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The Editor expresses his condolences to our Executive Director David Demmy upon the passing of his wife Marilyn.

On The Cover: Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA - November 2017.



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Synopsis of General Orders issued by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. The complete Order can be viewed on the Order's website.

GENERAL ORDER #01

1. To all the Brothers in attendance at the 136th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for your continued support and faith in me. I also wish to express my thanks to the Michigan's Encampment Host Committee Chairman Paul Davis and the members of his committee, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan themselves, and National Site Committee Chairman Brother Jim Crane along with his Committee members for an excellent encampment.

2. The Commander-in-Chief Headquarters is hereby transferred from Chillicothe, Ohio to 104 Mullbury Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted here.

Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and are available at CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications are for urgent matters ONLY at (C) 540-797- 7754 or (H) 434-385-7283.

3. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of them a productive and successful year in our shared endeavors to perpetuate the memory of our noble ancestors and look forward to engaging in meaningful fraternal conversations that seek to build greater success for all.

4. All Brothers are directed to review and familiarize themselves with the Policy on Confederate Battle Flags and Monuments, which was approved by the recent National Encampment in Lansing. It is available for viewing on the national website.

5. While we must continue our mission of education and preserving the history and legacy of the boys in Blue through long established programs and SUVCW sponsored events, we need to also invigorate our organization, promote our organization, and effectively communicate with both our members and the greater American society by:

A. Encouraging local Camps and Departments in their efforts to establish:

- activities, projects and goals which will inspire their

membership and draw in new recruits.

- a media presence in their communities and regions to inform the public about the work of our Order.

- connections with other heritage and veteran's groups, or civic organizations in their communities that share our goals of honoring our ancestors, educating the public on the Civil War, and inculcating the value of Patriotism and Sacrifice in the future generations.

B. As stated in my address to the National Encampment, the most critical and effective tool we have available to increase awareness and grow the organization is the Camp and ultimately the individual Camp member. I would ask that every Brother renew his commitment to do the Orders work from the CinC to the newest member.

C. Establishing methods and technologies, which will improve the communication pathways between the National Organization Leadership, the Department Leadership, the camps, and the membership in general.

6. I will call on Camps and the Departments to continue the process of completing their histories and the Last Soldier Projects. These projects have been a long-standing goal. I am aware that this is a daunting task but I ask that in the coming year a concentrated effort be made to find and place an appropriate marker on the grave of the Last Soldiers in each county across the nation. In March of 2017 the CofA approved a marker for just this purpose and that marker is available from the Department of Wisconsin.

7. I encourage the Brothers of our great Order to take advantage of the rejuvenated Memorial University Program, which the National Patriotic Instructor monitors and coordinates. Memorial University provides the best vehicle for learning the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW. Increasing his knowledge of the C&R should be a goal for every Brother, but more especially for those who seek to become leaders at all levels. I hope, that we will soon be able to expand the instruction available at Memorial University to include a new member indoctrination course, courses on the History of the GAR / SUVCW, and possibly training for Secretaries and Treasurers.

8. Patriotic Instructors will provide instruction at each Camp meeting. There are over 100 Patriotic instructions on the SUVCW website alone. CPI's are welcome to use their own as well.

Additionally Camp Patriotic Instructors are required to submit an annual report to their Department Patriotic Instructor by **1 April 2018** and Department Patriotic Instructors are required to report a consolidated Patriotic Instruction report to the National Patriotic Instructor by **1 June 2018**; utilizing the most current Patriotic Instruction reporting forms 40 and 41, which can be found on the national website These reports provide essential information used by the National Treasurer in reporting



our charitable activities to the Internal Revenue Service in support of our 501c3 tax exemption.

9. Camp and Department Secretaries are reminded that a new standard membership card form, which has preprinted data on the back, stating that the card is the property of the SUVCW and a mailing address that may be used to return it if lost. These new membership cards are available for purchase through the Quartermaster Store at a nominal fee. A template for creating a pre-set data base, that can be used to fill in the front of the cards is available under the forms link on the **governance page** of the National Website along with a set of instructions for setting the data base up.

10. I highly encourage the Brothers of the Order to familiarize themselves with the Forms, publications and polices of the SUVCW. These items can be found on the **governance page** at the National website. Several of our polices were recently revised or created and many a contain important instructions relating to our 501c3 tax status.

11. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000.

12. Direct financial correspondences for the Order to National Treasurer should be directed to, David McReynolds 4323 Near Shore Dr. Louisville TN 37777-5231 865-981-2854 mcreyscope@aol.com.

13. Direct all other correspondences for the Order to National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162; 614-745-6079; secretary@suvchw.org.

14. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule will be coordinated by National Chief of Staff W. Faron Taylor, theoverlandgroupllc@gmail.com, 5321 Broadwater Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029.

15. National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski, paptom@msn.com; 206 E. Grantley Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126, should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's rank and unit.

16 Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be sent to Brian C. Pierson, PDC, PO Box 3394, Shawnee, OK 74802-3394; 703-989-9296; CofA2@suvchw.org.

17. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), George Shadman, 99 Elizabeth Dr., Barboursville, VA, 22923, 434-985-8540

18. All Camps and Departments should submit articles for the BANNER to Banner Editor James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St, Mason, MI 48854-1519. 517-676-1471 Banner@suvchw.org

19. 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 137th National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.

20. Per the 2017 National Encampment I have established a special committee to discover the requirements and scope of work necessary for re-designing the national website and to solicit bids from professional web design services in order to identify our needs. The committee will report back to the National Encampment no later than June 30, 2018 This committee consists of DC Jamie McGuire, Chairman, Kevin Tucker (PDC), Tim McCoy (DC) and Brother Sumner Hunnewell.

21. The following National Special Committees will remain in place to serve the Order.

- National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials (2018)

- National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign

- National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters

- National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021)

22. The following National Special Committees are discharged with the thanks of the Order

- National Special Committee on Memorial Day

- National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flags

23. I hereby create a CinC appointed committee, which is tasked to conduct talks with the other

Allied related to seed money and other contractual National Encampment issues; the committee will consist of the following Brothers CinC Mark Day Chairman, PCinC Don Darby, PCinC Tad Campbell, DC Jim Crane and PDC Michael Paquette. DC Faron Taylor will serve as an aide to the Committee.

24. I hereby create a CinC appointed sub-committee of the Communications and Technology Committee to review the equipment and technology needs of the National Headquarters and make recommendations to the CofA for improvements or purchases. Jamie McGuire (DC) Chainman, Michael Paquette (PDC) Ken Freshley (PCinC). David W. Demmy and Eugene Mortorff (PCinC) are assigned as aides

(A SYNOPSIS OF REMAINING GENERAL ORDERS)

GENERAL ORDER #02

The Commander-in-Chief will serve as the primary point of contact on all media inquiries involving the removal of veteran's monuments. Media outlets should be

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directed to forward their inquiries to the SUVCW National Headquarters at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411 Telephone: (717) 232-7000 Fax: (717) 412-7492.

GENERAL ORDER #03

Hyphenated camp names shall be allowed when submitting a request for the establishment of a new Camp: provided that the names are limited to the last names, separated by a hyphen, of two honorably discharged Union Civil War veterans or other persons making substantial contributions to the cause of preserving the Union during the years 1861 – 1865. Existing Camp names are grandfathered.

GENERAL ORDER #04

1. The creation of a committee to write a job description a Development Officer. Chair National Treasurer David McReynolds with PCinC Donald Darby, Brothers Fred Lynch, and Kent Melcher as members.

2. The Communications and Technology Committee to conduct a digital survey for the purpose of determining the current number of veterans of the United States Armed Services in the Order.

3. The P&P Committee to modify forms 3 & 60 to provide a method for identifying those applicants who are currently or have in the past served in the United States Armed Forces.

GENERAL ORDER #05

Revokes the Charter of the Stewart – Hope Camp #126, Department of New York.

GENERAL ORDER #06

Camps and Departments may charge Life Members per capita, unless the Life Member is a real son.

GENERAL ORDER #07

After review of General Order 13 Series 2016-2017, a dispensation of General Order 13 be granted to the Irish Brigade Camp #4 of Fredericksburg, Virginia for the purpose of initiating a new Brother (living in the United Kingdom) into their camp, via Skype or other electronic means, at the earliest date that can be set for that ceremony.

GENERAL ORDER #08

Reports resignation of James Crane Chairman on the National Site Selection Committee and appoints Kevin Tucker as Chair.

GENERAL ORDER #09

Publishes the visitation schedule by the CinC or his appointed representatives to the Annual Department Encampments January – June 2018.

GENERAL ORDER #10

Create a CinC appointed committee, tasked with providing a written set of protocols and ceremonial procedures for use when interacting with the Allied Orders or other organizations during Annual Encampments and other events such as Lincoln Death Day. Committee to be chaired by PDC Brian Pierson (Chairman) with PDC Kevin Tucker and DC W. Faron Taylor as members.

GENERAL ORDER #11

Reports on a complaint of Harassment received by National and results of investigation. All individuals seeking access to the National Encampment meeting room other than a Brother of the SUVCW, must be with the permission of the chair and. Official visits will as tradition dictates will be under the escort and presented to the chair in the proper manner.

GENERAL ORDER #12

Reports resignation of Brother Gene Turner to step down as the Chairman of the National Scholarship Committee, appoints PCinC Eugene Mortorff to serve as the Chair and appoints Brother Garry Brewers to serve as a member.



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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
<http://suvchw.org/mollus.htm>

or

Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS PCinC) at:
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ALLIED ORDERS
OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

WHEN

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EVENTS INCLUDE

ENCAMPMENT TOURS

**ALLIED ORDERS
CAMPFIRE**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

JOINT OPENING

**BUSINESS
SESSIONS**

SVR BREAKFAST

**ENCAMPMENT
BANQUET**

**SUNDAY PRAYER
SERVICES**

**AMENITIES
INCLUDE**

FREE PARKING

**FREE WIFI IN
LOBBY AND
FUNCTION SPACE**

**FITNESS AND
BUSINESS
CENTERS**

**INDOOR AND
OUTDOOR POOLS**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

One of our Brothers in the State of Washington sent me a note recently, thanking me for an piece that I wrote for The Banner. I was overwhelmed. As I look back over the years, it was one of the very few written notes that I have ever received about anything I had done. Yes, folks have spoken to me - but to get something hand written is very rare, indeed. That message made me think of something that I do not do often enough, and that is - thank Almighty God, for all of the favors and blessings He has bestowed on me and my family. Last year my spiritual advisor suggested that I make a list each day of 5 things I am grateful for. After just a few days of keeping track on my smart phone, I realized that there are a huge number of things that I can put down. So, I started two columns, one with my earliest recollections and one that began with my courtship and wedding 50+ years ago. After 1,000 entries - I was still in high school and only celebrating my 10th wedding anniversary. Brothers, not just Thanksgiving, not just at the start of a New Year, not just at the start of spring - but continuously we need to be Grateful. Do we deserve anything that we have in this world? Is it not a gift from a Power Greater Than Ourselves? How do you show our appreciation? Kindness, prayer, forgiveness, attendance at Church? No one can make us do anything, but someday we will stand in judgment - and the great questions is - are we ready if the call comes soon?

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

TREASURER CLARIFIES TAX ISSUES

The National Treasurer would like to clarify a number of tax issues related to the National Organization's tax status and that of the Camps and Departments and Military Units. On February 8, 2017, the National Organization was granted 501(c)3 tax exempt status. This action by the IRS only impacted the National Organization and had no impact on our existing 501(c)4 Group Exemption for all subordinate units in good standing with the IRS. After we complete and file our Form 990 for the National Organization for the year ended June 30, 2017, we plan to work with our tax accountant to begin to address many additional issues that will have an impact on Camps and Departments. We have asked that Camps and Departments in good standing with the IRS to stand still and take no action on their own to obtain separate 501(c)3 tax exempt status. We hope to have the National Group Exemption changed. However, the IRS moves slowly and we can not hurry the various time clocks in the processes that we are and will pursue. We do want Camps that had their tax exempt status revoked and who are in position to have it restored, to continue with that action. When you receive written confirmation that a Camp's tax exempt status has been restored, send a copy of that confirmation to the National Treasurer so that the Camp may be added back to the National Group Exemption. We hope this clarifies our position. We do not want Camps and Departments pursuing their own changes in tax exempt status without coordination with the National Organization. We do not think that is in the best interest of all Camps and Departments. You will see several surveys over the next several months as we continue to check and verify the status of each and every subordinate unit. Please cooperate with us as that cooperation will make this process run more smoothly.

David H. McReynolds
National Treasurer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation, SUVCW-CF, is looking for one or two men to step forward. The foundation wants to expand and strengthen its knowledge to secure grants. They are looking for individuals with grant writing experience or with trademark and/or copyright experience. They would welcome your help to continue the growth and development of the organization. If you are not familiar with the organization you can read more about it and its mission at <http://suvcw-cf.org/>. If you have experience in grant writing or trademark and/or copyrighting and are interested in volunteering please contact Alan Teller: Phone 765.455.0484 or Email director3@suvcw-cf.org. These are non-paid volunteer positions.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES
PRE-ENCAMPMENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF ADMINISTRATION**

August 10, 2017, Lansing, Michigan

National Encampment Site Committee

Brother James Crane addressed the CofA meeting regarding room Cost Survey to hosts of last 5 Encampments. The National Organization currently provides the host Department \$1,500 advance to help with expenses. CofA increased that to \$3,500.00 and CinC will form special committee to discuss seed money, expectations and other financial issues with the view of entering into written agreements.

Charitable Foundation Discussion

Discussed the Charitable Foundation's license and the Foundation will continue to use SUVVCW name as per existing licenses.

SUVVCW Brochures

We have 1780 as of 30 July 2017. Quartermaster PCinC Wheeler can obtain more as needed.

National Treasurer: David McReynolds, PDC

1. There has been reconciliation between the Executive Director's per capita tax receipts and the amount deposited in the bank.

2. Assure that a signed contract is always obtained when contract terms are changed.

3. Recommended the adoption of a written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan. Being examined by the National Web Master and the National Communications Committee.

4. Recommended the CinC & CofA members who receive an advance should submit all receipts to support an advance or refund the unused portion in a timely manner. National Committee on Program and Policy examining this issue with potential C&R changes.

5. 501c3 status for the National Organization approved February 8, 2017. Registrations complete for charitable solicitation except for D.C. Treasurer's Handbook to follow with directions on a variety of financial and tax issues for Camps and Departments. The National Treasurer is examining impact of change in tax exempt status for National on Departments and Camps. The National Treasurer advises the Departments and Camps take no action at this time to obtain their own tax determination from the IRS.

National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire,

1. An audit has been completed of digital assets & a determination be made of how many Camps, Departments, and Allied Orders are riding on the SUVVCW hosting agreement, and whether or not any fees have been collected in relation to such.

2. Website and Social Media Census has been designed.

This census gives us a complete picture of the Order's web presence top to down. The National Signals Officer will consult with the CofA and relevant committee chairs in the first quarter of the next administration to formalize the census questionnaire.

3. Discussed the possibility of the Order buying its own server system or renting significant & secure external server space to this & future databases, as well as to provide secure digital backup for the Order in general. No further action at this time.

4. Department and Camp Webpages: National website is still hosting department and even Camp webpages and that the National Webmaster is taking care of some of them. In today's day and age this is a waste of time and resources. There are so many resources available to make each Camp or Department who desires to have a website for very little expense. National will eliminate the policy of hosting Camps and Department websites under the National Website and phase it out according to a schedule in order to help those few Camps and Departments that are currently under the umbrella time to establish themselves on other platforms.

National Military Affairs Committee; Henry E. Shaw, Jr., PCC

AMENDMENT TO SVR REGULATIONS, CHAPTER IV, SECTION 2 PROPOSED BY NATIONAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Currently reads: Section 2. To be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR, a Brother shall be a member or Associate in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Will be presented at the National Encampment for action.

Policies and Forms

SVCinC Mark Day a schedule of review of policies and forms was created

Encampment POW Program

Being looked at by the National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues.

Department of Missouri recommended to establish a special committee or task force to explore a fee based member-to-ancestor database to assist prospective members and genealogy researchers. This has been assigned to the National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues.

Veterans Administration Booklet

Brother Fredric Lynch stated that the National Veterans Administration publishes a book of recognized Veterans Organizations and wondered why the SUVVCW is not listed. Can we file paperwork to be included within the book. This will be followed up on. This issue shall be explored by the National Secretary.

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Forms SVCinC Mark Day reported various forms have been worked on.

Excess Memorial Grant Funds After April, CofA may donate additional funds to grant applicants from that fiscal year. CofA may donate up to 75% of the remaining money to National Civil War Parks, State Civil War Parks etc. CofA voted to roll over funds and not expend any at this time.

Special Projects Fund

Spend up to \$300 to exhume Mr. Kroehl remains for reinternment at the Corozal American Military Cemetery approved.

Donation Request

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Hall and Museum (Museum) wishes to be considered for a grant of \$4,000. No action at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Brother Mortorff shared with those in attendance on Executive Director David Demmy who suffered further injury, hopefully will recover soon and for all to keep him and his family in prayers.

2. Sad news was shared that father of National President Oman of the ASUVCW passed away on Thursday morning; flowers will be sent by the National Organization.

3. Flowers will also be sent to PCinC Stephen Michael and family.

4. PCinC Ken Freshley shared that the 2019 National Encampment will be hosted by the Department of Ohio, details are being worked on.

5. Chaplain Kowalski provided words of wisdom and advised all to go forward together.

CofA met in executive session following adjournment.

SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES

POST-ENCAMPMENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

August 13, 2017, Lansing, Michigan

Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day called the meeting to order at 8:02 am on August 13, 2017.

Commander-in-Chief Mark Day presented to PCinC Donald Martin a Certificate of Appreciation for his year of service as Commander-in-Chief.

CARRY OVER FROM PRE COFA MEETING

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE

CinC will create a committee to discuss with the allied orders on increasing their seed money and other items to help run successful joint Encampments. CinC Day will chair committee, CofA Council Member Paquette also member.

NATIONAL TREASURER: DAVID MCREYNOLDS

Had recommended the CofA adopt a written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan. The Web Master reports he is not qualified to address this topic, nor is anyone on the Communication committee. He believes professional consultants should be consulted. He stated an online secure storage company like Carbonite or NovaStor would be a good place to start.

FROM ENCAMPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Department of Colorado and Wyoming Resolution

Idaho Resolution:

The National Encampment passed a motion that Idaho be returned to the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. CinC Martin had issued General Order #33 on August 12 to place this into effect.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Donald W. Shaw, PDC

I recommend that the Web site application have a notice inserted that in the event the applicant knows the camp he wishes to join the Order through, that he is encouraged to approach the Camp and make application directly through that group. Referred to the Webmaster for action.

National Signals Officer & Webmaster: James P. McGuire, DC

Engage a professional firm who can conduct the process of "discovery" in order to determine what our needs for a new website are, so that we can make informed decisions as to the future of the Order's website. National Committee on Communication & Technology shall make recommendations at the November CofA meeting.

National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, PCinC

Assistant National Quartermaster: George Shadman is the guy who processes the ROTC award orders and would like the "one award per school per branch of service" guideline unless there is a very unusual circumstance to vary from that. I have had schools that have requested as many as four or five awards this past year. Our organization could not afford to accommodate that

kind of request if all the schools submitted multiple Form 7s. Also recommended language changes in Form 7. Assigned to National Committee on Program and Policy.

National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Recommended CofA evaluate whether grant eligibility should be expanded to include GAR halls, historical GAR furniture and decorations, and if so, define specific criteria, standards and restrictions for these items. Assigned to National Committee on Program and Policy to report back by the November CofA meeting.

National Committee on Vision and Planning: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Recommended Order revamp the recruiting and retention program and develop a strategy to reduce drops. We appear to be recruiting, but not retaining members. Assigned to National Committee on Program and Policy

ENGAGEMENT

Recommendations:

1. Assist Departments and Camps in school engagement, perhaps with a standardized kit similar to what the SAR uses. Assigned to the Patriotic Instructor to report back by the spring 2018 CofA meeting.
2. The Battle Flag Preservation program needs to develop a vision, strategy, goals and objectives. To stay with the Engagement Committee and report back by the spring 2018 CofA meeting.
3. Establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign this responsibility to an existing committee. (There is a link to the Civil War Trust on the Education page of the National Website.) CinC to form Special Committee to study.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The National Encampment authorized a Development Officer. CinC to appoint a special committee. (note – Committee appointed by General Order #4 and to report to the November CofA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NATIONAL EXPANSION OFFICER

Brother Eric D. Richhart, PDC resume was reviewed and he was appointed by the CofA.

2. Gettysburg Meeting will be Sunday, November 19th

3. ROTC Award recognized by US Army

CofA Member Michael Paquette shared handout. Motion to seek award be recognized passed.

4. National Office Equipment

Review of equipment at National Office was discussed. National Committee on Communication & Technology to make recommendations by CofA Meeting in Gettysburg for moving forward, budget to be determined by this time.

5. Encampment Room Arrangement

Room arrangement diagram not in current C&R, do we which to update C&R. The Encampment Site Committee will study the issue as it relates to applicable fire codes.

6. National Office Assistant

PCinC Mortorff has been assisting the Executive Director Demmy at his own expense. CofA approved to compensate him for mileage.

7. Form 27

Discussion on a \$5.00 additional fee for international

members which was passed by the CofA during Richmond CofA Meeting. This was to cover additional cost of postage for the Banner which was revised by 2016-2017 General Order No. 8. CofA discontinued the additional fee.

8. National Conflict of Interest Policy

Secretary J. Davis reminded attendees of the National Conflict of Interest Policy Requirements. Forms were provided for those in attendance who needed to complete one. The remainder will be mailed to the officers not in attendance.

9. Veterans

CofA Member Lynch made motion to get number of Veterans within the order. Assigned to National Committee on Communications and Technology. (note General Order No. 4 directs that the Committee is hereby tasked to design a digital survey for the purpose of determining the current number of veterans of the United States Armed Services, to conduct that survey, and report its results to the CofA no later than the Gettysburg CofA meeting.)

10. Treasurers Handbook to be posted on website.

11. Primary Bank Accounts by Treasurer McReynolds was available for review during meeting.

12. 2017-2018 Budget

Approved. National Treasurer Reynolds discussed to work on getting a better risk on investments, no vote required.

13. National Membership-at-Large fee.

To remain at \$40.

14. Life Membership reimbursements (pre-2001 Life memberships)

Camps to be reimbursed \$4.00 for program one (Life Member numbers less than 500).

15. CinC Day directed National Treasurer McReynolds to submit article for Banner for contributions by end of month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Brother McGuire paid fee for not following dress code.

2. Brother Paquette gave thanks for the Department of Michigan for hosting the National Encampment.

3. National Parliamentarian Kent Melcher will be putting information out on Parliamentary procedures. Jim Pahl, PCinC will provide materials from classes he has taught on this subject.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

1. Brother Kowalski gave the benediction.

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 62th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 153rd Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$100.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans". **Reserve your room by March 23, 2018.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 14th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a talk by Robert Amsler, Jr. on "Railroads: Coming of Age in the Civil War". Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

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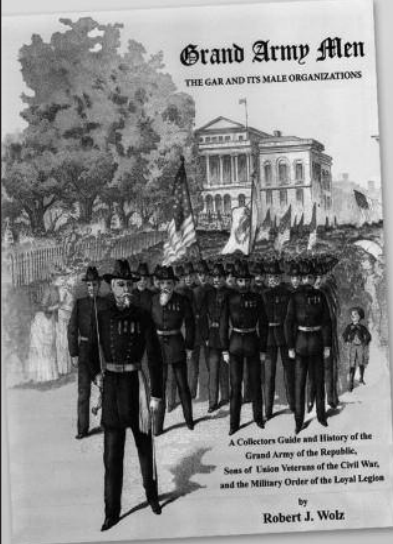
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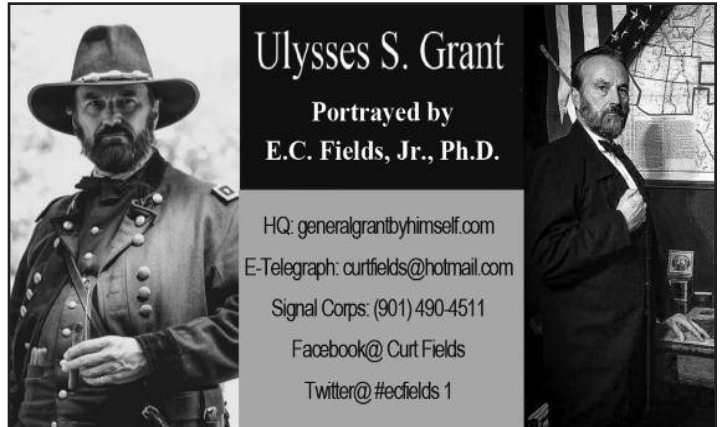
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CALIFORNIA

Due to the difficulty, distance and expense in traveling to the official Remembrance Day events in Gettysburg, Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 52, Department of California and Pacific, hold their own annual ceremony at the GAR Plot in San Jose, California. Photo by Brooklyn Sessler.



On October 28, 2017, Camp Abraham Lincoln #10 of Santa Cruz, presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate to Chase William Kelsen of BSA Troop 614 of Scotts Valley, Ca.



GEORGIA

Branton Fletcher

While speaking at one of Gwinnett County's Civil War camps for kids nine years ago I noted that one of the boys was dressed in Jarnigan's uniform and equipment and carried the most realistic toy musket I have ever seen.

When old enough, he joined our Elias Moon Camp #2 of the SUV as a junior where he served the fraternity with care and intelligence. As he came of age, he became a full member. Polite, thoughtful, easy to get along with but not shy to make cogent suggestions, Branton proved to be a good camp member.



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All the while Private Fletcher excelled in his studies and was a good athlete. For stamina and lung power track and cross country make an excellent preparation for military

service. An outstanding Boy Scout and leader within his troop, he achieved Eagle rank.

The Camp got behind his application to West Point, with several of us, including ex-officers, writing letters on his behalf. Through his hard-won good record and a combination of support from the community, particularly the encouragement and direction of his father Tom, Branton's application to West Point was accepted. After surviving being a "beast" as they are called in summer basic training, in October he passed his 19th birthday in the ranks of the Plebs.

Our Brother Branton Fletcher's career to date illustrates why it is important to reach out to youth as SUV members with both certificates for Eagle Scout and ROTC, but also with our physical presence and participation in programs for children and youth. In many a GAR painting there is a veteran speaking with a scout or other youths. This is the way to the future for our Order, and to keep green the memory of those who fell in defense of our country.

ILLINOIS

Members of Camps 1, 2, 6165 and 1st Illinois Light Artillery, Battery L, SVR participated in Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Program. The ceremony was conducted by National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski in the cemetery's May Chapel.



On Saturday, September 30th our newest Illinois camp celebrated its charter unveiling in its headquarters, St. Pauls House, Chicago. National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski and Department Commander John Bigwood led the ceremony for Old Glory Camp #6165. Colors were posted by SVR Battery L, 1st Illinois Volunteer Artillery Regiment. The event was highlighted by Civil War author Mr. Robert Girardi and his lecture on the history of the GAR in Chicago.



INDIANA

Brother Ron Gill was honored for 43 years of dedication and commitment to the SUVCW and David D. Porter Camp, 116 Department of Indiana on Saturday October 21st at a surprise dinner. The dinner was attended by 18 Camp and Department Brothers and guests at Kelsey's Steak House in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Former David D. Porter Camp Commander and PCinC Ed Krieser also attended to surprise his longtime friend. Ron received his 40 year pin and also was presented a SUVCW Plaque for his years of Commitment to the Camp.



Ron is a charter member of David D. Porter Camp, having been instrumental and key to re-chartering the Camp in 1976. Through the years Ron has held many positions within the Camp including Camp Commander, Sr.-Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and Patriotic

Instructor to name some of them. He also is a past Department Commander. Before 1976 he traveled for two years to Chicago to attend the SUVCW meeting at a Camp that met at a Public Library in the area.

KANSAS

Members of the "Old Abe Camp #16 in Topeka Kansas are pictured in front of the largest surviving GAR Monument in Kansas. The building is next to the state capital. In 1911 President Taft was present for the laying of the cornerstone. Dedicated in 1914 it was built to be the GAR headquarters for the state of Kansas.



MICHIGAN

On October 29th, Department of Michigan Eagle Scout Coordinator Nathan Tingley traveled to Rochester Hills to present three Eagle Scout Certificates to members of Troop No 125. He later received this letter: "I once again wanted to thank you for taking the time and effort



to honor our Eagles. I can honestly state you made an enormous impact on each of them as well as many in our audience (including yours truly). You belong to a very special organization, and you should be proud, as I know you are, of the history and commitment to carrying on the legacy of the GAR. I look forward to future Eagle COH's with an SUVCW representative in attendance. I am also passing along our joy with the presentation you made to other Troops in our area, as I am sure word is going to get around about this! From the entire Troop, I extend our sincerest appreciation"



On Veterans Day, Brothers from Camps No. 7 and 17, as well as members the Auxiliary and also the 14th Michigan SVR, came together to carry the Colors in the Mason Veterans Day Parade.

NEBRASKA

On Saturday November 18, 2017 members of Victor Vifquain Camp, Shiloh Camp and Welstedt Camp, along with members of the DUVCW 1861 -1865 and a member of Auxiliary of SUVCW participated in a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Nebraska State Capitol Building in Lincoln, Nebraska honoring the 154th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.



NEW JERSEY



Jim Halloran of Gen. Philip Kearny Camp #20 presented certificates to three Eagle Scouts on behalf of the Order. Adrian Kulesza, Peter Neumann and Alexander Severino, are members of troop 17, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. Adrian Kulesza's project was to improve walking trails and build and install benches in a Hasbrouck Heights park. Adrian is now attending Yale on a full four year scholarship. Peter Neumann collected over 2,000 pieces of "gently used sports equipment" that was donated to a charity that disperses it worldwide. Peter, a junior in high school, expects to go on to higher education. Alexander Severino's project was the design and building of a number of picnic tables for a park in Little Ferry, NJ. Alex is attending college.

NEW YORK

The Brothers of Weber Camp 44 honored Musician Julius Lockwood Knapp by rededicating his tombstone on Sunday, November 12th. Also participating were members of the Weber Guard, SVR, the Union Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps and reenacting groups.

Julius Knapp was eighteen years old when he enlisted in the 116th New York Volunteer Infantry for three years on July 19, 1862 in Marilla, New York. He was promoted from Private to Musician in Company I during April 1863 and then Principal Musician on March 1, 1865 when he transferred to the Regiment's Field and Staff. Musician Knapp kept a daily diary during his enlistment, which is in the private collection of James Sandefur in Shreveport, Louisiana.



Knapp captured a Confederate flag at Centerville, Louisiana, as part of the Trans-Mississippi Campaign in Louisiana that was presented to the Buffalo Historical

Society (predecessor to the Buffalo History Museum) by Colonel George M. Love, in command of the 116th New York Regiment. Unfortunately, he did not receive the full recognition for this act since he died on February 21, 1868.

NORTH CAROLINA



Brother James R. Johnson, Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1, was named as a National Aide by Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin for his recruitment efforts since the 2016 National Encampment. For this award, Brother Johnson recruited eight new members into our Order and the Ruger Camp, to include four under the age of forty of which two are Junior members. At the October 14, 2017 meeting of the Ruger Camp #1 Brother Johnson was presented with his National Aide Award Certificate and the National Ribbon by Department Commander Dennis St. Andrew. 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.

OHIO

Sept. 10, Brothers of Ohio's Sherman Camp #93 presented the colors during the First Anniversary celebration at Old Courthouse Square of Dayton's statue of Abraham Lincoln, a community event attended by more than 150 people. The 11-foot tall bronze statue was donated to the people of Montgomery County by the Lincoln Society of Dayton Sept. 17, 2016. Sherman Camp donated to funds raised for the statue.



Sherman Camp #93 hosted members of the Fourth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry Descendants Association in Dayton Sept. 14-16. The Civil War regiment, nicknamed "The

DEPARTMENT NEWS



Invincibles,” formed in southwest Ohio in 1861. Co. H was recruited in Dayton. Reunion participants placed small U.S. flags upon the graves of 4th OVC veterans buried at Woodland, Calvary, Old Greencastle, and Dayton National Cemeteries. At Woodland’s GAR Section, they placed a wreath in honor of their ancestors and all other War of the Rebellion veterans. They also toured the Miami Valley Military History Museum, Woodland Cemetery, and the Historic Dayton VA Medical Center-National Soldiers Home Campus during the gathering.



Henry Casey Camp 92 members, who are also members of Co. C, 20th OVI Sons of Veterans Reserve, were one of ten organizations invited to participate in a Fall Family Fun Day at the Washington Court House, Ohio cemetery on October 7th. In addition to the SUVCW Civil War living history site, visitors to the cemetery had an opportunity to enjoy historical games, food tasting, storytelling and hands on nature activities.

PENNSYLVANIA



Memorial Day 2017 by Sons of the Union Veterans Auxiliary 10 of Scranton PA.

TENNESSEE



At its Annual Encampment on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, the William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 had the honor to host six Eagle Scouts and two ROTC cadets. The Eagle Scouts were presented the SUVCW certificate and patch. All were from Scout Troop 800 in Maryville, TN and many have participated with the Camp as color bearers or buglers. The Camp also honored the Jr. Air Force ROTC Program at William Blount High School in Maryville, TN. This ROTC program has won many competitions in drill and marksmanship as well as helping out the McTeer Camp with both Color Guards and Firing Teams for many of its most significant events.



The William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 in the Department of Tennessee celebrated a special Veterans’ Day on November 11, 2017. The Camp had the opportunity to honor and to initiate into membership a 97 year old World War Two veteran and local Sweetwater, TN hero Clinton Riddle. Clinton Riddle served in the



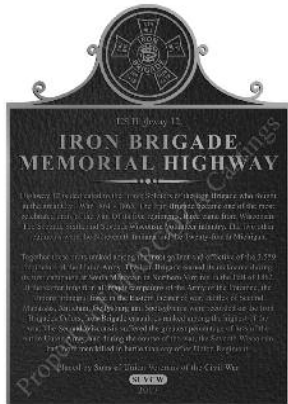
Normandy Invasion and Battle of the Bulge surviving both glider landings and crashes earning the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

The Camp also dedicated a headstone for his Civil War ancestor Private John M. D. Riddle of Company C, 3rd

Tennessee Cavalry, US. Private Riddle died on the Sultana steamship on April 27, 1865 when it exploded on the Mississippi River. John Riddle nor his wife had any marker in the cemetery prior to the Camp's involvement.

WISCONSIN

A roadside plaque commemorating the service of the famous Iron Brigade of Western Regiments is scheduled for installation next spring along U.S. Highway 12 north of Sauk City in central Wisconsin. Col. Hans Heg Camp #15 in Wind Lake, Wisconsin has now secured close to \$2,400 in funding needed to erect the Iron Brigade plaque at a wayside rest that already commemorates the service of veterans from other wars. Made up of the Second, Sixth and Seventh Wisconsin regiments, and the Nineteenth Indiana and Twenty-fourth Michigan regiments, the Iron Brigade was one of the most celebrated units of the Civil War. *Plaque and photo by Marcoza Castings.*



War as Colonel of the 70th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, his promotion to Brigadier General, and his membership in the GAR, MOLLUS, and the SAR, all of which BG Barker also is a member. BG Barker commands the 310th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) located at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis.



C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 of Milwaukee, Col. Hans Heg Camp 15 of Union Grove and Major General John Gibbon Camp 4 of Waukesha dedicated a tombstone for Pvt. William Kolbow in Oak Creek, Wis. Kolbow was killed in an accident in 1885, leaving a widow and eight children and never got a stone until family reported the case to Camp 1 and said the grave was somewhere in the cemetery of St. John's Lutheran Church. With the aid of the Woman's Relief Corps, they quickly tracked down the grave and ordered and installed a stone. About eighteen of Kolbow's descendants, locally and from as far away as Minnesota, attended the event. Kolbow enlisted at age 15 in the 28th Wisconsin Infantry in 1862.

On August 19th, 2017, Old Abe Camp 8 Past Camp Commander Brigadier General Vince Barker, USAR, laid a wreath at the grave of President Benjamin Harrison at historic Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN, in honor of President Harrison's birthday. BG Barker brought greetings from President Donald Trump and commented on President Harrison's service in the Civil

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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Let us continue from the last article of the Voices of Patriotism. The news is about Confederate Statues being removed from many cities and States. No matter what one's position is on what they represent; we should be concerned on the violation of the 1st Amendment and the eradication of our history. Now a minority group is moving to remove President George Washington and Thomas Jefferson from Mount Rushmore, and in Chicago the renaming of George Washington and Andrew Jackson Park, and in Baltimore the removal of Supreme Court Justice Statue. The GAR Statue in Albany, NY vandalized. Everyone in our past history that owned slaves or advocated the institution of slavery is to be removed. Our history is being destroyed in front of our eyes.

What can the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do? We can comply with our mission as stated in the C&R. We need to aggressively educate the public on our Civil War history, Americanism, and Citizenship/Patriotism. When we teach about the Civil War we have to talk about slavery as well as keeping the Union together. No matter how offensive it is to others. We do not censor our history. Our organization needs to push being good citizens and civic duty to our Country. The principles of Americanism will help make us all better Americans. In the future there will be materials to this effect helping our organization to better educate the public on these issues posted on our website. As for why we have Monuments; the GAR Statue in Copenhagen, NY summarizes this very well and states as follows: "They need no monument who fought and died for their country, but their country ever needs the memory and inspiration of their example."

In closing is a quote from the Patriot Post article titled "Rise of the Antifa Iconoclasts" by Thomas Gallatin; "The Left for years has steadily fueled a grievance culture, especially among racial minority groups for political gain. But now this grievance culture is threatening to set the nation on fire, in some cases literally. Various ideas and symbols are and can be offensive, but when people are taught to be offended is to be oppressed, people will rise up to fight. Now we have leftists calling for the removal of symbols of America's history, all because they have chosen to identify these symbols with only negative and offensive ideas. The truth is that America's Founders were flawed men, as all individuals are, but they worked to produce the greatest, freest country on earth. And Americans today and people around the world have benefited immeasurably from their contributions. Eradicating their history and historical contributions to appease ill-conceived notions of oppression is to do violence to history and truth."

If we fail to stand up to the destruction of our history and Constitutional rights; we will have failed our Country, but most importantly we will have failed ourselves. We cannot fail our Country and what we stand for as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty,
National Patriotic Instructor
Jeffrey French

SVR GUIDON



REFLECTIONS ON THE 2017 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

By Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Deputy Commander, SVR

A substantial and credible threat directed at the 2017 Remembrance Day Parade was received by the editor of The Gettysburg Times newspaper on November 4, 2017. Chief Joseph F. Dougherty at the Gettysburg Police Department was contacted. The situation was deemed serious enough that the Pennsylvania State Police, the FBI, the ATF and the GNMP security people were called in to assist in the investigation.

On November 6, 2017, I received a call from Chief Dougherty and was brought up to date on the fact that some sort of threat had been made and was apprised of the efforts of the various law enforcement agencies being made to address this issue. From that time and until leaving for Gettysburg on Wednesday, November 15, I remained in rather constant telephone and email contact with Chief Dougherty. Among other matters, and as an added security measure, an alternate parade route was suggested by Chief Dougherty, which the SVR adopted.

Major David K. Hann, our SVR Provost and I were in almost daily telephone and email contact right up to the time of the parade. Major Hann worked tirelessly through the weeks leading up to the parade, keeping the SVR FaceBook page updated with all of the information that was available and providing sound advice. Major Hann was assisted by a number of Deputy Provosts and had the parade participants lined up in formation and ready to step off at 1:00 PM on Saturday, the 18th.



On Thursday, November 16, I spent about 45 minutes at Police Headquarters with the Chief Dougherty and Sgt. Harald Pruy just going over the finalization of procedures. I also talked with PA State Police Cpl. Michael Becker, one of the PSP helicopter pilots.

Well, fortunately, nothing happened, no one was apprehended and the parade went off without a hitch, except for the rain storm. The law enforcement presence was really heavy, with, uniformed Gettysburg Police Officers, uniformed Pennsylvania State Police Troopers, both on foot and mounted on horses, uniformed Adams County Deputies, plainclothes officers,

bomb sniffing dogs, a SWAT Unit, at least 3 snipers with spotters on the rooftops and heavy equipment blocking every intersection. Additionally and in all the years that I've been participating, I absolutely never, ever observed a Gettysburg National Military Park Ranger carrying a firearm. Not so on Friday, the 17th of November. After pulling into the park office, a Park Ranger emerged from the office, armed not only with a side arm, but he also had an AR-15 slung across his chest.

In summary, despite the shadow of gloom cast by the security issue and despite the persistent rain, it appears that, once again, all of the parade participants and the spectators as well had a great time, as we all annually expect to so do.



FINAL MUSTER

I don't know about you, but whenever I walk a Civil War Battlefield - I get an eerie feeling. Men fought and died here. Men were wounded and suffered mental and physical anguish here. Do I really appreciate what others have done before me? Someday, hopefully in the distant future, my name will appear here on these pages. Will I have done anything at all to merit a smile or a "thumbs up" from my Brothers? Just what does God want me to do? How should I be serving Him? As you read the names listed here, are there any that you recognize? Are there any who made a difference in your Camp or Department? If so - go and do likewise.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

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Shiloh Camp #2 (Nebraska)
8/3/2017



COLLECTING THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN



Today the Sons of Union Veterans has joined other veteran and civic organizations to honor the 2% of Boy Scouts that earn the coveted title of Eagle Scout.

The connection between the Boy Scouts and the Grand Army of the Republic, however, goes back to the founding of the Scout movement.

The Boy Scouts were chartered by Congress in 1911. As early as 1913, the Boy Scouts volunteered to provide a service corps for the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion. 450 Scouts served as greeters, carried luggage, escorted the old soldiers and kept a watchful eye on these soldiers. Quoting the Official Report of the Pennsylvania Commission on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, "No soldier, it is said, could wander far from their Comrades without one of the Scouts quickly and unostentatiously joining himself to the veteran of hard fought battles, and that without reference to weather he wore the Blue or the Gray. The withered hand was soon lain on the young shoulders, nor was it long until gray locks and boyish curls were brought close together as the tale of a vanished but never-to-be-forgotten day was poured into willing ears." They manned the "wheelchair brigade" at the 1938 - 75th anniversary of Gettysburg as the Comrades had grown even more frail.

Scouts were present at nearly every Department and National GAR Encampment, their services appreciated by the aging soldiers. Just as badges were made that read " Sons of Veterans", "Daughters of Veterans" and the other Allied Orders a small number read " Boy Scout". These are extremely rare based upon the very small number of Scouts in attendance and are a cross collectible desired by both Grand Army collectors and Scouting collectors.



SOLDIER GUARDE

