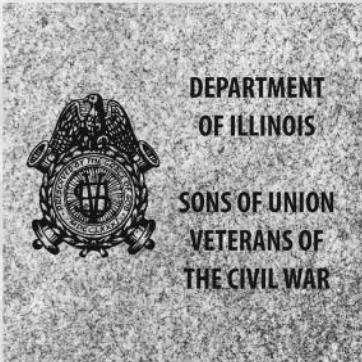
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Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

Brothers,

As we move through another summer of memorializing the men of the Union, we must utilize the tools that we have at our disposal to get the job done to the best of our ability. These tools are all different based on the job that we are doing, but each one is equally important. I want to take a little time to talk about one tool that we have that every Brother of the Order should be taking advantage of and that is Memorial University.

For those of you who are unaware of Memorial University, it is the educational element of the SUVCW. Accessible through www.suvcwu.org, Memorial University is comprised of multiple courses that are designed to enhance your knowledge on the Order. The course that I want to focus on is the Constitution and Regulations course. This course is currently the only one set up with a testable option, however the members of the Memorial University Redesign Committee are tirelessly working to create more courses and tests for them. Upon completion of the C&R Course you will receive your Memorial University Certificate and Lapel Pin.

What does the C&R Course go over? Well quite simply the basics of our organization. From what our mission as an organization is, to which US Highway is the GAR Highway. Broken into 12 lessons, the exams are open book, untimed, and limitless in the amount of times you can take a lessons test. You will need a copy of the Constitution and Regulations as well as a copy of the Rituals and Ceremonies booklet. Quite frankly, this course is an amazing resource for not only new Brothers, but all Brothers, to learn about our Order.

I was always taught growing up that you must constantly be educating yourself in order to be bettering yourself. This is no different for us in the SUVCW, if you want to become a better Brother, you must educate yourself on our Order. Although this is currently our only testable course, rest assured that courses on Job Descriptions, the History of the GAR, Parliamentary Procedures, and the History of the Civil War are all soon to be added to help further our growth as not only Brothers but as Americans. I hope you all take the time to take a look at Memorial University and take a run at the C&R Course.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
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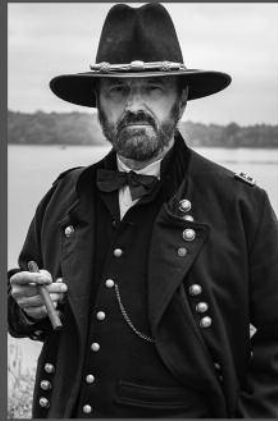
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- Appeared as General Grant on the National Geographic Television series "Diggers"
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- Featured on four national magazine covers
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- Portrayed President Grant for the opening and dedication of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University on November 30th, 2017
- Portrayed General Grant at West Point (at the USMA request) in January of 2019, to kick off their 'semester of Grant' celebration prior to erecting a statue of him on the plain, April 25th, 2019
- Performed (with Thomas Jesse as General Lee) the two-man presentation "Appomattox: The Last 48 Hours" on the front porch of the McLean house, April 13th, 2019
- Featured by the American Battlefield Trust as General Grant describing his life in the "Civil War in Four Minutes" TINA series
- Portrayed General Grant for the Ulysses S. Grant (virtual) Symposium 2020
- Portrayed President Grant for the state of Ohio (The Ohio Historical Connection)
- Presents a weekly Zoom program "Friday's with Grant" on the Civil War Round Table Congress (civiltcongress.org and Facebook: Civil War Round Table Congress) All programs are archived
- Has been selected to portray President Grant at the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library in March of 2022, to kick off the Grant Bicentennial year celebrations/observances



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In the past few months many Great Leaders from our Order have “Gone Home” to be with their Creator. Many were retired and had been replaced, but not all of them. It is a hard thing to consider the fact that some day we will be joining them, and that our common blanket will be one of grass. But the bottom line is that if we are kind and treat everyone the way we want to be treated, we will be with them forever.

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3/30/2022

George E Oswald Jr

David G Caywood Camp 146 (New York)
3/31/2022

Glenn L Duncan

Gen Benjamin D Fearing Camp 2 (Ohio)
12/24/2021

Harley B Nelson

Gen Eugene A Carr Camp 5 (Florida)
1/4/2022

Graham H Phelps

Capt Lot Smith Camp 1 (Colorado/Wyoming)
9/26/2021

Frank E Thompson III

Fort Walla Walla Camp Camp 3 (Columbia)
9/5/2021

Donald T Steinmaker

Oliver Tilden Camp 26 (New York)
2/23/2022

Fred R Leber Jr

Lt Ezra S Griffin Camp 8 (Pennsylvania)
4/28/2022

William Meehan

Baker-Fisher Camp 101 (Pennsylvania)
4/21/2022

Ronald Edward Gray

Picacho Peak Camp 1 (Southwest)
4/26/2022

Lee Franklin Walters, PDC

Life Member 604 – 3rd Executive Director
John F Hartranft Camp 15 (Pennsylvania)
4/27/2022

Lawrence Elliot Harden

Sgt William Pitenger Camp 21
(California/Pacific)
3/22/2022

Albert Irwin Niemeyer

Gen R H G Minty Camp 2 (Southwest)
5/18/2022

Andrew Martin Johnson, PCinC

Life Member 393
Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 (Chesapeake)
5/23/2022

Geoffrey Crawford Hintze, PDC

Capt Richard Taylor Camp 53 (Alabama)
5/16/2022

Alan Charles Douglas Goldsmith

L G Armstrong Camp 49 (Wisconsin)
9/12/2021

Robert Earl Welsh, Sr, PCC

L G Armstrong Camp 49 (Wisconsin)
8/14/2021

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

There is an Award-Winning Quilter living in Texas. I have the honor of possessing several of Mrs. LaBrot's masterpieces. The National Quilters' Museum, in Paducah, KY has recognized her, as well as many other competitions throughout the land. What she does is take various pieces of fabric and sew them together, which sounds pretty simple and easy. However, to turn out an Award-Winning quilt, you must have a design, coordinated colors, and sew perfectly to make the entire work pleasing to the eye.

When it comes to quilts, “The choice is ours to make”.

I have often thought that our lives are like quilts. People come into the fabric of life, and make an impression. Some are pleasing, and others are messy. The secret, it seems to me, lies in our ability to pick and choose who we allow to be in our quilt. They can be wonderfully uplifting, or drag us down and negatively impact the life we live. The choice is ours..., whether we are a Masterpiece, an award winner, or if we just get a participation certificate - the choice is ours to make. The Higher Power, who created you, and has known you for all eternity, gives you the grace to make the right choice.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Chaplain Jerry

DEPARTMENT NEWS

CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 held their Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday, May 28th at the grave of Sgt. William Pittenger Medal of Honor recipient.



CHESAPEAKE

“US Grant Bicentennial Week”



The Department of the Chesapeake sponsored its “US Grant Bicentennial Week” in celebration of the 200th anniversary of General Grant’s birth. In the process of developing the program, four sites, throughout the Department, were identified as important in remembering General Grant and his service.



There were separate gatherings at Ellwood Manor, near the site of Grant’s headquarters at Spotsylvania; the U.S. Grant Monument in Washington, D.C.; the McLean House at Appomattox Court House National Historic Park; and adjacent to General Grant’s cabin at City Point, Petersburg National Battlefield Park.

COLORADO / WYOMING

The Legion of the West Camp #7 presented a copy of the original John A Logan Post 35 charter to the Veterans Cemetery, dated April 23, 1883 to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado.



FLORIDA

National Treasurer D Michael Beard, PDC represented the Commander-in-Chief at the 27th Annual Department Encampment held in St. Cloud. Six of the Department’s seven camps were represented at the encampment and a member of the DSUVCW was present.



Brothers of the General Thomas J McKean Camp #3 and the Lucius L Mitchell Camp 4 participated in a Memorial Day ceremony at the South FL National Cemetery. They were joined by local ROTC Cadets, the American Legion and the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Honor Guard.



GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA

Elias Moon Camp 2 members placed flags and flowers at four Civil War memorial sites on Memorial Day. Pictured here is the reverent attention given to Union graves at Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta.”



ILLINOIS

Cadet Anthony Kuceba received the top JROTC award presented by the George A Custer Camp #1.



The Old Glory Camp 6165 presented the ROTC award to Cadet Tristan Pash, graduating senior from Loyola University in Chicago.



The Old Glory Camp 6165 presented its award for the outstanding Young Marine, Chicago Unit.

Cadet Sergeant Lila E. Klosa. Chicago’s Own Young Marines unit provide ceremonial color guards for Old Glory Camp each Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Union Ridge Cemetery, Chicago.



IOWA

On Saturday, May 14th, thirty-six new military headstones honoring Civil War veterans were dedicated by the Department of Iowa in front of a crowd of about sixty people at the GAR Circle at the William H. Kinman Monument in Fairview Cemetery in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Research revealed the resting places of thirty-five unmarked veterans. A thirty-sixth stone was placed for several veterans whose resting places are known to be in the vicinity of the Monument, but cannot yet be identified due to lack of records.



MICHIGAN

The brothers of General Israel Richardson Camp No. 2 observed Memorial Day at Shain Park in Birmingham, followed by Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac.

**MISSOURI**

On 2 April 2022, brothers of the Department of Missouri traveled to Shiloh National Military Park and participated in the Missouri Remembrance Day. Six of the nine Camps were represented, along with members of the Auxiliary and other guests.



Several Missouri monuments were visited with presentations at each one. This included the reading of the 140 names of Missouri men who lost their lives at Shiloh and visiting the National Cemetery where 47 Missouri men are buried.

On May 14, 2022, brothers of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, assisted by brothers of the General Thomas C Fletcher Camp 47 and the U.S. Grant Camp #68 along with sisters of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary 215, held two ceremonies to honor Civil War Veterans in Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri. The first one was a dedication of a new stone placed at the previously unmarked grave of Private Reuben Brown of Company A & H, of the 2nd Missouri State Militia Cavalry Regiment.



The second ceremony was a Last Soldier Ceremony for Private John Miles Duvall of Company G, 50th Missouri Infantry Regiment. There were seven members of the Duvall family present. His great-Grandson, Doctor Joseph Duvall paid us the highest honor by bringing the US Flag that covered Privat Duvall's casket on the day he was buried.

NEBRASKA

On Saturday April 9, 2022, members from Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2, James Welstead Camp #3 and Harrison Camp #53-2 met at the Saunders County Museum in Wahoo, Nebraska for the 22nd annual Department Encampment.



On Saturday May 7, 2022 members of Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and Shiloh Camp #2 honored three Civil War Veterans. Charles Henry Halstead Company A 52nd Illinois Infantry buried in Tecumseh, Nebraska in Johnson County. Hiram Jewell Company G. 35th Iowa Infantry buried in Mount Vernon Cemetery in Peru, Nebraska in Nemaha County. Jesse James Beason Company E. 3rd Colorado Cavalry buried in Wyuka Cemetery in Nebraska City, Nebraska in Otoe County.

**NEW JERSEY**

Gregory K. May being sworn in at Gen. Philip Kearny Camp #20 Meeting on May 7, 2022.



On May 14th 2022 Brother Ryan Godin of Major General George A. Custer Camp #17 Department of New Jersey was awarded the Eagle scout Certificate of our Order. Brother Ryan joined the SUVCW 8 years ago as a junior member of Custer Camp, the same year he joined the boy scouts. He has since become a full member and is active in Camp activities.



NEW YORK

Brothers of the Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 Rochester, NY at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Civil War Veterans Section on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2022.



ROTC Award. On February 27, 2022, the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 presented a SUVCW Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) medal and certificate to Abdelmoshen ("Abby") Mossolem for showing high degrees of patriotism, academic performance, and leadership. Abby is an Army ROTC Cadet at St. John's University, Jamaica, Queens where he majors in Biology.



NORTH CAROLINA

Saturday, February 19th, members of N C Union Volunteers Camp #5 met in the village of Davis to repair the sarcophagus of Pvt. Samuel Babbitt, 1st North Carolina Infantry (Union). The sarcophagus had partially collapsed during storms several years before.



On March 19, 2022, brothers of the Maj Gen Thomas Ruger Camp #1, Maj Gen Stoneman Camp #6 and the Maj Gen Judson Kilpatrick Camp #7 attended the Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Bentonville, the last battle between the armies of Union Maj. Gen. Sherman and Confederate Gen. Johnston. Department Brothers were successful with providing education and soliciting new members.



OKLAHOMA



The long-gone Town of Frisco, Oklahoma, originally called Veterans City, was the site of the first G.A.R. Post

in the State of Oklahoma. Frisco Cemetery is the final resting place of 25 Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brothers of Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 cleaned the Veterans' marker stones, painted the cemetery entry gate and front fence, and posted Grand Army of the Republic flag markers next to those stones. Brothers of the Camp were joined by sisters of the Sallie Peacheater Tent #18, DUVCW for a re-dedication ceremony on March 26, 2022.



The Indian Nations Camp #3 presented certificates to Eagle Scouts from Troop 918, Central Church of the Nazarene, Tulsa. Honored were Tayrn Yahn, Dory Glanz, Bailey Preston and Sarah Loehrke.

(Photo courtesy of Scott Preston)

PENNSYLVANIA

The 2022 Appomattox Luncheon for the Western Camps of The Department Pennsylvania was hosted by the Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504. They were joined by brothers of the Davis * Camp, the John D Crawford Camp No. 43, Washington Camp No. 120, Mount Union Church Camp No. 502 and the General John J Hartranft Camp No. 15. Thirty seven Sons, Daughters and wives attended this years gathering.



On May 21, 2022, Davis * Camp performed its annual memorial service at the Maj. A.P. Davis Mausoleum recognizing him as the founder of the SUVCW. They were joined by brothers of the John T Crawford Camp #43 and the Isaac Eaton Camp #504. The Davis service

was followed by a separate service for the Allegheny Arsenal explosion victims.



SOUTHWEST

The General U.S. Grant Camp #3 in Flagstaff presented a flag certificate to Jane Bermijo who patriotically fly's our flag. There has been a new push by the Camp to present flag certificates and the momentum has also been picked up by the Department. Camp Grant has already presented 5 flag certificates.



TENNESSEE

The Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3, joined by the SVR 14th Corps HQ Guard, held a Memorial Day Program at Maloney Springs Cemetery on May 28. Following the program as described in the SUVCW "Ritual and Ceremonials", the camp honored the nation's military veterans who gave their lives in the service our country.



TEXAS

Brothers of the Gen James J. Byrne Camp #1 at the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, TX on April 23.



WISCONSIN

After two pandemic years with only a small, private commemoration for Memorial Day, the brothers of the C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Milwaukee, returned to its

grand ceremony, which drew more than 300 people to historic Calvary Cemetery. The Col. Hans Heg Camp 15 made up the honor guard, and Company F, U.S. Colored Troops, provided escort and other help. Two days earlier, the Camp had the honor of placing the final flags out of 12,301 in the Field of Flags at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center. The total marked the number of Wisconsin deaths in the Civil War.





- OBITUARY - ANDREW M. JOHNSON, PCinC

AUGUST 19, 1935 - MAY 23, 2022

With a heavy heart, we report the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson on 23 May 2022 at the age of 86. PCinC “Andy” Johnson, life member #393, was a long-time member of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 of Washington D.C. and served as Camp Commander, Commander of the Department of Maryland, and ultimately as Commander-in-Chief in 1998-1999.

PCinC Johnson retired as a Colonel after 30 plus years of active and reserve service in the United States Army. He was a member of and served in positions of leadership in other National Organizations to include the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Colonial New England, and the American Legion. Always the gentleman, PCinC Johnson was a stalwart and wise leader in our Order and his willingness to mentor others was a true gift to us all.



CIVIL WAR TRIVIA CONTEST AT THE CAMPFIRE PROGRAM 2022 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

BROTHERS! Announcing a Civil War Trivia Contest as the Campfire Program at the National Encampment in August. Teams of four to eight members can register to participate. There will be twenty five questions in five categories of varying difficulty worth from 100 to 500 points each. The question will be announced and displayed on the screen. Each team will have two minutes to write down the answer and deliver the answer to the judges table. Points will be awarded for each correct answer.

At the conclusion, the team with the most points will win. There will be a couple of special questions in case of a tie.

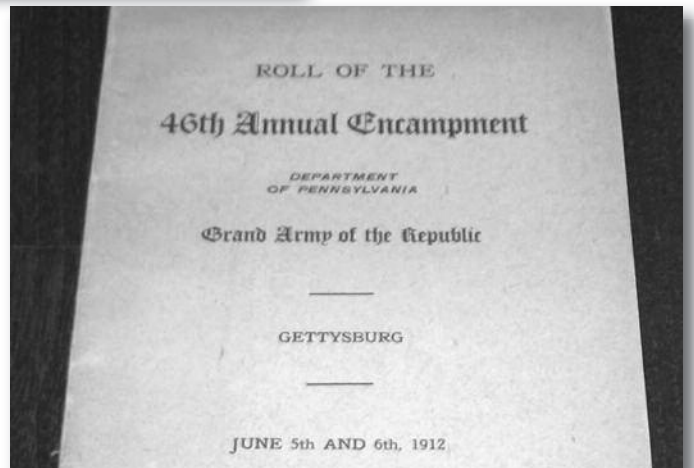
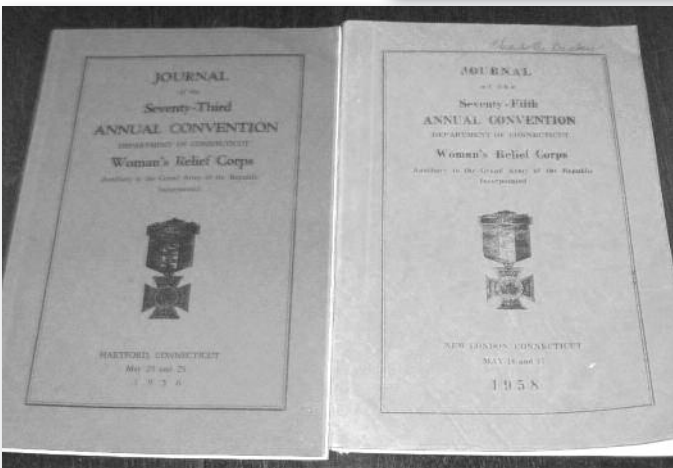
So put your team together and prepare for a fun evening of testing your knowledge. Participation is free of charge. No limit on how many teams a Department may send to the contest. Individual brothers and/or sisters may form their own independent teams and the members do not have to be from the same Department.



G.A.R. AND W.R.C. AVAILABLE ITEMS

The following G.A.R. and W.R.C. Department Proceedings are available for free from Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Please send email to garmichigan@gmail.com if interested.

G.A.R. - Department of New York: 1899 - 1891, 1896, 1902, 1903, 1906, 1909-1913, 1915-1918, & 1928; G.A.R. - Department of Pennsylvania: 1898-1901, 1903, 1905-1912, 1919, 1920, 1923, & 1931-1934; G.A.R. - Department of Pennsylvania: Roll of 49th Annual Encampment, June 5-6, 1912; W.R.C. - Department of Connecticut: 1956, & 1958; and W.R.C. - Department of Massachusetts: 1895, 1899, 1901-1903, 1905 - 1911, 1921, 1923, 1926, 1928, 1930-1932, & 1951.





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HISTORY OF THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

Leonard Wood

Between our founding and the 1920s, the Sons of Veterans USA, today known as the Sons of Union Veterans, were an active component of the National Guard in many states. Thus we would be well known to Major General Leonard Wood, Medal of Honor winner, Commander of the Rough Riders, military governor of Cuba and the Philippines and Chief of Staff of the US Army.

While on an inspection tour in Argentina in the spring of 1910 he witnessed Memorial Day services. He recommended these young soldiers become part of the Sons of Veterans. The Sons headquarters were located in Reading, Pennsylvania and thus our likely first international Camp was chartered in Buenos Aires, Argentina on August 1, 1910 under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Department.





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