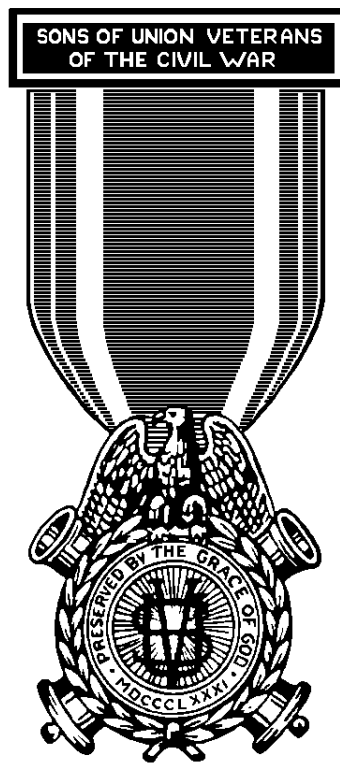


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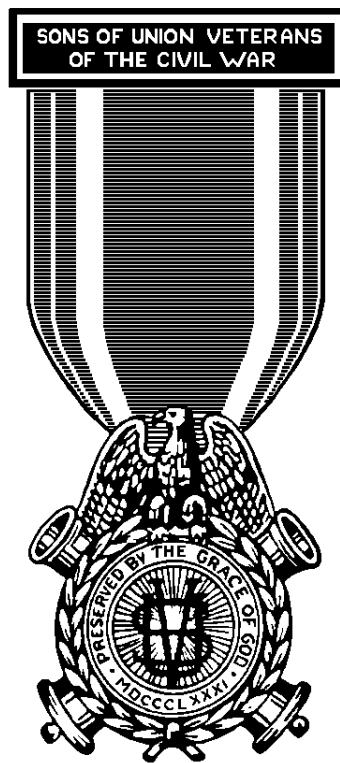
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Commander-in-Chief, 1999 –2000

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) elected Danny L. Wheeler of Ithaca, New York as Commander-in-Chief at its 118th National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 21, 1999. This Encampment marked the 50th anniversary of the last Encampment held by the Grand Army of the Republic in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1949. Brother Wheeler is the 113th Commander-in-Chief since the beginning of the SUVCW in 1881. He is the 14th Commander-in-Chief from the New York Department.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler was born in Ithaca, New York, February 10, 1944; where he still lives. The oldest child of Harry and Margaret Wheeler, he has a younger sister who resides in Illinois. His early childhood was spent a lot of with his grandmother who was President of the local chapter of the Woman's Relief Corp. It was many years after her passing when he discovered the SUVCW. His mother was also a member of Woman's Relief Corps.

Brother Wheeler is a graduate of Ithaca High School (1963), completed studies in Sales at Dale Carnegie, and has attended many sales seminars throughout his career. He is currently a sales consultant for the Ithaca *Pennysaver*; a position that he has held for the past 15 years.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler is a life member of the SUVCW. His great-great grandfather, Jerome B. Kelley, served as a private in the 45th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Private Kelley was discharged in 1864 due to wounds received in Petersburg, Virginia.

Brother Wheeler joined the SUVCW on January 12, 1984. He organized the Sydney Camp #41 in Ithaca in 1988. He has held many Camp offices including, Camp Commander of Camp #3 three times and Camp Treasurer seven times. On the New York Department level, he has served as Department Commander three times (1991-1994) and Department Counselor four times. Nationally, he has served as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Historian, National Patriotic Instructor, and five years on the National Committee on Americanization and Education; two years as its chair.

Brother Wheeler has been a member for 16 years of Company E, 148th New York, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). This 37-year-old unit is the oldest SVR unit in the state.

Brother Wheeler has always felt his greatest contribution was sharing his knowledge on the Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic with local schools and through his lecturing and writing on the subject. In addition, he has organized and restored nine monuments in the Ithaca area and designed and erected a new monument in the city's Dewitt Park. The latter monument was requested by our forefathers in 1888 but never completed. The Mayor of Ithaca has placed him in charge of all military monuments for the city of Ithaca. In 1992, his interest and knowledge of monument restoration resulted in the publication of a book by the Department of New York on the Grand Army of the Republic Monuments for the 125th Anniversary of the Grand Army of Republic in New York. He recently completed work on a World War I monument just before Memorial Day 1999.

Brother Wheeler married Miss Betty Vann in Ithaca, New York. They have three children and six grandchildren. Sister Betty has been very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW in Ithaca; having served as President of VFW Post 961 Auxiliary (twice), Past President of the local Auxiliary to the SUVCW in Ithaca, and current Vice President of New York Department Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler is very proud of his family who has backed him from the start. He brags of four generations in one camp; his father, son, grandson, and himself. His oldest granddaughter is a member along with her grandmother in the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

In Memory of

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The 119th Annual National Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler.

After a ritualistic opening, the Commander-in-Chief appointed the following Encampment Committees and Staff

Credentials Committee: Richard Green, chair; Gregory Hayes; Richard Williams

Committee on Rules: Gary Gibson, chair; David Medert, PCinC

GUESTS:

Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander I Chief, Edward Deason
Commander-in Chief of MOLLUS Robert Bateman
President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS REPORT

121 present

Department of California & Pacific	2 delegate
Department of Florida	1 delegate
Department of Illinois	1 DC, 1 PDC, 2 delegates
Department of Indiana	1 DC, 1 PCinC, 3 PDCs, 2 delegates, 1 alternate delegate
Department of Iowa	1 PDC, 5 delegates
Department of Kentucky	1 DC, 1 PDC
Department of Maryland	2 PC-in-C, 2 PDC, 1 delegate
Department of Massachusetts	1 DC, 3 PDC, 5 delegates
Membership-at-Large	1 delegate
Department of Michigan	1 DC, 1 PCinC, 6 PDC, 15 delegates, 9 alternate delegates
Department of Missouri	1 DC, 1 PDC, 1 delegate
Department of Nebraska	1 DC, 1 delegate
Department of New Hampshire	1 DC
Department of New York	1 Commander-in-Chief, 1 DC, 1 PCinC, 1 PDC, 4 delegates
Department of Ohio	2 PCinC
Department of Pennsylvania	1 DC, 1 PCinC, 3 PDC, 8 delegates, 1 alternate delegate
Department of Rhode Island	1 DC, 1 delegate
Department of Tennessee	1 DC, 1 PDC, 2 delegates
Department of Wisconsin	1 delegate, 1 alternate delegate

RECOGNITION OF PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Joseph Rippey, New York (1963/64 and 1964/65)
Charles Corfman, Ohio (1989/90)
Lowell V. Hammer, Maryland (1991/92)
Elmer F. Atkinson, Pennsylvania (1992/93)

Keith G. Harrison, Michigan (1994/95)
David R. Medert, Ohio (1995/96)
Alan Loomis, Indiana (1996/97)
Andrew Johnson, Maryland (1998/99)

The Chaplain offered silent prayer for Real Son Thayne LaBanta, deceased

The National Secretary reported all departments in good standing

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES

Constitution & Regulations: James Pahl, PDC Michigan
Keith Harrison, PCinC Michigan
Richard Orr, PCinC Pennsylvania
Lowell Hammer, PCinC Maryland
Andrew Johnson PCinC Maryland

Ritual & Ceremonies: Edward Krieser, PDC Indiana
Robert Grimm, PDC Ohio.
George Powell, PDC Pennsylvania
Charles Kuhn Pennsylvania
James Lyons, PDC Michigan

Resolutions: Robert Grimm, PDC Ohio
Lester "Al" Kern Pennsylvania
Joseph Rippey, PCinC New York
Robert Bromley New York
Keith Ashley, PDC Ohio

Officers' Reports: Richard Orr PCinC Pennsylvania
Bob Lowell, California & Pacific
David Medert, PCinC Ohio
Gordon Bury, PCinC, Ohio

Fraternal Relations: Steve Michaels, PDC Wisconsin
Robert Grimm, PDC Ohio

ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS

Color Bearer, Jim Russell New York

Guard: Peter Young Pennsylvania

Guide: Steve Michaels Wisconsin

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler turned the gavel over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Edward Krieser.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Report of the Commander-in Chief

In August of 1999, on the 50th Anniversary of the Last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in the same beautiful City of Indianapolis, Indiana, this body elected me to the office of Commander-in-Chief. I will always be grateful of the honor you bestowed upon me. The Sons of Union Veterans is one of the finest examples of exhibiting patriotism, and devotion to one's ancestors, in the history of America. I have, and always will try to serve this organization, being mindful of its best interests.

I want to express my appreciation to all, for the invitations that were so kindly extended to me. I regret that some could not be accepted, due to conflicts with conventions scheduled on the same weekends. I believe that the National Organization was represented at most Department Encampments.

Through electronic mail and U.S. Mail, I have tried to address all the problems and concerns of our Order. In most cases, I believe the State of the Union is in great shape under Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I would like to thank the National Counselors, Brother Pahl, and Brother Orr, for all of your professional help throughout the year. In addition, I'd like to thank Brothers Medert and Atkinson, on whom I could also call anytime.

A special thank you goes to our National Secretary, Todd Shillington, a friend, and fellow Brother, for filling in, and accepting the position of National Secretary. He picked up the ball, and made my position a lot easier. This organization cannot run, without a good staff, which helps to carry out the work of this Order. I can stand here today, and say that I had one of the best staffs that was ever assembled. I salute each and every one of you.

State of the Order:

I started early to choose the National Staff, to give a full year of productivity, from all standing and sitting committees. The improvement in the quality of the Banner is evident, and the intent was to give the Membership four issues. This year we came close. The next administration will have to work on the problems of getting the Banner to the Members in a more timely manner.

The dispute between Gettysburg Camp No. 112 and H.G.A.C. was finally settled on June 9, 2000. On that date, at the G.A.R. Hall, I signed the final agreement, giving the hall back to the Sons, as was originally intended. I believe that if both parties abide by this agreement, we will have saved a lot of money, by settling out of court, and by the savings realized by avoiding a protracted dispute.

National Headquarters: The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania will open around December 1, 2000. The contracts have been signed and sealed, and it will become the home and Headquarters of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The National records that are kept in paid storage will be moved there,

saving us money.

I promised the Department of Rhode Island, that if I were elected Commander-in-Chief, I would try to get their Department Charter out of the Arsenal, where it had been locked up for years. I presented it to the Department in April, and it was used at this year's Department Encampment. I would like to thank Brothers Brian Guiot and Aram Plante in helping to make this successful. I also met with General Reed at the Arsenal, and as a result, the Sons of Union Veterans again have the use of the Arsenal, and can again enjoy the G.A.R. artifacts stored there. The Department of Rhode Island is again working with the National Order, on projects like updating their bylaws, in order to again comply with the Constitution and Regulations. Thanks go to Brothers Bromley and Kennedy for all their hard work in these matters.

Much work has been done in the recording and preservation of memorials, monuments, Union Soldiers' graves, and G.A.R. records. This is the future of our organization. We need to continue in this direction. I trust they will be never-ending tasks, and should always be the work that keeps this organization together, forever.

One problem was the backlogged Charters. With the help of our National Secretary, I believe all Charters are completed, and are now being done in a timely manner. We have had 29 new Camps this year, and I had the honor of traveling to Nebraska, to present three Camp Charters, and one new Department Charter. All in all, I feel that it has been a good year.

On the down side, I have to report that, after a year of trying to work things out, I will be signing the papers from the Department of Iowa, to dismiss Lee Booton from our organization. It became apparent that Lee Booton continued to disrupt this Order, and was not obeying the Constitution and Regulations. This decision was made after he was suspended for ten months. He continued to wear his badge, and represent the Order, after I had told him must not, until after his suspension was over. The Department of Iowa then held another trial, and again found him guilty of charges. Therefore, Lee Booton's name is to be taken off the roles of the Camp, Department, and National Organization. In relation to this matter, as an organization, we need to look at the total picture, and try to work out problems on the Camp and Department levels. We need to resist bringing in those who should not necessarily be concerned. Let us try to act more mindfully under F, C, & L, and avoid going after every Brother that may not agree with us at the time. When we jump to conclusions, we use up valuable time, that could be put to better use honoring our forefathers, which we are obligated to do. It is my hope, that future Commanders-in-Chief won't have to spend much of their time on problems that could have been settled within a Camp, had cool heads prevailed.

The following is a list of my travels:

I attended a dinner for the National President of our Auxiliary, Mary Jo Long, a dinner in Philadelphia for the Pennsylvania Department Commander, and a dinner for the New York Department Commander.

I traveled to Barre, Vermont, and gave a speech at a monument dedication.

I attended the Regional Conference meeting of New England.

I attended Remembrance Day celebrations in Gettysburg, and afterward, presided over a Council of Administration meeting.

I attended the mid-winter meetings of the Department of Indiana in January, and the Department of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in February.

On February 12th, I attended Lincoln's Birthday celebrations at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

On February 19th, I attended a Patriotic Dinner in Jamesville, New York.

I attended the Department of Tennessee Encampment in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 17th.

On March 25th, I attended a Council of Administration meeting in Erie, Pennsylvania.

On April 8th, I attended the Department of Rhode Island's Encampment.

On April 15th, in Springfield, Illinois, I attended ceremonies observing Lincoln's death. The next day, April 16th, I attended services, and gave a speech at the grave of the G.A.R.'s founder, in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois. To do so was an honor and a privilege.

On April 29th, I attended the Department of Maryland's Encampment, and also a dedication of the Delaware Monument in Gettysburg.

April 30th brought me to Grant's Tomb, in New York City, for his birthday service.

On May 6th, I attended the Department of Michigan's Encampment.

In Big Flats, New York, I gave a talk on G.A.R. Veterans on May 17th.

On Memorial Day Weekend, May 29th and 30th, I attended services at Arlington National Cemetery.

On June 3rd, I attended the Department of New York Encampment.

On June 10th, I attended the Department of Pennsylvania Encampment.

On June 17th, I attended the Department of Ohio Encampment.

I had planned to go to the Department of Maine's Encampment. However, my Father passed away, and this prevented me from doing so. At this time, I would like to thank all of you for the cards, letters, and flowers that were sent. I will never forget the friendship shown to my family and me.

On August 7th and 8th, I attended the Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in Charleston, South Carolina, where I was well received. I feel that it is time for both organizations to work together, for the purposes of honoring our forefathers. I would like to put to rest General Orders No. 4. In addition, let it never be said that, as Commander-in-Chief, I didn't stand up and defend the majority decisions made at National Encampments. In issuing General Orders No. 4, I was defending the decision of the Encampment of 1996, and would do it again. I have no regrets.

Recommendations:

1. That a committee is set up to look at ways to pursue a contract with a professional printing firm for the Banner. We have quality; we need to find a way to get it out in a more timely manner.
2. I recommend that we present at least \$1,000 to our Auxiliary, to help with the repair and maintenance of the Woolson Monument, in Ziegler's Grove in Gettysburg.
3. I recommend that we go back, and re-examine the old way of Departments and Camps receiving prospective Members. I believe that the Order should advertise, and all reply postage should be paid from the advertising budget. I believe that this is what our Camps and Departments want.
4. I recommend that we also keep our new internet Membership program intact, with a Nationally set amount for dues to be included with the application.

Yours in F., C., & L,
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-In-Chief

It was moved, seconded and passed that this report and all subsequent Officer's Reports be forwarded to the committee on Officer's Reports

The Senior Vice Command-in-Chief returned the gavel and control of the meeting to the Commander-in-Chief.

Report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

On 2 October 1999 I attended the Central Region Conference in Lansing, Michigan where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and gave greetings from the National Organization.

On 16 October 1999 attended the testimonial dinner for our Commander-in-Chief, Danny L. Wheeler in Ithaca, New York.

On 11 November 1999 (Veterans Day) attended the reburial of Michael Keegan, Civil War Veteran and survivor of the Battle of the Little Big Horn. This was held at Fort Sheridan in Chicago, Illinois.

On 21 November 1999 attended the meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

On 13 February 2000 attended an Eagle Court of Honor and presented a certificate in Highland, Indiana.

On 18 March 2000 attended the Tennessee Department Encampment held in the Montgomery, Alabama birthplace of the Confederacy where I bore witness to several events that will forever be historical for me.

On 25 March 2000 attended the meeting in Erie, Pennsylvania.

On 8 April 2000 attended the California & Pacific Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo, California where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings from the National Organization.

On 15 April 2000 attended the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony at the tomb of our President Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois.

On 29 April 2000 attended the Kansas Department Encampment in Wichita, Kansas where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings from the National Organization.

On 6 May 2000 attended the Illinois Department Encampment in Springfield, Illinois where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings from the National Organization.

On 13 May 2000 attended the Kentucky Department Encampment in Nicholasville, Kentucky where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings from the National Organization.

On 27 May 2000 attended the Iowa Department Encampment in Grand Rapids, Iowa where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings from the National Organization.

On 29 May 2000 participated in Memorial Day service held in Valparaiso, Indiana.

On 3 June 2000 attended the Indiana Department Encampment in Kokomo, Indiana where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings from the National Organization.

On 10 June 2000 attended the Wisconsin Department Encampment in Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings from the National Organization.

On 16,17&18 June 2000 attended the Ohio Department Encampment in Alliance, Ohio.

On 24 June 2000 attended the Missouri Department Encampment in Springfield, Missouri where I represented the Commander-in-Chief and brought greetings from the National Organization.

On 26 June 2000 visited the Headquarters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 to 1865 in Springfield, Illinois.

On 27 June 2000 visited the Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic in Springfield, Illinois.

In F., C. and L.,
Ed Krieser
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

This past year has been a very interesting one. I have had the pleasure of representing the Commander-in-Chief and bringing the greetings of the National Organization to the Sons and Auxiliaries in the Departments of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire as well as the Memorial Day ceremonies in Gettysburg. I also attended the testimonials for the National President of the Auxiliary as well as the testimonial for the Pennsylvania Department Commander.

The primary responsibility of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is membership and as such most of my time has been spent processing requests for information and the nearly 250 applications for membership. You will find a listing of the actual counts with this report. In addition I have received more than 200 other E-mail inquiries, asking for assistance in finding ancestors, information on the other Allied Orders, how to find G. A. R. records, help with school reports and on one occasion, how to join the American Legion.

There has been some confusion over the use of the online application from some of the departments. One thought that the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief was taking over the processing all applications and wanted to know why I was taking over his job. Another wanted to know why they had to enroll the new members in the Dept. MAL and then transfer them into a local camp and wanted permission to send them directly the local camp. Fortunately the Commander-in-Chief stepped in at that point and said that it was permissible. Most were waiting for the flood of applications to arrive and wanted to know why I was holding back their applications. In most cases an explanation was all that was needed.

Several suggestions have also been presented to the new procedure for processing applications from the web site including:

1. A change to the wording of Chapter V - General Regulations, New Member Applicants, Section 5 to allow the applications to be sent directly to the local Camp and not be enrolled as a Dept. MAL,
2. A National Find-a-Camp page be added to the web site so that a prospective member can find the nearest local camp and deal with them directly,
3. The Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief send all inquiries to the Department/local Camp for action, allowing them to follow up on each inquiry.

While these have some merit, there are problems with each.

Recommendation:

- That a committee be formed to review the current procedure for handling web applications. This committee to be chaired by the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief and composed of the immediate past Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, at least 1

immediate past Dept. Jr. Vice Commander, the National Webmaster or his designee and any other Brothers appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. This committee to report to the Council Of Administration at its November meeting and that the Council Of Administration be empowered to act on the committee's recommendations.

I want to thank all of the Department Jr. Vice Commanders that I have had the pleasure of working with this year for their dedication and assistance not only for processing this year's applications, but also for their assistance in solving problems, in many cases from before they came into office, in one case from four years ago. This has been an enjoyable year and I'm looking forward to serving our Order in the future

In F., C., & L.,
 George L Powell
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

New Member Statistics August 1999 through August 2000

Inquiries received from Advertising	-	40	
Inquiries received online while the application was shut down	-	73	
Inquiries received online	-	120	
Inquiries received from referrals	-	65	
Total inquiries	-		298

Applications received from Inquiries	-	25
Applications received from Web Page-		213
Total Applications received	-	238

Completed Applications by Department:	Total	Online	Inquiry
California & Pacific	- 24	22	2
Connecticut	- 7	7	
Colorado & Wyoming	- 4		4
Florida	- 8	7	1
Illinois	- 10	9	1
Indiana	- 13	12	1
Iowa	- 1		1
Kansas	- 8	7	1
Maine	- 1	1	
Massachusetts	- 8	7	1
Maryland	- 24	22	2
Michigan	- 14	12	2
Missouri	- 2	2	
Nebraska	- 2	2	
New Jersey	- 5	5	
New York	- 12	12	
Ohio	- 10	9	1
Pennsylvania	- 13	12	1

Rhode Island	-	1	1	
Southwest	-	16	13	3
Tennessee	-	7	5	2
Vermont	-	2	2	
Wisconsin	-	3	2	1
MAL	-	19	17	2
Arizona - Camp at Large	-	4	4	
Georgia - Camp at Large	-	1	1	
North Carolina - Camp at Large	-	3	1	2
Washington - Camp at Large	-	6	5	1
Total	-	228	203	25

The Commander-in-Chief introduced the new Executive Director for the Sons, James T. Lyons, PDC, Michigan.

Report of the National Secretary

I wish to preface this report by thanking the members of the Council of Administration, who demonstrated their confidence in my ability to perform the duties of the National Secretary, by electing me to that position. I would also like to thank the Brothers, who are far too numerous to list here, that have assisted me in what has been, at times, a very difficult situation. Yet, I feel honored and privileged to serve.

Membership

Total Membership, as calculated from Department quarterly reports received by August 14, 2000, is 6377. This is represented by 209 Camps in 25 Departments, four Camps-at-Large, and the National Membership-at-Large.

The categories of Membership are broken down as follows:

Members: 5525
Life Members: 320
Associates: 517
Real Sons: 21
Juniors: 76
Honorary Members: 3

The total of these numbers 6462, which may be due to errors in reporting. It seems common to include Members in more than one Membership category.

Total reported Departmental Assets are \$594,771.09.

There is a problem with quarterly reports being completed correctly by several Departments. Too often, new Members are claimed and paid, but no names and addresses are included. This is also happening with drops. The result is that the National Membership List Coordinator is receiving incomplete data. Consequently, many Brothers are not receiving the *Banner*, while former Members are. General Orders No. 7, paragraph

3, was intended to alleviate this problem. Compliance with this Order is running at about 20 percent of Departments.

Constitutional Amendments

The Constitutional Amendments approved at Indianapolis in August of 1999 have been ratified by 13 Departments. They read as follows:

ARTICLE VI, FORMATION AND DISBANDMENT, SECTION 3

Amended to read:

A Department consisting of at least three (3) camps may be formed by the authority of the Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE VI, FORMATION AND DISBANDMENT, SECTION 4.

Amended to read:

RESERVED.

ARTICLE VIII, PERMANENT FUND, SECTION 2

Amend to read:

(Wording amendment to follow "New York Stock Exchange")

American Stock Exchange or NASDAQ

and Delete the following:

"or are registered under the so called "Blue Sky Law" in the State where such corporations or trusts are located."

Electronic Board Room

Following are results of Electronic Board Room votes taken since January.

On January 9, 2000, the unanimously elected Todd Shillington to serve as National secretary until the National Encampment in August 2000.

On January 15, 2000, James A. Garfield Camp No.1 of Baltimore was given permission, by unanimous vote, to reproduce and sell a Sons of Veterans postcard from 1910.

On February 27, 2000, the decided, by a 7 to 2 vote, to not raise the pre-registration fee for the National Encampment from \$7 to \$10.

On May 5, 2000, a motion was made to adopt a Policy Statement instructing Members of the Order in the use of the Deed of Conveyance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A vote taken on May 12, 2000 approved by a margin of 7 to 1, the use of a Graves Registration Pamphlet, to be sold through the office of the National Quartermaster.

David V. Medert was unanimously approved in a June 7, 2000 vote to succeed Richard

Williams as National Membership List Coordinator, effective August 19, 2000.

A July 3, 2000 motion was made to offer the position of Executive Director to James Lyons; motion passed (8 to 1).

A vote called on August 6, 2000, declined the Executive Director's position an expense account for attending Encampments and meetings.

A salary of \$13,000, with no expenses to be paid for attending Encampments and meetings, was approved for the Executive Director's position, by a margin of 6 to 3, in an August 11, 2000 vote.

National Encampment Proceedings

National Encampment Proceedings, provided by PCinC Keith Harrison, for the years 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1994, and 1995 were sent to the House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, as required by Public Law 605 of 1954.

Charters

New Year 2000 Camp and Department Charters, provided Quartermaster Bud Atkinson, and Sr. Vice CinC Ed Krieser, respectively, have begun to be issued. At this moment, one Department Charter, and three lettered Charters have been shipped. That's since been updated Fourteen other Charters have been shipped, to be lettered by their respective Departments. These represent both new Camps, and replacement Charters.

Recommendation:

- That all Departments that have not yet done so, forward current Camp Membership rosters to the National Membership List Coordinator.

In F.C. & L.
Todd Shillington
National Secretary

Report of the National Treasurer

The report of what we budgeted, what we actually took in and spent along with the proposed budget for the next fiscal year is included in Appendix I. There's one correction on that on the General fund, excess income is reported as a negative \$2050.00 and the proposed budget should have been a zero. The excess income budgeted last year was zero and we actually took in \$32,000 more than we spent because we didn't hire an executive director until recently.

The financial health of the order is primarily due to the previous National Treasurer's efforts to make us solvent and was assisted by last year's vote to raise the national per capital tax, so that this year's proposed budget does not propose a deficit as it has in year's past of proposing to spend more than we take in. This year's proposed general

fund budget lists an excess income of \$6000. The last accountant's report (May) shows the financial status of assets at \$449375.39 distributed among various funds that we have including: the G.A. R. Memorial fund, the permanent fund, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund, National Headquarters Fund, Life Membership Fund, Civil War Memorials Preservation Fund and the General Fund.

The items that are of significant change from last year's proposed budget primarily revolve around the National Headquarters fund which is on the last page of my report. We have a National Headquarters, which we will be occupying before the end of the year. That will require us to obtain furniture, phone lines, and other things we need to staff that office and have someone available for those wishing to see the museum. We've already had some donation of items to that office, and so we hope to have that up and running shortly. It's hard to predict the costs, so I'm moving a small amount of money from the general fund to the headquarters fund to make up for any short fall in the income that might generate. That fund will generate, from interest, over \$5000 annually, more than enough to run the general headquarters without dipping into the general fund, after the initial set up costs.

That fund has enough money to perpetuate the National Headquarters without costing the Brothers any money, just from our current income. A lot of the income that we have is generated from the investments we have. By making a change in the constitution to remove some of the language to allow us a little better discretion, our income is going up already through some other investments that we have made.

In F. C. & L.,
James B. Pahl
National Treasurer

Report of the National Quartermaster

The job of the National Quartermaster grew again this year. At the National Encampment last year I reported I had processed 500 orders between August 1998 and August 1999. This year, up to the date of this report, I have handled 650 orders.

I had some problems getting out orders received from April to the end of July. First, the press that the supplier uses to stamp out the badges broke down and he had trouble getting parts. Secondly, I took an 18 day vacation and upon returning found out the supplier closed down for two weeks. I am happy to report that as of this date, all orders received have been shipped.

I have received two large boxes of the Grave Registration pamphlets (about 5000) from Brother Peter Johnston. They are being sold through the Quartermaster at 10 cents each. They can be added to the current price list of supplies Form #1. All supply orders have a \$3 shipping and handling fee.

During the last year I ordered Camp Charters. I received them in the month of May and a supply of them was shipped to the National Secretary.

In F., C., & L.,
Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC
National Quartermaster

Report Of The National Counselor

No official opinions were rendered in the past year. Several Brothers of the Order have contacted me for advice concerning the Constitution and Regulations.

In F., C., & L.,
James B. Pahl
National Counselor

Report of the Washington DC Representative

Having served as your Washington Representative since 1981, I was pleased to be called to duty again this past year and as in all of my efforts for our beloved order, I do so in honor of my ancestor Pvt. Daniel B. Schlenker, Co. G, 167th PA Vol. Inf.

Our Congressional Charter requires that we have an agent in the Washington, DC area should there be a need to contact our organization. There was no such need this year. Otherwise, we have always tried to ensure that our order was represented at the many events held by federal and lineage societies in this very ceremonial city. At this we were rather successful by attending:

Monthly Meetings; Civil War Roundtable, American Revolution Roundtable, Lincoln Group of DC.

Quarterly Meetings; DC Camp SUVCW and Auxiliary, Loyal Legion and Dames, Sons of the American Revolution.

Annual Meetings; Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee, National Congress of Patriotic Organizations.

Special Commemorative Events; Yorktown Day DC, Veterans Day, Bethesda, MD, Remembrance Day and Dedication Day, Gettysburg, PA, Lincoln Birthday Ceremony, DC, Lincoln Birthday Luncheon, DC, Memorial Day Reenactment, Arlington National Cemetery, Independence Day Ceremony, Congressional Cemetery, DC, Pennsylvania Department SUVCW Annual Encampment, Gettysburg, PA.

On each occasion it was made clear that SUVCW was active and participating. With an active camp and many MD Department and National Officers residing in the area, our presence is noted. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you once again.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC
Washington DC Representative

Report of the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

I am honored to present to you the Report on National Membership-at-Large for the past year: A year ago I was asked by Commander-in-Chief Wheeler to serve his administration in this office. I wish to take a moment to thank Commander-in-Chief Wheeler and the Council of Administration for their faith they placed in me over this past year. It is my prayer that I have met their expectations and that I have lived up to the oath that I took this time last year.

At this time I would also like to compliment Past National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Dean Speaks on a job well done prior to me taking over. He was always there to answer many of the numerous questions that I had in regards to this position and its responsibilities. Thank you again Dean.

Last year when Brother Speaks turned over the National Membership-at-Large (MAL) records, we had 175 members on its roster. As of the end of the fourth quarter this year we had 134 members on the roster. The reason for the decline in membership has been due to a number of Brothers transferring to departments along with 21 members deciding not to renew this year and 41 last year, which hit the 1st Quarter Report last Fall. There were also two deaths this past year in the MAL.

Over this past year I received a number of requests for information about the SUVCW and specifically the MAL via e-mail. Information was sent back to these individuals right away so as to get them to join our organization. Out of these, only a handful came into the Order. Most inquiries for membership came through the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's office. Also over this past year I received requests from Brothers living in Alaska, South Carolina, and Nevada about our members living within these states. Lists were forwarded in the hope that someday camps will sprout up in these areas.

Dues notices were sent out after the first of the year with final notices going out around the first of March. For those who did not respond to the first two notices, a "third" and final notice was sent out mid May. If they did not respond to this notice by the end of June (4th Quarter), their membership was dropped at that time.

The activity of the National MAL for the past year is as follows:

LOSS		GAIN	
Death	2	Organization	0
Drop	63	Initiation	24
Honorable Discharge	0	Transfer	1
Transfer	4	Reinstatement	3
Total	69	Total	28

Total Membership Transactions = 97

Membership on June 30, 2000 = 134

The Financial Status of the MAL is continuing to be strong. The following is a summary of transactions occurring during the year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 for National MAL:

Income

Beginning Balance 4 th Quarter 1999	\$1090.00
Receipts for dues/application fees etc.	\$3195.38
Total Income YTD 1999-2000	\$4285.38

Expenses

Quarterly Per-Capita Taxes Paid	\$1587.00
Supplies from Nat. Quartermaster	34.00
Postage / Office Supplies	208.68
Misc. Charges (checks, etc.)	20.50
Total Expenses YTD 1999-2000	\$1850.18
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2000	\$2435.20

Each year the National MAL has had a tradition of making a yearly donation to the National Organization. I am happy to report that this tradition will continue. I hereby, would like to present this check for \$1,000.00 to the National Organization from the MAL.

As I take leave of this office it is with great pride in knowing that I was able to accomplish the duties placed upon me faithfully, honorably, and impartially, as my oath required.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to have served the National Organization.

In F., C., & L.,
Dennis Kelly
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Report of the National Assistant Camp and Department Organizer

Please let me start by saying it was an honor to serve you this year as Assistant Camp and Department Organizer. I was asked to take up this post a few weeks after your term had started, CinC Wheeler, when you called me at my home. After accepting the position, I contacted Brother Denison, the National Camp and Department Organizer, and offered my assistance. He wished that I monitor the e-mails that he received, and sent, and comment and suggest where I could.

I must admit that in reading what Brother Denison was attempting, and accomplishing, I felt somewhat out of place because I could add nothing to what he was doing. I was receiving a lot of exchanges Brother Denison and the prospective Department heads and

I have to say that Brother Denison deserves a great deal of thanks for his efforts. I only regret I could not have helped more.

I thank the Commander again, and I apologize for the lateness of this report.

In F.,C. & L.,
Chuck Young, PA DC
National Assistant Camp and Department Organizer

Report of the National Patriotic Instructor

In August of 1999, Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler appointed me to the position of National Patriotic Instructor, and I thank him for that honor.

During my tenure, I attended the Dept. of Massachusetts Annual Encampment to officiate the Pledge of Allegiance during their annual Campfire program. In addition to that I attended at the Department of Rhode Island four Memorial Day Programs, which was the first time the camp Patriotic Instructor and the National Patriotic Instructor were present for each and every program.

A total of \$60.00 was received during the last quarter as donations to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund. In addition I am proposing that a new policy be created and adopted by the SUVCW outlining a dignified service in disposing of unserviceable United States national flags.

National Patriotic Instructor Fund

During the last quarter, I received three donations to the national Patriotic Instructor's Fund. They were received from the Dept. Massachusetts Auxiliary, from the Department of Pennsylvania Sons and from the Department of Rhode Island Sons. The total amount received was \$85, which has been forwarded to the National Treasurer.

Early in my tenure as National Patriotic Instructor, I was charged by the Commander-in-Chief to answer a question regarding Union Defender's Day. Both Department and National Patriotic Instructors are obligated to acknowledge this day.

However, it was unclear as to exactly when this day occurs. Union Defender's Day is the old definition of the observance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. It was designated so by the G.A.R. as one of the three (3) most important days for them to observe: the other two being Memorial Day (on May 30) and Remembrance Day in November.

In my first Quarter report I noted that the Constitution & Regulations only refers to the name, Defender's Day. To alleviate the future confusion of this day, I recommended that the Constitution and Regulations be amended to reference Union Defender's Day as Union Defender's Day/Lincoln's Birthday, and that this amendment be included in the National and Department Patriotic Instructor's duties.

I also want to thank the Department of Michigan, James T. Ryan, for a copy of his newsletter and article regarding Union Defender's Day.

A SUVCW United States Flag Policy

As National Patriotic Instructor I would like to recommend that an additional policy be created for the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that creates a dignified ceremony for the disposition of unserviceable United States flags. I have noticed that under National Patriotic Instructor's page (as well as under the National Counselor's page) of our organization's web site, we reference the U.S. Flag Code 36 US Code 10. This code clearly states the proper handling and displaying of our flag.

In addition, the US flag code under subsection 176 (k) that, "the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." However the US Flag Code does not prescribe any manner of disposition. Other veteran, fraternal and youth organizations such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Boy Scouts of America have developed specific ceremonies in disposing of unserviceable American flags.

I believe that it would be befitting the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to create and adopt an official ceremony that would assist Departments, Camps and members in honoring our flag to the end. Although the adoption of such a creation should be considered in a thoughtful manner, perhaps through a draft or committee assignment. I would suggest that two items be imbedded into any such SUVCW ceremony. First, that such a ceremony should take place as part of SUVCW observances of June 14th, Flag Day. Secondly, that as part of the ceremony a Department or Camp presents a new US Flag to a deserving organization.

In F., C. & L.,
Robert C. Bromley
National Patriotic Instructor

One Hundred Nineteenth Annual National Encampment Second Session, August 18, 2000

Report of the National Aide to the Cathedral of the Pines

In accordance with the job description I wrote last year, I am submitting for your approval my annual report as National Aide to the Cathedral of the Pines.

Memorial Day, May 30, 2000, I was present, in uniform, at The Cathedral of the Pines to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Memorial Day Services. I made a brief speech regarding the importance of Memorial Day to our Order. I had not at that time received the donation check from the National Treasurer, most likely because of an error in my e-mail request to him. The check has since been received and forwarded to the Cathedral of the Pines. It is an honor for me to represent our Commander-in-Chief at this Memorial Day Service. I look forward to the opportunity to again represent our Order in 2001.

In F., C., & L.,
Richard L. Woodbury,

National Aide to the Cathedral of the Pines

Report of the National G.A.R. Highway Officer

This is my last report as National GAR Highway Officer. I thank you for the opportunity to have served you.

From correspondence I have received from various departments, I believe the highway to be in good shape. Efforts are being made to improve and upgrade the signage. In New York there is an attempt to get the name of the Bear Mountain Bridge, over which Rte 6 goes, changed to the GAR Memorial Bridge. Similar projects are being followed elsewhere. This is important since it provides us with the publicity, which we need.

I again emphasize the importance for each department to have the laws of their state, which pertain to the GAR Highway . The costs of the signs are usually the obligation of the states. Also the design of the sign should be determined by where the sign is to be placed. The wording must be visible to cars and trucks traveling at high speeds. As more and more people travel at higher speeds they will be on the interstates rather than be on Rte 6. Rte 6 has lost its importance as a major highway going from coast to coast. Today it is primarily use for local travel.

Despite all the excellent efforts made by our people who work with the GAR Highway , we must realize that the newer roads are overshadowing it. The result is that we must launch a full-scale publicity program to emphasize the GAR Highway .

A former Commander-in-Chief said the GAR Highway is our largest national monument. If so, why keep it a secret? All our members must stress the Highway's name.

In the past year PCinC Loomis learned of a couple from Massachusetts who want to travel Rte 6 and write a book of their experiences. This is the type of publicity we need. But remember the membership must also participate in advertising the Highway . Publicity is important. It tells the public who we are, what we do and it is a means of recruitment of new members. Let us all become involved!

In F, C., & L.,
Cliff Henke, PDC
National GAR Highway Officer

Report of the National Historian

First of all, I wish to genuinely endorse our organization's efforts to catalog and preserve our nation's Civil War monuments, cannons, veterans' burials, and GAR records. I heartily encourage every individual member, Camp and Department to help preserve our common Civil War heritage by assisting in the completion of these projects.

As valuable as these projects are, I would like during my term as National Historian to

encourage our Camps and Departments to undertake another project even close to home: we need to identify, locate and preserve the records of our own organization. All too often, SUVCW records are lost when a Camp becomes dormant or is discontinued, or a key officer moves or passes away. In many Camps, we become so concerned with current operations that record and memory of each Camp's foundation and early days are ignored or lost. In order to preserve the records of our local Camps, I urge the following steps to be taken.

(1) Each Camp should consolidate its records (minutes, newsletters, membership applications, etc.) in the hands of one or two specified officers, and these officers should pass their collected records on to their successors. The members of each Camp, plus key Department officers, should be made aware who is the record holder for each Camp.

(2) Each Camp should make a duplicate copy of its minutes, newsletters, and other key records, and place these in the custody of a Camp Historian, who should keep these records and then pass them on to his successor.

(3) Each Camp should also send a copy of its key records to the Department Historian for more preservation. (The more copies that are made of a Camp's minutes and records, the better chance they have for long-range survival.)

(4) Camp membership files should be maintained and kept updated. In the days of the GAR, most Camps kept logbooks with a page for each member, giving their application data, offices held, and other information, including photographs and, eventually, obituaries. I strongly sense that most SUVCW Camps are not doing this. It is a practice well worth resurrecting.

(5) Similarly, Department records should be consolidated and placed in the hands of a key officer. Copies of encampment proceedings, Departmental newsletters, and other key records, should be copied and placed in the hands of the Department Historian.

(6) I would also suggest that copies of Department and Camp records be placed in a central library or other publicly accessible repository. We in New Jersey are preparing to set up a GAR/SUVCW research center in the Civil War museum administered by Garfield Camp 4 in Lawrenceville. If you have no similar institution in your Department, try approaching a university library or major historical society with a strong genealogical section to see if they would be interested.

(7) Take photographs at your meetings and events, and label them for posterity (copies can be used for publicity or for sending to the *Banner*).

(8) Prepare lists of Camp and Department officers, as well as dates of special events and lists of any special awards given out. These are always handy for reference.

(9) Ask older members of your Camp to write down their recollections of the Camp's history. Give a program on your Camp's history, and video tape it or write out the text in full.

(10) Prepare a written history of your Camp, and prepare or update the history of your Department.

Carrying out even a few of these suggestions will help preserve the history of our local SUVCW Camps and will in the process help our members better realize their own place in history. It will also help us avoid the fate of the majority of the GAR Camps, most of whose records have been destroyed or lost, or cannot be located.

Any comments or suggestions on how to preserve our organization's history will be welcome by myself and the members of the National Committee on History; Brothers David Ladd of Minnesota, Roger Olson of Connecticut, and Jerry Orton of New York.

In F., C., & L.,
Dr. David Martin, PDC
National Historian, SUVCW

Report of the National Webmaster

Since my August 1999 report, over 400 new pages have been added to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's (SUVCW) Web Site. The Web Site now contains over 1,000 pages and continues to grow with the inclusion of additional operational, historical, and informational material on the Grand Army of the Republic and the SUVCW. Concurrent with the physical growth of the site also has been a continued and dramatic increased use of the SUVCW Web Site by Allied Orders members and the general public from all over the world. Attached to this report are the use statistics for the SUVCW Web Site for the period October 1997 through July 2000. In the 33 months that the Web Site has been on the Internet, the average number of hits per day has grown from 2,044 to just over 9,200. For the two years where a full 12 months worth of statistics are available, the total number of hits grew from 1,799,918 (1998) to 2,598,803 (1999) or by an increase of 798,885 hits. Based on the current pattern of increased use already exhibited in the first seven months of 2000, it is anticipated that the total number of hits per year in 2000 may exceed the 4,000,000 mark. Phenomenal is the only word that I can think of that can best describe the popularity of the SUVCW Web Site.

Since last year, there have been many changes and updates made to SUVCW Web Site. Quite a few of the changes took place immediately after (within one day of the end of) the 1999 National Encampment. Some of these included the establishment of a biography of the new Commander-in-Chief; establishment of a new listing of all national officers and committee members serving for 1999/2000; establishment of the new Past Commander-in-Chief's (PCinC) biography into the PCinC Web Page and of his State of the Order message into the Commander-in-Chief National Encampment Report Web Page; changing of the SUVCW's home page to reflect the new Commander-in-Chief; and replacement of the 1999 National Encampment advertisement with that for the 2000 National Encampment.

Other updates and new pages that were established this last year have included a page on the Order's two annual scholarships; 18 more Past Commander-in-Chief pictures and/or

biographies; 10 more GAR Commander-in-Chief pictures and/or biographies; 10 new articles regarding the GAR; over 80 more biographies and pictures of ancestors on the Photos from the Past Web Page (this page now contains over 100 photographs and biographies); the establishment of the GAR Post Records project; the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Web Page, the Deed of Conveyance Policy Web Page; and the making available to the entire membership of the SUVCW's graves registration and information packet, monument/memorial assessment form, memorial grant application form, membership application form, Camp and Department quarterly reporting forms, and the National Encampment proceedings for the years 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, and 1996. All these forms and documents have been set up in Portable Document File (PDF) format. This format allows the forms and documents to be viewed on line but more importantly, allows them to be printed on anyone's machine regardless of what word processing software they may be using. Consequently, the documents and forms print correctly all the time. In order to do this though, the user needs to obtain Adobe Acrobat Reader off the Internet. A link exists on the SUVCW FTP & PDF Central Web Page to obtain Adobe Acrobat Reader. The software is free to download and use.

In addition to the above there has been a continued updating of the following pages throughout the year: 1999/2000 Officer's and Committee listing; all of the departmental pages - including the establishment of a link to the Order's newest Department - Nebraska; 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 300 names; and updates to the Inquiries, Announcements and Upcoming Events; Civil War History; Grand Army of the Republic Research; Civil War Reenactment Organizations; and Genealogy Web Pages.

Probably the most significant of all the additions and changes made this last year has been the establishment of a Web Site search function. The site originally had such a function shortly after it was first put up on the Internet; however, the program was one of the first of its type of its kind to be made available and was not at all user friendly. The new search function is very user friendly in terms of being both efficient and intuitive in terms of use. It is also very easy for me to periodically update. With the Web Site now of over 1,000 pages and growing, such a function was imperative.

In addition to my duties as National SUVCW Webmaster, I continue to serve as the Webmaster for the following Web Sites hosted by the SUVCW: Sons of Veterans Reserve (<http://suvcw.org/svr.htm>); Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) (<http://suvcw.org/mollus.htm>); and the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library (<http://suvcw.org/garmus.htm>). One additional service that I have been providing as part of my duties as National Webmaster for both SUVCW and MOLLUS is that of searching for soldier records for descendants. This service has been provided for free and over this last year I have located over 400 such records. Most of these have been rather straightforward; however, I certainly have had my share of "My great-great grandfather John Smith was a Union soldier, please tell me with everything you know about him"- Yeah right!! Requests such as those take me a little longer to fulfill given that, for instance, there were 4,228 John Smith(s) who served in the Union Army. Other E-mail requests have continued to run anywhere from 30 to 50 on average per night

and generally result in my referral of the particular requests to the appropriate Department or National Officer or National Committee Chair for response.

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 disk, as an E-mail or as an E-mail attachment. I can convert most any type of word processing program.

In F., C., & L.,
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
National Webmaster

Report of the National Proceedings Editor

A total of five Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) National Encampment Proceedings were printed this year, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1995 and 1996. Copies of these plus the 1984, 1985, and 1989 proceedings, which were completed last year; the 1982, 1988 and 1994 proceedings, which were completed in 1986; and the 1983 proceedings, which was completed by Past Commander-in Chief (PCinC) Schlenker in 1986, have been sent to House Committee on the Judiciary, United States House of Representatives by the National Secretary fulfilling the SUVCW's legal requirement for reporting to Congress for those years. An electronic copy of all the above Proceedings except 1982 is also available on the SUVCW's National Web Site.

Copies of the 1987, 1991, 1992, 1995 and 1996 are present at this Encampment. All Brothers who were registered delegates or alternates and paid their registration fee to these Encampments are entitled to a free copy of that particular proceeding. A listing of the delegates and alternates is available if you are unsure. Per direction of the National , after this Encampment, all remaining copies of the proceedings will be forwarded to the National Quartermaster for sale through the National Organization.

In March of this year I resigned as National Proceedings Editor and per direction from the National forwarded all the remaining electronic and hard copy material from the 1990, 1997, 1998 and 1999 to the respective PCinCs who had indicated a willingness and available time to complete them. The 1993 material was sent back to the National Secretary. Since that time, however, I have continued to serve in the capacity as a final editor to those PCinCs who wish for me to do so and also as the individual arranging for the printing of the completed proceedings.

Presented at the end of this report is a listing of individuals who need to be recognized for all the work that they did in this gargantuan undertaking. The 12 past year proceedings that have produced since 1996 took the assistance of over 30 people from all over this country; many of who were not even members of the SUVCW. Most of the work involved the creation of electronic copies of the various and sundry individual officer and committee reports that would be needed for placement into the Proceedings; others provided assistance in the locating of these reports. Without their assistance though, the 12 Proceedings that have been done would never have been completed. We now have five remaining old Proceedings and a sixth Proceedings with the one that will be generated as a result of this Encampment to be completed to bring the SUVCW up to date. I implore

the Order to finish these this new year and then never again get behind in this important and legal requirement. You just may not be as fortunate next time to find someone again as naive as I was about the work involved and willing to say yes to this type of undertaking.

Individuals who have assisted with the Proceedings:

Celeste Lewis of Pennsylvania
Glenn Knight of Pennsylvania
David R. Medert, PCinC of Ohio
Alan Loomis, PCinC of Indiana
Ed Krieser of Indiana
Gordon R. Bury II, PCinC of Ohio
Richard Orr, PCinC of Pennsylvania
Jim Pahl of Michigan
Lowell V. Hammer, PCinC of Florida
Robert Wolz of Florida
Rebecca Pratt of Pennsylvania
Kathy Baker of Florida
John Heseltine of Maine
Sandi Crawford of Pennsylvania
Brian Peters of Wisconsin
Michael S. Bennett of New York
Carole A. Mason of Massachusetts

Charles L. Christian of California
Andrew Johnson, PCinC of Maryland
Peter L. Johnston of Maryland
William S. Morgan V of Florida
James Loudon of Pennsylvania
Timothy Downey of Kentucky
Marianne Hughes of Indiana
Martha Hittler of Missouri
Dan Combs of Virginia
Bill Moulton of Virginia
Jay H. Peterson of Virginia
Ruth Roberts Coker of Texas
Pauli Kelley of New York
Richard Schlenker, PCinC of Maryland
George Powell of Pennsylvania
David Wallace of Michigan
Ed Gusman of Wisconsin

In F., C., & L.,
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
National Proceedings Editor

**Report of the National Signals Officer and
National Committee on Communications and Technology**

Presented below is a combined National Signals Officer's and National Committee on Communications and Technology's report. During this last year, the Committee has pursued resolution of two issues in particular. The first dealt with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's (SUVCW) policy on software compatibility and the second with a proposed stand alone program for entering graves registration data. We have resolved the first with new language in the SUVCW National Policy on Electronic Communications. In the process of resolving this issue, we also noticed many areas where the policy was either inaccurate or out of date. Consequently, the total policy was re-visited and numerous changes made to it. The changes may be grouped into the following types; grammatical, spelling and punctuation (which account for the majority of the changes), substantive changes (such as the language regarding software compatibility), and changes to reflect current operation of the SUVCW's Web Site and data management. All the changes to the National Policy on Electronic Communications are presented in the attachment to this report.

Recommendation #1:

We highly recommend that these proposed changes proposed to the SUVCW's National Policy on Electronic Communications in the attached document be adopted.

In terms of the second issue, the Graves Registration MS Access Runtime program, the Committee tabled the issue until after the 2000 National Encampment at which time the National Committee on Communications and Technology will begin to explore other options - including but not limited to development of a more universally applicable stand alone program and interactive Internet submission of graves registration data. Consequently, the National Encampment on the above Committee action requires no action.

Recommendation #2

A third item, which the National requested at its March 2000 meeting, was the disposition of the SUVCW's server.

The Committee recommends that if hasn't all ready happened, that the National Server be secured by the National Quartermaster and held until such time as the SUVCW is physically located in its National Headquarters.

In F., C., & L.,
National Committee on Communications and Technology
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC, National Signals Officer & Chair

Brother Robert Bateman, C-in-C MOLLUS expressed MOLLUS' indebtedness to the SUVCW for hosting the MOLLUS internet website and he commended PCinC Keith Harrison and thanked him.

Report of the National Civil War Memorials Officer and National Committee on Memorials and Monuments

The Memorials and Monuments committee is proud to report that the cataloging of the Memorials and Monuments erected to the veterans of the Civil War is on "good ground."

While some Departments are further ahead of others, all are still moving forward. If I may point out without offending, the Department of New Jersey has cataloged 79 memorials/monuments and has managed to get a bill passed through the state legislature to protect those monuments. Iowa has also accounted from over 400 memorials, and plaques.

There are still some battles going on over cannon barrels in various parts of the Country as in Peoria, IL, Ocean Grove, NJ, and in Iowa--to name but a few. The Brothers in those areas have joined with local historical groups to preserve and fight the battle of getting the cannons returned.

Most Departments have sent in the required forms or have them held locally. I believe there has been some discussion as how to handle the forms. One question that has come up is whether the Departments should keep a copy of the forms within their jurisdiction. I believe that the answer to this question is YES. The more copies we have the less likely

the work will have to be repeated in the case of a computer crash etc. I also believe that if the Encampment approves the recommendations of the Communications and Technology Committee the record keeping will be easier and the "Brothers in the field" will be well satisfied.

Currently, I have 45 completed forms in hand, not counting lists of the Department completed activities. These are "hard copy" and have not been entered into a database. The reason for this delay is pending the approval by this Encampment of the Communications and Technology Committee new policy.

I would like to take this time to give a personal THANK YOU to all the Department Commanders, Camp Commanders, Memorials Officers and the "Brothers in the fields" you know who you are, for making the committee's job a lot easier. Also I would like to thank Brother Kent Armstrong for the excellent turnover of materials when I took over this assignment.

Recommendations:

- All Department Commanders ensure, as is required by your oath of office, that the information on the Memorials/Monuments is turned over to your successor or that the Memorials officer does so. From some conversations I have had it appears that there has been a lapse in the information being turned over.
- To all Brothers, when dealing with various organizations start with an "olive branch" first. Then if a harder line is necessary, FIRST inform National of the problems and have a plan of action prepared so they can make comments/adjustments. As we all know it is sometimes "hard to see the forest for the trees." I feel that there have been times in the past when we, in our passion, have alienated groups that could have been helpful had we started off on the right foot.
- All Departments should continue to communicate with their state legislatures for the passage of statutes that protect ALL memorials/monuments dedicated to all veterans. By inserting the word ALL we are more likely to receive the backing of other Veterans Organizations, thus building our power base.
- Finally, I ask that the Encampment approve the new policy of the Communications and Technology Committee. I believe that it will enhance the Departments/Camp's ability to catalog Graves, GAR Posts and Memorials/Monuments as well as other databases.

In F., C., & L.,
Donald E. Darby, Chair
National Committee on Memorials and Monuments

Report of the National Graves Registration Officer

The National Grave Registration Project has been, once again, very active throughout the

past year. We have increased the database to a total of 68,500 records and have about 2,500 more that need to be keyed into the database. Many more Camps and Departments are forwarding data and they are using compatible formats to record the data.

The Grave Registration Pamphlet was completed. Brother Johnston did most of the work on that and the National Quartermaster has them now for use. We have already started to receive them in from members and non-members alike. These are not really for us to use. These are what we put in town halls and city halls to get our name out there. And we also use these to complete the information on the veteran's grave location. We send them in and hope we get an application to increase our membership

We have started to compile a listing of members that have offered their assistance to key in records and who have the time and knowledge to do so. Brother Bob Lowe assembled a list of Department Graves Registration Officers, but many Departments are failing to reply. It is important that we know who to contact within a Department.

Recommendation

A listing of Department Grave Registration Officers be reported to National Chief of Staff with all other elected and appointed Officers. From this a list can be generated and sent to the National Graves Registration Committee.

Attached is a listing of records as of 31 July 2000. The first page is graves located within a state and the second is a master listing of their states of service.

In closing, I would like to say that I have been pleased to have been offered this chance to work on such a worthwhile project and have enjoyed working and meeting with as many Brothers as I have.

In F., C., & L.
 Leo F. Kennedy,
 National Grave Registration Officer

National Grave Registration Database (Listings by State/Country of Burial)

Alabama	120	Illinois	413	North Carolina	31
Alaska	5	Indiana	355	North Dakota	2
Arizona	4	Kansas	676	Nebraska	47
Arkansas	689	Kentucky	1901	New Hampshire	481
California	3261	Louisiana	406	New Jersey	117
Colorado	879	Massachusetts	522	New Mexico	3
Connecticut	2999	Maryland	198	Nevada	0
Delaware	1	Maine	91	New York	1212
Florida	541	Michigan	20620	Ohio	8567
Georgia	888	Minnesota	49	Oklahoma	970
Hawaii	34	Missouri	2572	Oregon	16
Iowa	388	Mississippi	352	Pennsylvania	3654
Idaho	2	Montana	48	Rhode Island	7296

South Carolina	309
South Dakota	39
Tennessee	1553
Texas	143
Utah	4
Virginia	1578
Vermont	7
Washington	239
Wisconsin	2232
West Virginia	31
Wyoming	0
District of Columbia	168
Canada	37
Australia	96
Mexico	22
South Africa	2
Great Britain	19
Holland	1
India	1
Scotland	2

National Grave Registration Database: (Listings by Service -State or US)

Alabama	8	Louisiana	12	Oregon	18
Alaska	2	Massachusetts	1022	Pennsylvania	3469
Arizona	2	Maryland	69	Rhode Island	2078
Arkansas	20	Maine	380	South Carolina	2
California	340	Michigan	18834	Tennessee	132
Colorado	177	Minnesota	226	Texas	3
Connecticut	2431	Missouri	6634	Virginia	25
Delaware	18	Mississippi	13	Vermont	218
Florida	5	North Carolina	9	Washington	5
Georgia	3	Nebraska	28	Wisconsin	2488
Iowa	823	New Hampshire	380	West Virginia	444
Idaho	2	New Jersey	242	District of Columbia	4
Illinois	1895	New Mexico	226	US Federal	1689
Indiana	1235	Nevada	18	US NAVY	778
Kansas	255	New York	3662	Unknown/Unlisted	10000
Kentucky	935	Ohio	6932		

Report of the National Chief of Staff

Allow me to submit my report to you for your administrative year. A brief summary of my efforts on your behalf includes:

- A. Preparing a full list of key elected 1999-2000 Department Officers as such was not provided by my predecessor.
- B. Compiling a list of dates and locations for this year's Department Encampments.
- C. Notifying National Officers and Committee Chairman of the various reports due during your administration.
- D. Preparing a full list of key elected 2000-2001 Department Officers.
- E. Year end reports have been printed and also saved electronically (when submitted so) for the benefit of the Proceedings Editor and will be delivered to same at the National Encampment.

It has been an honor to serve in this capacity; to take care of the matters listed above; and to tend to other miscellaneous requests.

In F., C., & L.,
 Kent Armstrong
 National Chief of Staff

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations

There are basically four areas in which the Permanent Committee recommends changes.

1. In National Regulations Chapter 5, article 3, Badges and Decorations. This was initiated by a request from Brother Glenn Knight, who submitted the proposal. The committee worked it over, and worked it over, and worked it over, etc and this is the final product. Copies of the proposed amendment have been provided to you.
2. Departments in Good Standing, this amends National Regulations, Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 3
3. Life Membership—this originated from Brother Richard Orr who is the Assistant National Treasurer in charge of Life Member Coordination. It is his recommendation that National Regulations Chapter 3, Article 6 replace Section III as follows. Life membership shall be closed, effective September 1, 2000. It is Brother Orr's position that this is costing us a lot of money. That the money is poorly invested. That the income is not sufficient to pay out Life Memberships reimbursements and eventually the General Fund will have to be used to meet the obligations to Life Members.

This is being reported from the committee without a recommendation. We could not reach a consensus within the committee.

4. The National Patriotic Instructor made a recommendation that Chapter 3, Article V, Section 6 of the Regulations be amended to require the National Patriotic Instructor to prepare and issue letters of instruction to the observance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, also known as Union Defender's Day.

The committee did not concur in that proposal.

That is the report of the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

Motion: PCinC Charles Corfman moved to refer Life membership back to committee or to set new policy or fix the old one. The motion was second by J. Douglas Park; motion passed.

Report of the National Committee on Americanization and Education

I offer my report for my activities during the past year. The plan I had adopted for my committee was for us to come up with a pamphlet to be available to the Camps to hand out to those attending the event's that we, the Son's, do where the general public is in attendance, in an effort to gain members for our Order. This pamphlet would be generic in nature, giving some general information about our Order, with a calendar of events Nationwide. Being generic, it could be used by any Camp in our Order with no change being needed because of Camp's location.

I have changed somewhat the format I originally planed in my mid-year report. My pamphlet (enclosed) now has a short history of both the Son's and GAR, and on the back a section which I have set aside to put in the dates, places, and times, of all the Department Encampments for the year 2001. I have also added a section for the person who receives this to contact the serving Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to get more information.

When I informed my fellow members of this committee my intentions, only Brother Darby replied to my inquiries. His observation was that there was already a pamphlet of this sort available to the Camps. I have to admit I have neither seen of heard of this pamphlet before. I only remember the pamphlet you, Commander, had brought to the floor last year, but I remembered that being a Flag pamphlet of some sort. I was for a while a little at a loss on what to do. I decided that I would go ahead on my original idea anyway.

So, now we come to distribution. My only recommendation is that we make these available to the Camps at no cost to them. I know that it would amount to a few dollars shipping. What the actual amount would be, I do not know. I do know that if we charge them, they most likely will not buy them. It would be easier for them to make up a flyer and hand them out instead. I think a pamphlet such as this, though, endorsed by the National organization itself, gives a little better impression of our Organization than a colored flyer found on someone's car windshield. I would suggest a one- time shipment of 500 pamphlets each, to each Camp in our Order.

The cost of updating, printing, and packaging of them has been donated by my company where I work I will update the pamphlet, prepare and ship them, if this body approves my idea. I only need the addresses of the Camps and the funds to pay the cost of delivery.

I thank you Commander for the opportunity to serve this Order, and I congratulate you on a successful term in office.

In F., C. & L
Chuck Young, Chair
Committee on Americanization and Education

Report of the National Encampment Site Committee

This has been a busy year for this committee as we attempt to plan for encampments several years in advance.

This is the situation as it stands:

2001 in Springfield Missouri; Holiday Inn; Aug 6 – 11, 2001

2002 is in Springfield Illinois; Renaissance Hotel, Aug 7 – 12, 2002

2003 is to be sponsored by the Ohio Department in the Cincinnati area.

Right now we're looking at a hotel on the Kentucky side of the creek and it's closer to the airport and we don't have the competition. We do want to talk with any Kentucky members who are here. It would be a nice courtesy to tell them we'd like to move onto their turf.

In 2004, there has been an offer from Texas (we'll be checking out the hotel in a month or so., 2005 is open and 2006, Pennsylvania has shown an interest

In F., C., & L.,
Charles Corfman, PCinC
National Encampment Site Committee

Report of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations

It's been an honor and a privilege for our members to serve the Sons and the Commander-in-Chief and represent them to the many orders that have similar goals and objectives as our own. We in particular recognize improved relations with the Sons of Confederate Veterans where our Commander-in-Chief is affectionately known as the head Yankee.

I broke the report into several sections. First of all, the purpose of the committee is to foster cooperation between the allied orders of the G. A. R., and working cooperatively with all the Civil War hereditary organizations and to encourage support of the Sons programs by Veterans organizations.

One of the committee's tasks is to provide historical and membership information on the

Order to the other kindred organizations. While there's an abundance of Sons literature aimed at recruiting new members, we found little designed simply to explain who the Sons are to fellow organizations and agencies from which we're seeking cooperation and support. Our solution was to produce the "Fact Sheet," which we believe will also have a number of applications at the Department and Camp levels. A copy is attached to this report.

Accomplishing the Mission.

- Using personal contacts and the Internet, a roster of like organizations was established. And a calendar of convention dates, major holidays and commanders' birthdays was compiled. Both the Fraternal Roster and Calendar were forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief and up-dated regularly. The Fraternal Roster was also forwarded to the National Membership list Coordinator so that a *Banner* could be sent out to those heading the different organizations
- On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, the National Fraternal Relations committee proceeded to make contact with, via mail, thirteen Orders with goals similar to the SUVCW. These were:

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Woman's Relief Corps
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-65
Military Order of the Loyal Legion
Dames of the Loyal Legion
Sons of Confederate Veterans
United Daughters of the Confederacy
Order of the Confederate Rose
Military Order of the Stars & Bars
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Legion

Included in the mailing sent to these Orders was an introductory letter, the SUVCW biography of the Commander-in-Chief, and the Sons "Fact Sheet."

- In mid-March, again acting on the Commander-in-Chief's behalf, the Committee sent invitations to the thirteen Orders (mentioned earlier) to attend the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (April 15th), receiving a healthy response. I represented the committee at the ceremony, the luncheon that followed, and then called on the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at their respective museums. Several concerns about the lunch were fielded and afterwards, a summary was forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief.
- In mid-July, invitations to our National Encampment were sent to the thirteen Orders with the Commander-in-Chief and Chief of Staff being kept apprised of the response.

Representation to Other Organizations

- Noting in a national newspaper last Fall that several community groups in Cincinnati had cleaned up a local cemetery where 138 Civil War veterans were buried, a recommendation for a letter of Commendation was forwarded to both the Department of Ohio and the Commander-in-Chief.
- March, the chair wrote an editorial response to a column by the uninformed Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports writer about the Confederate Battle Flag. The response was well received locally and circulated throughout the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization.
- On April 17th, we coordinated with National Webmaster Keith Harrison in linking our National website to the new Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War website.
- On Saturday, May 20th, the chair was called upon to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the 88th Annual Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the Union 186 1-1865, in Galena, Illinois. The feedback from the Society was very positive. Afterwards, a report was made to the Commander-in-Chief.

Fraternal Survey

Continuing the work started by Br. Keith Ashley and our predecessor committee, last fall a Fraternal Survey was sent to all Department Commanders. The purpose of the rather brief survey was to seek information on the nature and number of relationships that our Departments have with other organizations with similar goals. Despite a follow up reminder and re-mailing of the survey to some in March, we received a 66% response.

Contained in this response, we are very much encouraged by the relationship that many Departments have developed with the Allied Orders. We are also pleased to report many efforts are consistently shared with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. A very few Departments had kindred societies, which they were either not working with or not aware of.

Fraternal Outreach

This year, the Committee began efforts to build a stronger relationship with a Civil War group larger than any we encountered or told that we needed to encounter. Unfortunately, the Civil War re-enactment community has no national organization and yet most of us have come into contact or will come into contact with it when we attend re-enactments or living history events. In June, the committee produced a pamphlet, introducing the Sons of Union Veterans to Civil War reenactors. The pamphlet is meant as a starting point for developing better relations with so many who are in a position to help our organization.

Funding

A portion of the funding for the committee's mailings and phone calls came from Union Soldier research contributions and the sale of the Junior Handbook

A binder has been created with communications and directions from my successor. The committee has no recommendations at this time.

In F., C., & L.,
Stephen A. Michaels, Chair
National Committee on Fraternal Relations

Resolution Offered by Alan Peterson

Resolution of support to the Michigan Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Whereas it is necessary for all Allied Orders to protect and preserve our GAR heritage, and.

Whereas as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we urge all members of the SUVCW for seeing the need to preserve any and all remaining G.A.R. buildings and halls.

Now, Therefore Be it resolved that we now commend the Michigan Department of the DUVCW for their work in preserving the G.A.R. buildings/halls in the State of Michigan.

The Resolution was referred to the Encampment Committee on Resolutions.

Report of the National Committee on Legislation

Your Committee, appointed to study legislation and public policy of interest and concern to members of our Order, wishes to submit the following report to our Brothers attending the 119th National Encampment.

Please note that the Legislative Committee has had very little communication during the past year with any member of our Order. This includes National Officers, Department Officers or Brothers interested or concerned about Legislation currently being considered or pending in their local area that would have been of concern to our Order as a whole.

One exception to this would be the recent discussion about closing some Civil War Battlefield State Park areas within the State of Tennessee.

PDC John Anderson of Tennessee was instrumental in getting this proposal changed. Brother Anderson should be commended for his efforts.

There are several bills and resolutions before the Congress or recently acted upon that we

feel deal with issues of interest to our Order. The following is a list of some of these bills and their status:

1. H.R. 4513: To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the African-American Civil War veterans who served with Union forces.
Sponsor: Rep. Norton, Eleanor, Homes - Latest Major Action: 6/9/2000
Referred to House subcommittee.
Committees: House Banking and Financial Services
2. H.R. 466H: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the continued display of Confederate flags.
Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. - Latest Major Action: 4/11/2000 Referred to House subcommittee.
Committees: House Judiciary
3. H.R. 345: To authorize the President to issue a posthumous Army commission in the grade of captain in the Chaplains Corps to Ella E. Gibson, who served as chaplain of the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery regiment during the Civil War.
Sponsor: Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe - Latest Major Action: 2/1/1999 House committee/subcommittee actions.
Committees: House Armed Services
4. H.R.584: To authorize and request the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to Brevet Brigadier General Strong Vincent for his actions in the defense of Little Round Top at the Battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863.
Sponsor: Rep. English, Phil - Latest Major Action: 2/23/1999 House committee/subcommittee actions.
Committees: House Armed Services
5. H.R. 2858: To authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Andrew J. Smith for acts of valor during the Civil War.
Sponsor: Rep. Ewing, Thomas W. - Latest Major Action: 9/28/1999 House committee/subcommittee actions.
Committees: House Armed Services
6. S. 2722: A bill to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Andrew J. Smith.
Sponsor: Sen. Akaka, Daniel - Latest Major Action: 6/21/2000 Became Public Law No: 106-223.
7. H.R. 1663: To designate as a national memorial the memorial being built at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor.
Sponsor: Rep. Calvert, Ken - Latest Major Action: 10/28/1999 Became Public Law No: 106-83.
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Armed Services
8. S 1633: To recognize National Medal of Honor sites in California, Indiana, and

South Carolina.

Sponsor: Sen. McCain, John - Latest Major Action: 9/24/1999 Referred to Senate committee.

Committee: Senate Armed Services

9. H.R. 1665: To allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation.

Sponsor: Rep. Bateman, Herbert H. - Latest Major Action: 12/9/1999 Became Public Law No: 106-150.

10. S.955: A bill to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation.

Sponsor: Sen. Warner, John W. - Latest Major Action: 2/10/2000 Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent Vote.

Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

11. H.R.2249: To establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park in the vicinity of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Wicker, Roger F. - Latest Major Action: 4/4/2000 House committee/subcommittee actions.

Committees: House Resources

12. S.1117: A bill to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen. Lott, Trent- Latest Major Action: 2/2/2000 Referred to House subcommittee.

Committees: House Resources; Senate Energy and Natural Resources

13. H.R. 3497: To authorize a study on the feasibility of preserving certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail and of establishing a Civil Rights Trail in the State of Mississippi.

Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. - Latest Major Action: 11/18/1999 House committee/subcommittee actions.

Committees: House Resources

14. S.710: A bill to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

Sponsor: Sen. Lott, Trent- Latest Major Action: 2/2/2000 Referred to House subcommittee.

Committees: House Resources; Senate Energy and Natural Resources

15. S.AMDT.1653 to H.R. 2466: To make funds available for the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

Sponsor: Sen. Bond, Christopher S. - Latest Major Action: 9/14/1999 Senate

amendment agreed to

16. S.Res.274: A resolution to designate April 9, 2000, as a "National Day of Remembrance of the One Hundred Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the Battle of Saylor's Creek".

Sponsor: Sen. Warner, John W. - Latest Major Action: 3/20/2000 Referred to Senate committee.

Committees: Senate Judiciary

17. H.R.2435: To expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Goodling, William F. - Latest Major Action: 7/17/2000 House preparation for floor.

Committees: House Resources

18. S.1324: A bill to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen. Santorum, Rick- Latest Major Action: 2/1/2000 Referred to House subcommittee.

Committees: House Resources; Senate Energy and Natural Resources

19. H.R. 2438: To require specific Congressional authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to authorize construction of any visitor's center or museum in the proximity of or within the boundaries of Gettysburg National Military Park.

Sponsor: Rep. Klink, Ron- Latest Major Action: 7/14/1999 House committee/subcommittee actions.

Committees: House Resources

20. H.R. 3860: To provide that any visitor's center or museum located in the proximity of or within the boundaries of Gettysburg National Military Park that is constructed or designated as a visitor's center or museum after the date of the enactment of this Act shall be known and designated as the "George D. and Emily G. Rosensteel Memorial Visitors' Center".

Sponsor: Rep. Klink, Ron - Latest Major Action: 3/16/2000 Referred to House subcommittee.

Committees: House Resources

21. H.R. 2919: To promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sponsor: Rep. Portman, Rob - Latest Major Action: 7/17/2000 House preparation for floor.

Committees: House Resources

22. S.1617: A bill to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sponsor: Sen. Dewine, Michael - Latest Major Action: 5/11/2000 Senate

committee/subcommittee actions.

Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

23. H.CON.RES. 142: Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Congress should have the power to prohibit the desecration of the flag of the United States. Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff - Latest Major Action: 8/25/1999 Referred to House subcommittee.

Committees: House Judiciary

24. H.R. 1451: To establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Sponsor: Rep. LaHood, Ray - Latest Major Action: 2/25/2000 Became Public Law No: 106-173.

25. H.R. 1474 - To restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day. Sponsor: Rep. Gibbons, Jim- Latest Major Action: 4/27/1999 Referred to House subcommittee.

Committees: House Government Reform; House Judiciary

26. S.189 - A bill to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day. Sponsor: Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. - Latest Major Action: 1/19/1999 Referred to Senate committee.

Committees: Senate Judiciary

27. H.R. 4005 - To amend title 36, United States Code, to recognize a flag to be known as the National Veterans Flag as the symbol of the Nation's admiration, respect, and appreciation for the veterans of service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sponsor: Rep. Brown, Sherrod -Latest Major Action: 3/27/2000 Referred to House subcommittee

Committees: House Judiciary

Recommendation:

That all members of our Order become more involved and pay closer attention to items being considered in the legislative process at both the local and national level.

It is a privilege to have been associated with Brothers Allen F. Smith, J Marc Wheat, Ronald Gill, and Charles P. Kuhn, Jr. as fellow members of the Committee on Legislation and to have been able to serve the National Organization in this capacity during the 1999-2000 year.

In F., C., & L.

Edward P. Duffel, PDC, Chair

National Committee on Legislation

Report of the National Committee on the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Your committee, appointed to conduct the annual Deathday ceremony held this year on

April 15, 2000, begs leave to submit the following report.

1. The 44th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by our Order with the active assistance of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., recorded the attendance of more than 60 organizations that presented commemorative wreaths and an overflow crowd who attended the luncheon at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel following the rites.

2. In recognition of the 135th anniversary of President Lincoln's death, U.S. District Judge Richard H. Mills of Springfield delivered the principal address at the ceremony. He spoke of Mr. Lincoln's service in the Illinois Militia during the Black Hawk War and how that experience helped to shape his character and leadership traits. Judge Mills is also a major general in the Illinois Militia.

3. Brief addresses were also given by Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler of the Sons of Union Veterans, and by Douglas R. Niermeyer, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Presiding over the ceremony was Thomas L.W. Johnson, ceremony co-chairman.

4. Ronald E. Clark of Gen. John A. McClernand Camp No. 4 Served as chaplain for both the ceremony and the luncheon. The 114 Illinois Vol. Inf Regt., provided a color guard. The Springfield Municipal Band provided several musical selections.

5. At the luncheon, Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois state historian, spoke on the significance of the election of 1860 for both Mr. Lincoln and the nation. He commented on campaign techniques, issues of the day, and the sectional divisions represented in the outcome of the election itself.

6. National heads present from the Allied Orders were Mary S. Phelps, Woman's Relief Corps; Roena Bayes, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Kathy Stuffer, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Representing the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans was National Chaplain Danielle Michaels. Rosemary Schaeffer, national chaplain of the National Society. Dames of the Loyal Legion, represented that organization. Past Commanders-in-Chief who were present included Charles Corfman and Alan Loomis.

7. There was good representation from several Departments and a variety of Camps from throughout the Middle West. It is heartwarming to have this kind of support for this ceremony each year. We thank all who made the trip to honor the memory and heritage represented by our sixteenth President.

8. For a brief account of the 2000 ceremony, your attention is invited to the May 2000 issue of the *Banner*.

9. Your committee takes pride in serving our National Organization in this manner and is very appreciative of the financial support and continuing commitment provided by our Order. Without those resources and the financial backing of the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., this ceremony would not be what it has become. We wish to acknowledge the work of PDC Ronald E. Clark, Jacqueline and Harold B. Wright and the

contributions of PNP Ellinore K. Johnson. In addition, we received excellent cooperation from Nan Wynn, superintendent of the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site.

10. A budget request for an appropriation of \$400.00 for 2000-2001 has been submitted to National Treasurer James B. Pahl. We pledge to do all that we can to continue to contain expenses, bearing in mind the core expenditures required for a ceremony of this kind. A complete accounting of the expenses incurred for the 2000 ceremony is included with this report.

Report of Expenses for the 2000 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Date	Check #	Payee	Amount
1/24	cash	Postage for Invitations	59.40
2/10	cash	Kinko's Copy Center	26.01
4/1	2685	Floral wreath	50.00
4/14	2692	Graham, chair rentals	52.50
4/21	2695	Photographer	45.00
4/21	2696	Program printing	385.00
5/13	2704	Charter bus	132.00
Jan-May	cash	miscellaneous	6.32
			\$856.14
		Share from Treasury, SUVCW	\$400.00
		Share from Lincoln Deathday Assoc.	\$456.14

Report of the National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters

Listed below you shall find a list of known children of Civil War Veterans still alive. The committee issued certificates to those who did not have one and offer membership into one of the Allied Orders if the individual was not a member.

There are many more "real sons and daughters" than this list but this is what we to work with.

The Federal government had at last report 14 individuals receiving compensation because they were declared disabled before their 18th birthday. They were sent letters with 2 responses that were inconclusive about their father's military service.

Civil War Widows

Gertrude Janeway: Mrs. Janeway of Tennessee, is the last known Union Civil War widow. Her husband, enlisted under the name John January in Company B, 14th Illinois Cavalry due to his age. The members of the Allied Orders of the GAR presented her a monetary gift for Christmas and her birthday in July 2000. John and Sarah Anderson spearhead these fundraisers and are commended for their efforts.

Alberta Martin: Mrs. Martin, Rt. 4, Box 536, Elba Alabama, widow of Japser Martin, 4th Alabama Inf., is the last known Confederate widow. She receives compensation from the

State of Alabama and is not officially recognized by the federal government. She has been in the newspapers many times this year in part due to the controversy over the Confederate Battle Flag.

Children of Union Civil War Veterans

Mrs. Lee Bartuff, Spring Lane Village, 5555 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Father, Gilbert Luper, Co. I 4th PA Cav. She was born November 30, 1894

Viola Bloomer, Kansas City, KS. % Darrell R. Holt, 9713 Johnson Pt LP, N.E., Olympia, WA 98516-9530. Father, John Leander Wilson, Co. A, 8th TN Cav., USA.

John T. Brandson, 319 N. "C" St., Albia, IA 50428. Father, John Brandon, Co. A., 6th WS Vols. SUVCW

Sanford D. Brumfield, 25804 State RT. 7S., Crown City, OH 45623. Father, Slaon Brumfield, Co. F, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery. SUVCW

Francis Campbell, 4305 E. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55804-2178. Father, Albert Woolson, Co. C 1st MN Light Artillery. Last member of the GAR and Union Soldier and honorary CinC, Sons of Union Veterans. AUX.

Florence Caston, Portland, Me. Father, Samuel Hoffman, 21st ME, 2nd ME Cav. and USN. DUV

Roswell Chaplain, Chester Arthur Apts., Fairfield, VT. Father, Roderick Chaplain, 10th VT. Vols.

Arlene Chambers, 63 Summitt Ave., Redland, CA 92373. Father, Dr. Arthur Montgomery Pelton, Medical Cadet, USA and 1866 graduate of Univ. of Michigan at Ann Arbor Medical School.

Dale Collier, PO Box, 244, Tiffin, OH 44886. Father, Harry Judd Collier, Co. F., 140th OH Vols. SUVCW

Freddie Dicken, Popular Bluff, MO. % John Pillers, 660 S. New Madrid, C-7, Sikeston, MO 53801. Father, Hardy Dicken, Co. A., 120th Ill. Vols.

Col. John W. Dinsmoor, USAF (ret), 2368 S. Lima, Aurora, CO 80014. Father, Samuel Dinsmoor, Co. B, 116th Ohio Vols. Built the famous Garden of Eden in Luca, KS. SUVCW

Hobert and William Duncan, 43rd St., NW, #655, Mason City, IA. Father John Duncan, 1st NY Dragoons. SUVCW

Desmond G.I. Dutcher, 1189 County Rt. 53, Oswego, NY 13126. Father, Hiram Dutcher, 184th NY Vols. SUVCW

Dale O. Farnsworth, Hardscrabble Rd., Poland, ME 04273. Father, Albert Farnsworth, 2nd NH Vols. SUVCW

Maude Henderson, Popular Bluff, Ark. % John Pillers. 600 S. New Madrid, C-7, Sikeston, MO 53810. Fathr, Hardy Dicken, Co. A 120th IL Vols.

John McKinley Hicks, 2180 Fritton Spur Rd., Middleton TN 38052, Father, Thomas Benton Hicks, Co. A, 72nd In Vols. SUVCW

Margaret Huddleston, %Margaret Zerwekh, 500 Mill Rd. Delafield WS 53018. Father-in-law, James Huddelston, Co. G, 5th MN Inf. 1st and 7th Mo Cav. Margaret Zerekh is an Aux. member.

Frances Jewell Huffman, 1720 Mt. View Rd., Drasco, A 72530-3141 Father, Milton Gadberry, Co. H. 8th IA Cav. DUV

Ruth Keis, 147 Missick Ave., NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663. Father, Salem H. Town, Co. C, 75th IL Vols.

Melvina Keller, 172 N. Prospect, Oberlin, OH. Father, George h. Summers, Co. A, 4th WS Vols. DUVCW

Gladys Keel, 5307 Jackson St., Philadelphia, PA 19124. Father, Sgt. James Thompson, Co. H, 106th PA Vols. Commander George Meade Post GAR, 1893. AUX.

Madison Gadberry, RR #, Box 484, Bethel Springs, TN. Father, Milton Gadberry, Co. H 8th IA Cav. SUVCW

James M. Gowin, Jr. Father, James M. Gowin, Sr., Co. B., 33rd IN Vols. SUVCW

Ira Hicks, 61 Bank St., New Canaan, CN 06840. Father, 1Lt. Ira E. Hicks, 7th CN Vols. MOLLUS. Insignia No. 18886. Father's insignia No. 17642

Celesta Holt, Olympia, WA. % Darrell R. Holt, 9713 Johnson Pt. LP N.E., Olympia WA 98516-9530. Father, John Leander Wilson, Co. A, 8th TN Cav., USA

Cora Jackson, % Ricardo Jackson, 5239 NH Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20011. Father, Alonzo Johnson, Co. F, 45th USCT.

John Johnson, 739 Hilltop Terrace SE Washington, DC 20019. Father, Alonzo Johnson, Co. F, 45th USCT.

Ora Pierce Powell, %Lester Crosswhite, 91 Westview Dr., Elizabeth, KY 42701 Father, Joel Pierce, Co. B 21st KY

Lumel Paul Robertson, %Michael Price, 3436 North Fremonet, Springfield, MO 56803. Father, James M. Robertson, Co. C 24th MO Inf. SUVCW

Horace Rumsey, 7 Swift St., Waterloo, NY 13165. Father, Horace Rumsey, Co. A, 148th NYS Vols.

Rosella Sciesyinski, 391 "C" St., Albia, IA 50428. Father, John Brandson, Co. A, 6th WS Vols.

Aldin K. Shank, 1380 Biochot, Lansing, MI 48906-5913. Father, Norman Shank 44th IN Vols. SUVCW

Emily J. Stevens, Omaha, NB. Father, Samuel P. Dinsmoor, Co. b, 116th OH Vols. Father built the Garden of Eden, Lucas, Kansas

Rev. Howard Stimmel, 445 Abbott Rd., Brattleboro, VT 05301. Father, Sgt. Smith Stimmel, Union Light Guard, a mounted calvary company that served as President Lincoln's bodyguard and guarded the White House. National Patriotic Instructor 1917 and National JAG 1920 of the GAR. SUVCW

James Fitz Sullivan, 5320 Peacock Dr., Holiday, FL 34690. Fathr, James P. Sullivan, Co. K, 8th WS Vols. Past national commander, Seebee Veterans of America. SUVCW

Jake A. Thompson, 222 S. Willard St., Ottumwa IA. Father, Alester D. Thompson, Co. A, 182nd OH. SUVCW

Victor E. Tuller, %LTC Mitchell County Hospital, 400 W. 8th St., Beloit, KS 67420. Father, Charles M. Tuller, Co. F, 130th NY (1st NY Dragoons) SUVCW

Grace Valentine, Newbury, VT. Father, John H. Barrett, Battery G., 2nd Mo Light Art.

Lois Waite, 1620 Edmunds St., Apt. 12, Brush, CO 80723-2330. Father, Salem H. Town, Co. C, 75th IL Vols.

Julius C. Ward, 11 W. Belmont St., Bay Shore, NY 11706. Father, Julius A. Ward, Co. G, 40th WS Vols.

Robert Warner, San Angelo, TX, Father, Wm. B. Warner, 9th IN Cav. and survivor of Sultana sinking. SUV

Caruth Smith Washington, Edison, NJ. Father, Sgt. Andrew Smith 55th MA Vols. She may receive the Medal of Honor for her father denied because of his race. PDP-NY-Ladies of the GAR and DUVCW

Waldemar Williams, Dept. of TN. Father, Alexander C. Williams, Bugler, Co. A, 1st US Cav. SUVCW

Frederick Wilson, Ozark, MO. % Darrell R. Holt, 9713 Johnson Pt. LP N.E. Olympia, WA 98516-9520. Father, John Leander Wilson, Co. A. 8th TN Cav.

Kathryn Wilson, popular Bluff, MO % John Pillers, 500 S. New Madrid C-7, Sikeston, MO

53801. Father, Hardy Dicken, Co. A, 129th IL Vols.

Fred Upham, Fort Collins, CO. Father, William Upham, Sr., Co. F, 2nd WS. USMA Class of 1866

William Upham Jr., 2728 E. Bradford Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211. Father, William Uphman, Sr., Co. F, 2nd WS Vols. CinC MOLLUS, 1985-1989. SUVCW

Alice Zreen, %Ricardo Johnson, 5239 NH Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20011. Father, Alonzo Johnson, 45th USCT.

In F., C., & L.

Jerry Orton, Chair

National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler: I just had the pleasure of signing six more certificates for real sons who were found by Jerry in the past four months.

John Anderson, Department of Tennessee: I'd like to give you a very short report of my girlfriend who lives in Tennessee. My wife and I head up a little fund drive on her behalf. One for her birthday which is July 3 and one for Christmas, and because I receive such small amounts of money, I'm sure there are some of you who know nothing about her. She's 91 last July. When she 19 she married Pvt John Janeway who changed his name to January so his Father couldn't come and get him back out. Mrs Janeway-January was born with a physical handicap. She is partially impaired on the right side through her arm and leg. Several years ago she took a fall. She's got arthritis. For the past 12 years or so she has been confined to bed in a 3 room cabin out in the boondocks. Back in the early part of this year she developed a blood clot. Her left leg was amputated above the knee. Went into the hospital for the surgery. Next morning she wanted to go home. The doctors said no, not until she was off all pain medication. She hadn't had any pain medication, so he sent her home just 3 days. This is the kind of stuff Yankee widows are made out of. She's losing some of her memory now, but she remembers the plaques on the wall, making her an honorary member of the DUVCW and the SUVCW honoring her for who she is as the last living Union widow.

She receives no extra money from the government just because she's a Union widow. She gets little or nothing from the state of Tennessee. If it were not for friends and a niece and a nephew to take care of her she would receive nothing. She's asked not to give her address out. Thank you for your time.

Motion Charlie Fox from Nebraska moved that the Department of Tennessee be responsible for her memorial service, when the time comes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the \$1,000 from the National Membership at Large be given to Mrs Janeway; motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by PCinC David Medert that the SUVCW provide Mrs.

Janeway with \$250 every quarter until she passes on. The motion was seconded and passed.

Report of the National Committee on Program and Policy

Immediately after the 1999 Encampment in Indianapolis, began rewriting the proposed National Graves Registration Policy at the direction of the Council of Administration meeting of 22 August 1999. Upon completion submitted it to the Council of Administration (CoA) for approval.

We designed a new form for requesting money from the Memorial and Monuments Fund with instructions for filling it out and submitted it to the CoA for approval.

We made revisions to form 27, Camp Quarterly Report to Department and form 35, Department Report Quarterly Report to National. Submitted them to the CoA for approval.

Made revisions to form 22, Camp Installation of Officers and form 49 Department Installation of Officers. Submitted to the CoA for approval.

In F., C. and L.,
Ed Krieser, SVCinC, Chair
National Committee on Program and Policy

Report of the National Committee on Scholarships

Your special committee appointed to evaluate scholarship applications and submit recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief for the awarding of two one- thousand dollar college scholarships, begs leave to submit the following report.

Students seeking a scholarship from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were referred to the Commander-in-Chief for an application form. The completed applications were returned by the applicants to the Commander-in-Chief. These applications were then presented to the Scholarship Committee for evaluation and a recommendation for awarding of the scholarships.

A total of 44 applications were presented to the committee for consideration. After careful examination of the scholarship applications, and most of the applicants were highly qualified, the committee recommended awarding scholarships to: James Alexander Karl Pahl and William Carl (Chip) Poulton.

Both of these young men are descendants of Civil War veterans and are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother Pahl is a member of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan and Brother Poulton is the junior vice commander of Abraham Lincoln Camp #6, Department of New York and helped charter the 355th U.S. Volunteers, SVR unit and serves as unit adjutant.

Both of these young men have compiled a distinguished academic record and have been extremely active in various community activities.

Brother Pahl a graduate of Mason High School, Mason, Michigan plans to attend Great Lakes Christian College here in Lansing, Michigan and work on a Bachelor of Religious Education degree, majoring in youth ministry.

Brother Poulton, who is also an Eagle Scout, is a graduate of Rush-Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, New York. He has already completed some college classes at Monroe Community College while attending high school. He plans to attend Suny Morrisville College. He plans to study engineering.

In F., C., & L.,
Robert E. Grim, Chair
Allan W. Moore, PCinC
Arthur Richardson
National Committee on Scholarships

Report of the National Digest Committee

One more year is needed to complete the work of the digest committee, which is to go back through each of the Proceedings of every National Encampment and pull out of those proceedings, the Policy Decisions of each encampment so we have that to use as a reference tool.

The project is in the works. The index is completed, which was one of the big parts of getting that together so that it will be referenced by subject matter. When it is completed it will be posted on the web site so that it will be available to every Brother. Anyone who wants a copy can just download it and print it out or they can just look at it. We need one more year to complete that work and then the committee can be discharged. And then after each National Encampment, the office of National Counselor can glean the information from the National Encampment and add that to the National Digest.

In F., C., & L.
James B. Pahl, Chair
National Digest Committee

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Commander-in-Chief presented certificates of merit for forming three camps in the year 1999 –2000:

Department of Tennessee (3 camps)
Department of California (3 camps)
Department of Ohio (4 camps)
Department of Nebraska (3 camps)

The Commander-in-Chief presented the Abraham Lincoln Award for the most outstanding camp to the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 of the Department of Michigan.

The Marshall A Hope Award for best Newsletter is presented to the General W. S. Rosecrans Camp #2, Department of California.

The Davis - Linder award, the award for the most new members was presented to the Department of Pennsylvania

The Grant Trophy for the highest percentage of new members is awarded to Department of Iowa.

The Commander-in-Chief presented certificates to the following Brothers who enrolled from three or more new members:

William Rave
George Wyman
John Gleason
William Poulton
Tracy Lucas
Timothy H. Downey
Douglas B. Wendle
Earl Allen
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC
Douglas R. Knight

The Commander-in-Chief presented certificates for Distinguished Service and Perpetuating the Memory of the G.A.R. and the Soldiers and Sailors whose valor preserved the Union in 1861 – 1865. These are presented to:

Lt. Weiss, Washington Wayne Manning Camp #271, Bethel, Ohio
Lt Colonel Robert B. Leach, General A.C. Voris #67, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Paul Huff, Gross Camp #146, Circleville Ohio
Craig Keller, Captain John Bruck Camp #96 , Hamilton Ohio

The Commander-in-Chief presented a plaque for most outstanding Brother to Richard Williams, Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, for his dedication and service to the Order.

1999 encampment voted to increase the per capita with a portion going to the memorials fund. This year two requests were granted with money from that fund.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Secretary read all communications which the Commander-in-Chief ordered be referred to the appropriate committee or filed as received.

One Hundred Nineteenth Annual National Encampment

Third Session, August 19, 2000

Report of the National Committee on Military Affairs

The Committee had very little to do this year. The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) has developed into a very efficient unit under the command of Brigadier General David V. Medert and his Adjutant General, Lt. Colonel Robert E. Grim and staff. By the way, as of today, he is a full colonel not a Lt. Colonel. The total membership has increased from 520 to 612 over the past year. The SVR will make a special report after my report.

We had our meeting November 20, 1999 in Gettysburg. All members of the Committee were present along with Commander-in-Chief Wheeler, General Medert and Lt. Colonel Grim.

General Medert's commission was expiring in June. The Committee voted unanimously to extend his commission for the next three (3) years to 1 June 2002 and was approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief had requested that the Committee and the SVR try to present an event similar to Remembrance Day closer to the western troops. We were fortunate to find Brother Frank Harned from Tennessee who volunteered to chair an event at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He stated he had camps in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee eager to work with him.

The event is scheduled for April 20-22, 2001. From all the reports we are receiving from Brother Harned, this will be a super affair. More information will be given at the Encampment.

The SVR is working on a discipline section for their Standard Operating Procedure. The Command Staff and Committee have reviewed it and approved it. It is here for a vote from the Encampment to be included in the SVR SOP. This has been taken directly from the discipline of the SUVCW and has been changed to make it appropriate for the SVR.

In F. C., & L.,
Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, Chair
National Military Affairs Committee

Motion: Richard Orr, PCinC moved that the discipline section of the SVR SOP be approved. It was seconded and passed.

Report of the National Committee on Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day event of 20 November 1999 was successful due to the work of the Committee, the Ladies Orders, SVR and the Gettysburg National Military Park.

A special thanks is extended to J. Mark Cropp, President of Pathway Management, Inc. and its members who paid \$700 for the parade permit again this year. This group is composed of Gettysburg merchants.

Having members of the Gettysburg Camp, Brothers Charles Kuhn, Jr. and David Sosnowski, serve on this committee was a big help, as they were able to handle details with the locals in person.

The parade was organized by Brigadier General Medert and the SVR Staff. They did an excellent job of contacting all the soldiers (both Blue and Gray), forming up the units and all the little details necessary for a great event. I have estimates of between 3,000 and 5,000 participating in the parade.

Ranger Brion Fitzgerald of the Gettysburg National Military Park was assigned as my contact person and was very helpful in all matters pertaining to the Park.

The National Civil War Ball was a sellout at 700 persons, thanks to the Ball Committee made up of members of the Auxiliary, Ladies of the G.A.R. and SUVCW. The profit of \$4,500 was placed in the GAR Fund for donation to monument preservation at the Gettysburg National Military Park during Remembrance Day in November 2000.

The Committee and the SVR is working on dispensing information on the current year's Remembrance Day. I will be in contact with the Gettysburg merchants asking them to obtain the permit for us again this year on the same route used last year.

There has been a noticeable decline in the Confederate participation at Woolson's monument in the past few years. I have discussed this with Confederate officers and they said the Confederate troops participate as individual units with no overall command. What they have heard is that the Confederate units complain about being at the rear of the parade every year and that the speaker's platform is set up at Woolson's monument with Union speakers and events only. In addition, the placement of the Confederate troops at the rear of ours down in the middle of the field makes it difficult for them to hear the ceremony.

Recommendations:

If we are going to have a continuance of this event, a compromise is inevitable. I have some suggestions for changes, these being my ideas, and not those of the committee. If this plan has the approval of the Sons, then the details can be worked out.

1. This should be a joint event with the Confederates.
2. The parade could be formed with Union units and Confederate units marching side by side.
3. At the Park entrance, the Union troops would turn into the Park, march past the Woolson monuments and turn in at the High Water Mark, lining up at the Stone Wall. The Confederate troops would continue on Steinwehr Avenue until they are opposite the High Water Mark. They would then turn into the field, march up and line up on the opposite side of the Stone Wall. A joint service would be held and wreath presented for each side.
4. After this ceremony, the Allied Orders and other troops could return to Woolson's

Monument for the wreath laying ceremony. Many units have complained there is not sufficient time under the present schedule to gather at their individual monuments to honor the veterans they reenact. This would allow them this time to conduct their ceremonies.

Remembrance Day is to honor the men of both sides who fought and died at Gettysburg. The Confederate troops and most of the Union troops do not know of Albert Woolson. He did not participate in the Gettysburg battle. He is remembered as being the last member of the G.A.R., the father of our Allied Orders.

I believe that if some compromise is not put together, Remembrance Day will be reduced to a ceremony at Woolson's monument and the purpose of Remembrance Day will be lost. I feel that this plan will satisfy all the complaints. I am certain that the Gettysburg police would go along with this plan as it would shorten the time that it would take the parade to pass. It would also give the Union and Confederate troops equal status.

I would like to express thanks to my committee, who are as follows:

Charles Kuhn, Jr.
Charles W. Corfman PCinC,
David W. Sosnowski,
Eric Schmincke.

In F. C., & L.,
Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCinC, Chair
National Committee on Remembrance Day

Motion. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the recommendations of the Remembrance Day Committee with the exception of the troops and the order of march on the parade route will be stacked in a company front, union first, then confederate then union, then confederate alternating; motion passed.

Report of the Sons of Veterans Reserve Adjutant General

The SVR continues to grow and prosper. Our membership has increased from 520 to 612 over the past year. My report focuses on three aspects of the Sons of Veterans Reserve covering the period August 4, 1999 to August 1, 2000: General and Special Orders; unit strength and membership; and finances.

General and Special Orders

Twenty Two General Orders were issued in the name of the commanding officer: General Order 1999-2 through 1999-6 and General Order 2000-1 through 2000-17. One Special Order was issued in the name of the commanding officer: Special Order 2000-1.

Awards

Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery was awarded the Commanding Officers Unit Citation for 1998 - 1999.

2LT Frank Harned was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal

1LT Ronald Aronis was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal
 A Letter Of Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Frank Hamed for supporting her husband in his gallantry as we got the Chattanooga thing together.
 This morning we gave a meritorious service award to 1st Sergeant Ellsworth Brown that we should have give last year at remembrance day and didn't.

That is the status of the SVR. We would like to see these inactive units become active again, but that is not something that needs to be addressed by the body.

Unit Strength and Membership

New Units: We have added five new units.

- Company I, 6th Mass.(1st Mil. Dist.) 13 members
 1stSgt. Ellsworth W. Brown, Cmdr.
 This company formed an entire new unit
- 355th U.S. Northcoast Vol. Co. (2nd MD) 14 members
 1st Sgt. William S. Poulton, Jr. Cmdr.
- A Co. Frankfort Bn. 1st Kentucky (3rd MD) 8 members
 1st Sgt. Timothy H. Downey, Cmdr.
- Co. B, 2nd Colorado Vol. Inf. (4th MD) 14 members
 1st Sgt. Douglas G. Wilson, Cmdr.
- Co. E, 8th Tennessee U.S. (3rd MD) 6 members
 1st Sgt. Robert L. Queen, Cmdr.

Renamed Unit: We had one unit change its name:

Company I, 6th Mass. (1st MD) is now Company E, 15th Mass.
 Inf.(a new unit was formed and selected the name Company I, 6th Mass.)

Units placed on Inactive Status: We have placed nine units on inactive status for failing to file reports and pay their dues.

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| Battery A, 1st Rhode Island Lt. Art.(1stMD)
2nd Lt. Gregg A. Mierka, Cmdr. | 21 members |
| Co. G, 20th Kentucky Inf. (3rd MD)
1st Sgt. Eirik Waggoner, Cmdr. | 10 members |
| 30th Michigan Infantry (3rd MD)
1st Lt. Kenneth H. Martin, Cmdr. | 23 members |
| Kansas Union Guards (5th MD)
1st Sgt. Franklin C. Bergquist, Cmdr. | 11 members |
| Co. B, Torbert Guards (2nd MD)*
1st Sgt. Marvin P. Schelhouse, Cmdr. | 11 members |
| 20th New York Milita (2nd MD)*
1st Sgt. William J. Ravae, Cmdr. | 8 members |
| 1st Lone Star Infantry (5th MD)**
Capt. Glen E. Zook, Cmdr. | 22 members |
| Co. A, 1st New Jersey Inf. (2nd MD)** | 16 members |

1st Sgt. David K. Hann, Cmdr.
 Co. A, 54th Penn. Vol. Inf. (2nd MD)** 22 members
 2nd Lt. Jan L. Bosley, Cmdr.

* These units were formed after the 1999 annual report was filed, but have failed to file reports or pay dues for 2000.

** These units failed to file reports or pay dues in 1999 and were not included in the 1999 membership figures. Co. A, 1st New Jersey Inf. did eventually file it's 1999 report and pay dues but has not done so for 2000.

Co. G, 20th Kentucky Inf. was a new unit formed in 1999, but has not reported in 2000.

Active Units	Strength	
Unit	On Duty 8-1-99	On Duty 8-1-00
General Staff	17	15
Inactive Reserve	15	15
Natl. Headquarters Company	18	12
1st Military District		
Headquarters Company	2	2
Company G, 43rd Mass.	6	7
Battery A, 1st Rhode Island Lt. Art.	21	0
Company A, 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Art.	10	7
Co. I, 6th Mass. Vol. Inf. (Co. E 15th Mass)	18	16
Co. I, 6th Mass. Vol. Inf.	0	13
Total 1st Military District	57	45
2nd Military District		
Headquarters Company	2	2
The Gettysburg Blues	28	21
Co. I, 9th NYV (Co. I, 83rd NYV)	32	34
Company A, The Potomac Guard	25	26
Company C, Col. Henry A. DuPont Guard	16	16
Company E, 148th New York Vols.	15	16
Company F, 97th Penn. Vol. Inf.	13	29
28th Penn. Vol. Inf.	0	69
355th U.S. Northcoast Volunteers	0	14
Total 2nd Military District	131	227
3rd Military District		
Headquarters Company	8	6
Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery	34	34
Battery L, 1st Ohio Light Artillery	31	31
16th Ohio Volunteer Infantry	0	13
Company A, 30th Ohio Vol. Inf.	7	7
Company C, 20th Ohio Vol. Inf.	24	25

Company G, 63rd Ohio Vol. Inf.	9		7	
A Company Frankfort Bn. 1st Kentucky	0		8	
Company C, 26th Wisconsin Infantry	21		22	
Company G, 20th Kentucky Inf.	10		0	
30th Michigan Infantry	23		0	
Co. E, 8th Tennessee U.S.	6		6	
Total 3rd Military District	167		159	
4th Military District				
Headquarters	3		3	
Headquarters Company	12		12	
Company C, 34th Illinois Vol. Inf.	24		25	
Cushing's Battery	28		29	
Battery B, 4th U.S. Artillery	9		13	
Company A, 2nd Missouri Infantry	8		8	
Co. B, 2nd Colorado Vol. Inf.		0		14
Total 4th Military District	84		104	
5th Military District*				
Kansas Union Guards Company	11		0	
Total 5th Military District	11		0	
6th Military District*				
Company A, 5th Calif. Vol. Inf.	20		36	
Total 6th Military District	20		36	
7th Military District				
Inactive	0		0	
Total 7th Military District	0		0	
SVR MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH TOTAL	520		612	

* Temporally under the command of the deputy commander

Finance

The financial report has been filed with the Military Affairs Committee.

Submitted in F. C. & L.
Lt. Col. Robert E. Grim, SVR
Adjutant General

Approved
BG David V. Medert, SVR
Commanding

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution from the Department of Massachusetts:

A request to have the National Encampment concur with Department of Massachusetts' Approval of Petition of Frank J. Tucker for Restoration of Rank as Past Department

Commander .

A motion was made and seconded to grant the Department of Massachusetts' request.

Richard Orr: Under a Point of Order, Richard Orr stated that a previous National Encampment had ruled on this matter. Pursuant to Article 3 Section 5 of the Constitution, "once a National Encampment rules on the appeal of a ruling of a Command-in-Chief, it can never again be brought to the floor of a National Encampment."

The Commander-in-Chief concurred and ruled the request out of order.

A motion was made and seconded to appeal the decision of the Commander-in-Chief.

James B. Pahl: First of all, an appeal is unamenable. It is debatable and only requires a majority vote. As Brother Orr stated, Article 5 Section 3, National Encampment shall act as the final court of appeals from all orders, decisions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief, and determination of such appeal at any meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting. That is our Constitution.

According to Robert's Rules of Order, we're moving to suspend our by-laws. The Constitution serves as the by-laws from a corporate law point of view of our corporations. We call it Constitution, but the legal term is by-laws. Robert's Rules of Order, Point number 18: It does allow for the suspension of Rules, but the motion applies only to Robert's Rules of Order. It does not apply to Constitution and by-laws. They cannot be suspended by unanimous consent, unless that document provides for it.

However, there is an argument on the other side of the issue. I refer to Federal Law, United States Code, title 36 and the statute that creates the SUVCW as that was amended by House vote 1085 in the Public Laws, Section 105 in 1998. It says in section 200304, Governing Body, A. National Encampment. The National Encampment is the supreme governing authority of the corporation. So by law, this Encampment can do anything it wants to. However, we have set up our constitution, our rules for governing our conduct. Subordinate to that we have set up our regulations, expanding upon the Constitution of our rules for our order of conduct. We have adopted therein, Robert's Rules of Order. We have specifically at this encampment specified Robert's Rules of Order shall be complied with". There is an argument that as the supreme authority of this order, we can do anything we want to, but do we lightly set aside our rules? Do we lightly set aside our constitution? Regardless of the cost, regardless of who it is, do we do that? You've heard that Brother Frank Tucker is a retired police officer. For those of us in this room who are retired police officers that has special meaning. I wore a badge for twenty years. Police officers in distress help each other out. That's a fact of life. You do what you can to help a Brother officer. However, we are a nation governed by law, not by men. We make rules to be followed as Brother Shaw in the back room can testify to we are called upon every day to make decisions that may not be popular, that may hurt an individual Brother, but it is upholding the law of the land.

Do we uphold our law, or do we set it aside? This is something we should not do lightly. It requires thought and consideration of each of us. Do we set aside our Constitution that

specifically says we can't amend it without a specific procedure being followed that requires a department to provide notice, that notice to go out to all other departments that this body would consider it and then go back out to the departments for confirmation. That's how to amend the constitution. Do we set that aside to assist one Brother. The other side is fraternity, charity and loyalty, to help a Brother in distress, but at what cost would we do that. I suggest that that cost is too high to pay. As much as I would love to help a fellow police officer, as much as I would love to help a Brother who has contributed so much to this order, this encampment has faced this question before. If we. . . . the motion, we open the door to every aggrieved Brother who does not get a ruling favorable this year to come back the next year and the year after that and after that. And we will be here in late sessions reconsidering the things we have considered before.

Motion. A motion and seconded to terminate debate; motion passed.

James Pahl: A 'yes' vote is to support the decision of the CinC. A 'no' vote is to overrule the decision of the CinC.

The ruling of the Commander-in-Chief was upheld.

James Pahl: This is a sore topic for several of our Brothers. A decision has been made. We must go on in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. I hope each of us remembers that we can agree to disagree, but the work of the Order must go forward.

Resolution from the Department of Indiana:

A resolution to rescind the Resolution of 1996 concerning the display of the Confederate battle flag over the State House in South Carolina.

Richard Orr: Commander-in-Chief I think the problem arises because the web site has the resolution submitted by the Department of New Jersey, and that Resolution was changed before it was adopted. What is in the Proceedings is what was adopted by the National Encampment. This Encampment doesn't have the authority to tell the Department of New Jersey to revoke their resolution

James Pahl: What is printed on page 77 of the 1996 Proceedings is: Resolutions from the Departments of Maryland and New Jersey -- Whereas the Confederate Battle Flag was carried onto the battlefield and represented and distinguished the forces, etc reaction of the period cannot be complete without the presence of the battle flag. We feel that the display of the Confederate battle flag should have the support of the SUVCW The encampment concurred with appropriate language change to reflect the resolutions is from National.

Motion: James Lyons moved that this resolution and all subsequent resolutions be referred to the appropriate Encampment committee, seconded and passed.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Motion. A motion was made and seconded that recommendations contained in the

Encampment Committee reports be taken up *ad seriatim* and where there is no objection they be approved at the sound of the gavel; motion passed.

Commander-in-Chief's Recommendations:

A committee be set up to look at ways to pursue a professional printing firm to contract on the *Banner*.

Encampment concurred

The Order present at least \$1,000 to our Auxiliary to help repair and maintain in the future, the Woolson monument at Zeigler's Grove in Gettysburg.

Encampment concurred

The Order go back and re-examine the old way of Departments. and Camp receiving prospective new Members. I believe that it should be under advertising for the Order, and all postage paid for in this manner. I believe it is what our Departments and Camps want.

Encampment concurred

The Order also keep our new Membership program on the Internet, with National included along with mailing.

Encampment concurred.

The Lincoln Tomb ceremony change its hotel for safety and comfort issues.

Encampment concurred

Junior Vice Commander in Chief's Recommendation:

That a committee be formed to review the current procedure for handling web applications. This committee is to be chaired by the JVC-in-C, and composed of the immediate past JVC-in-C, at least 1 immediate past Dept. JVC, the National Webmaster or his designee, and any other Brothers appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. This committee to report to the Council of Administration at its November meeting, and that the Council of Administration be empowered to act on the committee's recommendations.

Encampment concurred

National Secretary Recommendations:

That all Departments, that have not yet done so, forward current Camp Membership rosters to the National Membership List Coordinator.

Encampment concurred

National Patriotic Instructor's Recommendation:

That an additional policy be created for the Membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that creates a dignified ceremony for the disposition of unserviceable United States flags. I have noticed that under National Patriotic Instructor's page (as well as under the National Counselor's page) of our organization's web site, we reference the U.S. Flag Code 36 US Code 10. This code clearly states the proper handling and displaying

of our flag. In addition, the US flag code under subsection 176 (k) that, "the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." However the US flag code does not prescribe any manner of disposition. Other veteran, fraternal and youth organizations such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Boy Scouts of America have developed specific ceremonies in disposing of unserviceable American flags.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the matter to the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations; motion passed.

National Signals Officer's Recommendation:

During this last year, the Committee has pursued resolution of two issues in particular. The first dealt with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's (SUVCW) policy on software compatibility and the second with a proposed stand alone program for entering graves registration data. We have resolved the first with new language in the SUVCW National Policy on Electronic Communications. In the process of resolving this issue, we also noticed many areas where the policy was either inaccurate or out of date. Consequently, the total policy was re-visited and numerous changes made to it. The changes may be grouped into the following types; grammatical, spelling and punctuation (which account for the majority of the changes), substantive changes (such as the language regarding software compatibility), and changes to reflect current operation of the SUVCW's Web Site and data management. All the changes to the National Policy on Electronic Communications are presented in Appendix 10 of this Proceedings.

Encampment concurred

National Memorials and Monuments Officer Recommendations:

All Department Commanders ensure, as is required by your oath of office, that the information on the Memorials/Monuments is turned over to your successor or that the Memorials officer does so.

Committee does not concur since those duties are already described in regulations Chapter 2, article 5, Section 12.

Encampment concurred

To all Brothers when dealing with other organizations start with an olive branch first. Then if a harder line is necessary, first inform National of the problems and have a plan of action. . .forest for the trees. . .

Encampment concurred

All departments should continue to communicate with their state legislatures for passage of statutes that all memorials and monuments dedicated to the veterans.

Encampment concurred

Report is paused for a moment while the Commander-in-Chief calls on Massachusetts.

Unknown speaker reported that . . . Fred Caldwell, PDC of Massachusetts has passed away. He died in his sleep. Service will be Tuesday afternoon. Fred was the great-great

grandson of Willy Sherman. He will be missed.

Commander-in-Chief asked the Chaplain to lead prayer.

Motion George Powell moved that this body send a letter of condolence to Fred Caldwell's family and another one addressed to the Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts. He knows Brother Fred and understands their feelings for him; seconded and passed.

National Graves Registration Officer Recommendation:

A listing of Department Graves Registration Officers be reported to National Chief of Staff, and all other elected and appointed Officers. This list then needs to be sent to the National Graves Registration Committee. From this list we can better coordinate on the project.

Encampment concurred

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolution from the Department of New Jersey:

Whereas, the Immigration and Naturalization Services ("INS") has stated it will reevaluate the entire naturalization process, including the oath of citizenship, the citizenship test, the swearing in ceremony conducted before a U.S. District Judge, and the manner in which the naturalization process is conducted, in an effort to make them more "up to date;"

WHEREAS, the claim is made that the oath of citizenship (1) is too "patriotic" because it requires the citizen-to-be to forswear allegiance to his birth country and swear sole allegiance to the United States and is contrary to the ideals of dual and would citizenship, (2) is too militaristic because requires the citizen-to-be to promise to defend the United States, or provide alternate service, and (3) is too "religious" because it concludes with "so help me God;"

WHEREAS, it is asserted that the citizenship test should be made so easy that failure is impossible, the swearing in ceremony, customarily conducted in a U.S. District Court before a U.S. District Judge. Is burdensome and unnecessary, and the entire naturalization process should be handled through the U.S. mail;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Jersey Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that the efforts of the INS to eviscerate the oath of citizenship, dumb down the citizenship test, take the swearing in ceremony away from the U.S. District

Courts, and to handle the entire process through the U.S. mail, be promptly protested against and opposed in every appropriate manner.

Encampment concurred

Resolution from the Department of Ohio:

Resolution to oppose increases National Archives fees for military, bounty land or pension

records.

Encampment Concurred

Resolution from the Department of Ohio:

Be it resolved that the Ohio Department SUVCW supports any federal legislation enacted to accompany a US Flag amendment to the US constitution to allow US reproduced Civil War battle flag to place names, battles and dates on their flags

Encampment concurred

Resolution from the Department of Indiana:

Resolution to support the valor and sacrifice of the soldiers and sailors of the confederacy and to repeal as near as we can tell, the 1996 Encampments action of support of the Confederate battle flag.

The committee does not concur

An Objection was raised from the floor.

Jim Pahl: In a committee report situation such as this, when a committee makes a recommendation and there is an objection from the floor, the floor is open. The recommendation is dead. It's up to a Brother to make a motion one way or the other.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to rescind the 1996 Resolution.

Glenn Knight: Under Point of Order, Glenn Knight stated that the Proceedings are the record of the Encampment as it took place. Any words that are missing from the Proceedings or any words that are added to the Proceedings become the actions of that Encampment. That's the law. That's the constitution. The Proceedings from that Encampment do not include that resolution, only parts of it. Therefore the question is moot, because it doesn't exist at the present.

From Floor. It exists in what ever form it is now in the Proceedings and it exists on the internet on our web site and it exists in peoples minds as we heard the Confederate Commander say when he thanked us for our 96 support for flying the Confederate flag over the state house in South Carolina. So it does exist.

Commander-in-Chief Wheeler: This is something I didn't want to do, but I truly believe in one thing, and that is that for hereditary purposes, we must take care of both sides. There is nothing wrong with a Confederate's flag being put on a grave. Therefore, I am about to give you General Order No. 13 which will say that I, Daniel L. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW on this date at the 119th Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, rescind General Order No. 4.

Keith Harrison: Under a Point of Information, PCinC Harrison stated that the General Order that has been just rescinded, at this point, does not take the issue off the web. It just rescinds General Order #4. Therefore, we need to have a motion to take it off the web. However, the original Resolution that exists on the web right now makes references

to flying over the state capitol, and since it no longer flies over the state capital; an updated resolution would read as follow:

A Resolution in Support of the Display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemn the use of the confederate battle flag, as well as the flag of the United States, by any and all hate groups, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War support the flying of the confederate battle flag as a historical piece of this nation's history, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being "politically correct," and

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers and sailors who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with the confederate veterans under both flags in those bonds of Fraternal Friendship, pledge our support and admiration for those gallant soldiers and of their respective flags;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 119th Annual National Encampment hereby adopt this resolution. Dated in Lansing, Michigan, on this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two thousand.

That would remove all reference to it flying over the state capitol and still get across the idea of historical and fraternal concerns, which were of concern at the 1996 Encampment.

Jim Pahl: What PCinC Harrison read to us is in essence from the 1996 Proceedings, which was adopted by that Encampment. Given the retraction of General Orders Number 4 by General Order Number 13, and given that, what PCinC Harrison just read to us represents the action of the 1996 Encampment. I think it is appropriate to vote down the current motion and move forward.

Motion: Jim Pahl moved that debate be terminated. Motion was seconded and passed. The original motion, which was to rescind the 1996 Resolution failed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to make what is on the Internet agree with what PCinC Harrison read; motion passed..

Resolution from the Department of Ohio:

To have the Graves Registration Officer be assigned the extra duty of coordinating with

other Veteran's organizations to approve a flag holder for Medal of Honor Recipients. The committee concurred.

Objections from the floor was raised by Richard Orr stating that the referenced responsibility of the Fraternal Relations Committee, not the Graves Registration Officer.

Motion: Richard Orr moved nonconcurrency. The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania:

A resolution to deal with the person who fails to pay his dues because of some hardship, when he pays his dues he is reinstated with the titles that he had before his dues lapsed. The committee did not concur.

Encampment concurred with the Committee's nonconcurrency.

Resolution from Alan Peterson:

Resolution to commend the Michigan Department of the Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their work in preserving the G.A.R. buildings/halls in the State of Michigan.

Objection was raised from the floor.

James Pahl: This is difficult because it appears to generate a conflict of interest, which doesn't really exist. We have an action taking place on one Memorial building in the city of Detroit rather than throughout the state of Michigan

This action to a large extent is ill advised because the efforts being expended can have a contrary effect to what is intended. It's a very complicated issue. I won't bore you with details. The building has always been owned by the city of Detroit. The G.A.R. post had a 30-year lease on that building which was built by the City of Detroit. The GAR never had ownership. There are a variety of other issues that come into play here. The initial effort has been to secure ownership of the building, which is not viable, and/or force the city of Detroit to maintain the building, which also is not viable. Advice was given to Mrs. Hollings about some of the pitfalls and perils of doing this, which involves millions of dollars in cost. I've been working with the attorneys and the effort has since been directed from seeking ownership to having the city council to declare this structure an historic site. Once that is done, it protects the building from anyone seeking ownership, from demolition from everything. city council will be responsible for it. In answer to Brother Powell's question, this isn't just a greeting. This is an acknowledgment that the Daughters do good work here and around the country and should be commended for there efforts.

Al Peterson withdrew his resolution from consideration.

Resolution by the Ohio Department

WHEREAS, some positions on national committees of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are multi year appointments

WHEREAS, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War may at his discretion make changes on national committees and other appointments; and

WHEREAS, there have been Brothers removed from national appointments without any notification to the appointed Brother that he had been removed from an appointment thus causing confusion and embarrassment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that any Brother whose national appointment is terminated before the end of his term of appointment shall be notified within ten days out of courtesy — and fraternity to him or such termination of appointment shall not be valid.

The resolution was referred to the Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Resolution from the Encampment Committee on Resolutions:

Resolution to submit to the hotel and staff commending them for the fine work they've been doing. We would like a similar second resolution sent to the Department of Michigan for hosting the Encampment. A similar resolution should also be sent to the city of Lansing.

Encampment Concurred

One Hundred Nineteenth Annual National Encampment Fourth Session, August 19, 2000

The Encampment Credentials Committee reported that the total voting strength of the Encampment was 127.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Commander-in-Chief	Edward Krieser, Indiana
	Alan Peterson, Massachusetts
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	George Powell, Pennsylvania
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Robert Grim, Ohio
National Secretary (unexpired term)	Todd Shillington, New York
Council of Administration	Dan Darby, Ohio

Motion A motion was made and seconded that the Secretary cast a unanimous vote for those candidates where there is no opposition; motion passed.

Vote for Commander-in-Chief	Edward Kreiser	98
	Alan Peterson	27
	Present	2

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Referred Resolution from the Encampment Committee on Resolutions

Any Brother whose national appointment was terminated before the end of his appointment shall be notified within ten days of his removal out of courtesy and fraternity to him, or such removal shall not be valid.

This would amend chapter 3, article 4, section 6. The committee does not approve of this, however, offers the following language. The existing language is, "The Commander-in-Chief shall have the power to remove all appointed officers. We would add, Notice to the Brother so removed shall be provided to the Brother in a timely manner.

Motion: The recommendation was moved, seconded and passed.

The Committee moved the adoption of the amendment to National Regulations, Chapter 5, Article 3, Badges and Decorations as was made available to the National Encampment. The motion was seconded

PCinC Andrew Johnson stated the following:

First Principle: The badge of our order, everyone wants to wear in public, that's the only one the public recognizes.

Second Principle: If the Camp or Department presents the badge to a Brother who has served honorably, we should do nothing to discourage that man from wearing that badge, and regrettably that's incorporated in this change.

Motion: PCinC Andrew Johnson: the following amendments to the change in Regulations: Page 3; paragraphs G and H and on page 4, paragraph I, delete the first sentence of each of those paragraphs. For example:

Paragraph G The Camp Commander's Badge replaces the Membership Badge and is worn by Brothers who are serving as Camp Commanders

Page 6, Half way down the page where you see group B, past Commanders Badges: "Members are encouraged to wear only the most senior badge from Group B. I move the striking of the entire paragraph. The motion was seconded.

Motion: PCinC Richard Orr moved to split the question; the motion was seconded and passed.

The first vote is on the issue of striking the first sentence from paragraphs G, H, I. A vote of "yes" is to strike a vote of "no" is to leave the language as it is. A 'yes' vote approves the amendment to strike the first sentence from paragraph G, H, I. A 'no' vote keeps the language as it's presented

A yes' vote would remove the first sentence from paragraph G that states: G. Camp Commander. The Camp Commander's badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by Brothers who are serving as Camp Commander.

It would also remove the first sentence paragraph H, which reads:

H. Department Commander. The Department Commander badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by Brothers who are serving as Department Commander.

It would also remove the first sentence from paragraph I:

I. Commander-in-Chief Badge. The Commander-in-Chief badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by the Brother who is currently serving as Commander-in-Chief.

A 'yes' vote means you wear the membership badge and the current office badge. A 'no' vote means you wear the badge of your current office only as your membership badge.

Motion failed.

The second proposed amendment on page 6 Group B Badges Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander Badges would eliminate the paragraph that states:

Members are encouraged to wear only the most senior badge from Group B that they are authorized. Each badge in Group B is unique and uses various historical elements as part of its composition. The member may choose to wear only a Group B badge, without wearing at the same time a Group A badge and as such, badges from Group B are considered a "badge of the Order".

A 'yes' vote eliminates the paragraph meaning you must wear a membership badge and a past honors badge. A 'No' vote means you can wear a past honors badge alone.

Motion: PCinC Orr offered a substitute motion that only the first sentence of the paragraph be struck, thereby allowing the member to wear all three past honors if he is so entitled, and he can wear the badge alone, not with a membership badge. The substituted motion was seconded.

The substitute motion would be to strike the sentence "Members are encouraged to wear only the most senior badge from Group B that they are authorized." All remaining language would remain in.

Jim Pahl: A vote of 'yes' would allow a member to wear as many past honors badges as he is entitled to without a membership badge.

A 'No' vote would be a vote for the amendment to strike the whole first paragraph, you must wear a membership badge with a past honors badge.

A vote of 'yes', you have a choice whether to wear a past honors badge and a membership badge or you can wear just a past honors badge. If you vote 'no,' you have to wear both.

Motion passed.

Restated Committee Motion with amended section:

Chapter V Article III Badges and Decorations

Section 1. Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a badge of the order upon the left breast. Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire. Should the individual desire, he may also wear badges, awards and decorations awarded to him by U. S. Government and military officials, patriotic and hereditary societies and foreign governments. The order of precedence of the awards shall be:

First: Awards of the United States Government, to include military decorations and medals of the Armed Services in order of precedence set by the U.S. Government and Armed Forces.

Second: Foreign decorations in the order which they were received

Third: State awards in order of precedence recommended by the state Fourth: Medals and badges of this Order, along with other military, veterans, hereditary and patriotic societies, in the order of the founding of each.

Section 2. The member badge of the Order consists of a top bar in bronze, inscribed with the words: "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". The ribbon shall be as specified below. The drop shall be the insignia of the Order in bronze.

A. Members shall wear a ribbon with a blue center, and a red, white and blue border on each side. Associates shall wear a plain blue ribbon. Honorary members shall wear a plain blue ribbon, with a one-half inch silver star affixed to the center of the ribbon. Juniors shall wear a ribbon with a white center and a red, white, and blue border on each side.

B. All elected officers of the National Organization, while holding such office or having been granted emeritus status by a National Encampment, a ribbon, the center a broad stripe of old gold, with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side. All elected Department officers, while holding office or having been granted emeritus status by his Department Encampment, a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white and blue border on each side.

C. While wearing dinner suit, dinner jacket or tails, members may wear upon the left breast lapel of the coat, about four inches below the top of the shoulder, a miniature of the badge of the Order without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbons 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, currently elected National officers and past National officers granted emeritus status by a National Encampment, the ribbon shall have a yellow

center. For Presiding and Past Department Commanders, currently elected Department officers and past Department officers granted emeritus status by their Department Encampment, the ribbon shall have a red center. For all other members it shall have a blue center. Stars may be worn on the miniature badge as authorized elsewhere in this Article. Members who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war and have been awarded the War Medal of this Order, may wear a silver palm on the ribbon of their miniature badge. Stars or other devices may not be worn on the full size badges of this Order, unless specifically allowed in this Article, such as the gold meritorious service star, the silver star of an honorary member, SVR devices, etc. Members wearing the miniatures of the Order may only wear one such miniature badge.

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.

B. Associate Badge. Authorized for each Associate who has been admitted into the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.

C. Junior Badge. Authorized for each Junior who has been admitted into the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.

D. 50-Year Badge. Any Member or Associate with fifty (50) years of continuous service (never having been dropped) is entitled to wear this badge. This badge shall be the regulation badge of the Order, suspended from a plain bar (on which may be inscribed the name of this member), in lieu of the regulation top bar. The ribbon shall be that of the National Organization. A device shall be worn upon the ribbon, being a bar inscribed "Fifty Year Membership". Upon attaining 70 or 75 years, the numeral 50 can be replaced with 70 or 75 respectively.

E. Honorary Member Badge. The Commander-in-Chief, with the approval of the Council of Administration may grant Honorary Membership to a person who is not otherwise eligible for membership.

F. War Medal. Authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of war or military conflict as defined by the Council of Administration. Entitlement is determined by the Brother's Camp at a regular meeting of that Camp. A gold bar naming the war or conflict in which the Brother served may be attached to the ribbon of the medal. This bar may not be attached to any other badge of the Order.

G. Camp Commander Badge. The Camp Commander's badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by Brothers who are serving as Camp Commander. This badge shall be the same as the Membership badge in all respects, except the top bar and drop shall be silver in color. On a miniature Membership badge, this position is identified by three 1/8 inch bronze stars centered upon the ribbon in vertical alignment. Each elected Camp officer is identified by two 1/8 inch bronze stars centered upon the blue ribbon in vertical alignment of their miniature badge.

H. Department Commander Badge. The Department Commander badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by Brothers who are serving as Department Commander. his badge shall be the same as the Membership badge in all respects, except the ribbon shall be that as authorized for elected Department officers, top bar and drop shall be gold in color. A second bar shall be worn below the top bar and/or attached to the top bar, gold in color, inscribed with the words: "Department Commander". On a miniature Department Officer badge this position is identified by three 1/8 inch silver stars centered upon the red ribbon in vertical alignment. Each elected Department officers identified by two 1/8 inch silver stars centered upon the red ribbon in vertical alignment of their miniature badge.

I. Commander-in-Chief Badge. The Commander-in-Chief badge replaces the membership badge and is worn by the Brother who is currently serving as Commander-in-Chief. This badge shall be the same as the Membership badge in all respects, except the ribbon shall be that as authorized for elected National Officers. The top bar shall be inscribed: "Commander-in-Chief". The top bar and drop shall be gold in color. On a miniature National Officer badge, this position is identified by four 1/8 inch gold stars centered upon the national color ribbon in vertical alignment. Each elected National officer is identified by two 1/8 gold stars centered upon the gold ribbon in vertical alignment of their miniature badge.

J. Past Camp Commander Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Camp Commander or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term are authorized to wear the Past Camp Commander badge and use the suffix P.C.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon of the membership badge, without top bar and the drop shall be the iron cross of the Order, with the insignia of the Order affixed in the center of the iron cross. This honor is signified on the miniature Membership or Associate ribbon the same as an active Camp Commander.

K. Past Department Commander Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Department Commander or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term may wear the Past Department Commander badge and are entitled to use the suffix P.D.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for Department officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the sterling silver cross of the Order, with jewel. Departments may authorize, without cost to the National Organization, a top bar of sterling silver, on which may be inscribed the name of this member. A device may be attached to the top bar, being the symbol of the Department as 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. This honor is signified on the miniature Department Officer badge the same as an active Department Commander.

L. Past Commander-in-Chief Badge. Members who have served a full term as Commander-in-Chief or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term may wear the Past Commander-in-Chief badge and are

entitled to use the suffix PCinC in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for National officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the gold star of the Order, with jewel. This honor is signified on the miniature National Officer badge by three 1/8 inch gold stars centered upon the gold ribbon in vertical alignment.

M. Sons of Veterans Reserve Badges. Award of and wearing of badges, medals and devices to members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are controlled by the SVR Standard Operating Procedure. SVR decorations are authorized, to be specified and defined in SVR Standard Operating Procedure.

N. Recognition Button. Brothers may wear the Recognition Button, which shall consist of a reproduction, in miniature, made of bronze material of the Official Badge of the Order. It shall not exceed 11/16 inches in height or 9/16 inches in width.

O. Buttonhole Decoration. Brothers may wear a buttonhole decoration consisting of a red, white and blue rosette not exceeding 5/8 inches in diameter. The central circular disk is divided into four segments, more than half the area devoted to opposing segments of blue alternating with white and the band to be composed of alternating red and white.

P. Meritorious Service Award. Especially meritorious service to our Order beyond the efficient and loyal performance of a Brother's duties may be recognized by the Commander-in-Chief by suitable citations in orders, letters and certificates bearing the seal of the Order. If the service is considered to merit the distinction and if approved by the Council of Administration, the Brother who performed the service shall be authorized to wear a one-half inch gold star on his Membership badge, badge of current office or past commanders badge. It is not mandatory upon the Commander-in- Chief to make this award.

Q. A Past Commander-in-Chief may, at his discretion, while in business suit or on formal occasions, rather than wear his Past Commander-in-Chief badge, wear his Past Commander-in-Chief insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the National Commandery colors. A Past Department Commander, at his discretion, while in business suit or on formal occasions, rather than wear his Past Department Commanders badge, wear his Past Department Commander insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the Department colors. A Past Camp Commander, at his discretion, while in business suit or on formal occasions, rather than wear his Past Camp Commanders badge, wear his Past Camp Commander insignia suspended from a neck ribbon of the Camp colors.

R. Any National, Department or Camp elected officer may, at his discretion, on formal occasions only, wear a 3-inch sash of solid gold (national), red (department) or blue (camp) as appropriate. The sash shall be worn under the formal jacket, across the chest and vest, from right shoulder to left hip. Section 4. All badges issued by the Order shall be equipped with a safety dasp.

Section 5. The order of precedence for badges defined in this Article shall be:

Group A - Membership Badge (or Associate, Junior or Honorary Member badge)

- Commander-in-Chief Badge
- Department Commander Badge
- Camp Commander Badge
- National Officer Badge
- Department Officer Badge

The Membership badge is appropriate for wear on all occasions where identification or recognition of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is fitting. In the alternative, the member may wear the badge of office for which he currently occupies from the list in Group A. Members may not wear more than one badge from this group at any one time.

Group B

- Past Commander-in-Chief badge
- Past Department Commander badge
- Past Camp Commander badge

Each badge in Group B is unique and uses various historical elements as part of its composition. The member may choose to wear only a Group B badge, without wearing at the same time a Group A badge and as such, badges from Group B are considered a "badge of the Order".

Group C

- War Medal

When worn, the War Medal must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge of the Order. The War Medal is approved for wear by the Brother's Camp and shall include a device identifying the period of qualifying service. Those devices shall not be worn upon any other badge.

Group D

- Sons of Veterans Reserve Badges
- Current National Encampment badges
- Current Department Encampment badges

When worn, a Group D badge must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge of the Order. With the exception of SVR badges, Group D badges should be worn on the right breast only when appropriate to the event. Encampment badges are neither awards nor personal decorations, but in keeping with the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic, they may be worn to recognize participation in an event or activity. Should a Department issue a badge as part of its Department Encampment, that Department may specify that such badge may also be worn by the

Department's delegates and any member of that Department who has automatic credentials to attend a National Encampment, at a National Encampment of the Order.

Section 6. The order of precedence for badges of other hereditary, patriotic or veterans' societies are based upon the date of founding or creation of the organization.

Section 7. Badges, ribbons and medals of the Grand Army of the Republic may not be worn by a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War unless that Brother is actively involved in a first person portrayal of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at the time the badge is being worn. Reproduced miniature versions of G.A.R. badges may be worn.

Section 8. The mixing of regular and miniature badges is not allowed. Members may wear either full size badges or the miniature badges they are entitled to, as they deem appropriate.

Commander-in-Chief: the question is on the adoption of the amendment to the Regulations as written by the Committee and amended on the floor.

Motion passed.

Departments in good standing, this is amending National Regulations Chapter III, Article II, Section 3, The current language reads:

A department which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness or fails to make reports shall not be entitled to representation at the National Encampment meetings." The committee moves to add to that," In addition, should the Department reports be deemed incomplete by the National Secretary they shall be returned to the Department authority for correction. Should such report not be immediately corrected, the National Secretary may petition the Council of Administration for a ruling that such Department shall be deemed to have failed to make reports."

The Committee moved the adoption of this amendment. Motion was seconded and passed.

Referred Recommendation from the National Patriotic Instructor:

National Patriotic Instructor made a recommendation that the National Regulations Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 6. be amended. **The committee declined to recommend such a change and moved that regulation remain as written. The motion was seconded and passes.**

The Encampment Committee on Constitution and Regulations report was turned over to PCinC Richard Orr.

Motion: Richard Orr: moved that Life Memberships be closed effective immediately. The motion was seconded.

Richard Orr: The new Life Membership program is going to eat this organization alive financially. We have approximately \$20,000 in the life membership fund. This coming year we have a liability to current life members of \$4,100 reimbursement. That means that fund has to generate 25 percent income to remain solvent. We cannot afford to continue this program without using general operating funds to make the reimbursements. With the two plans we are currently working with, National is losing roughly \$6,500 per year in per capita tax.

Substitute Motion Suspend Life membership for one year, then bring it back to the Encampment to reconsider. The substitute motion was seconded and passed.

Form 27 Recommendation:

There is a revision proposed to the back side of form 27. The committee concurs with the recommendation but recommends that it be referred to the committee on Program and Policy for implementation.

Encampment Concurred

BUDGET

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the previously presented budget with an adjustment made for the lack of \$6,100 from life membership fees be passed; motion passed.

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE ON RITUALS AND CEREMONIES

Motion: It was moved and seconded that a proposed change to the installation of Camp Officer and closing be referred to the National Committee on Program and Policy; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Richard Orr moved that henceforth and forevermore until changed by a future encampment that credentials for Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Department Commanders be issued by the National Secretary as they are all automatic members of the National Encampment. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to disband the Encampment Committees and to express appreciation for a job well done; motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that upon publication, these minutes become the official record of the Encampment; motion passed.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief elect Krieser requested that PCinC Alan Loomis serve as the Installing Officer. PCinC Loomis relieved Commander-in-Chief Wheeler of his duties

thanking him for a job well done. He then presented Mrs. Betty Wheeler with a Past Commander-in-Chief badge that she be pined onto Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler. PCinC Loomis then installed Commander-in-Chief Krieser and the other elected and appointed National Officers per the Ritual of the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

The Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was formally closed in Ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Krieser.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1
Campfire Program and Allied Orders Banquet

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

CAMPFIRE

**2000 National Encampment
Friday, August 18, 2000 ~8:30 P.M.
Lansing, Michigan**

Hosted by the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Program

Msater of Ceremonies James T. Lyons, PDC
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

Entertainment: *America, I Can Hear Your Song* Mr. Robert B. Wells
Channel One Multimedia

Advance of the Colors Sons of Veterans Reserve

Pledge of Allegiance Assembly

InvocationWilliam McAfee, Chaplain
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

Greetings Gregory Hayes, Commander
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

Guest Speaker Hugh Hess, Chief of Staff
Veterans Affairs Department
Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Distinguished Guests Kathy Stiffler, National President
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

..... Mary Jo Long, National President
Auxilliary to the SUVCW

..... Danny Wheeler, Com mander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of he Civil War

Period Skit: *The Henpecked Husband* Brenda Walters
Austin Blair Camp #7, ASUVCW
Gerry Wyman
Austin Blair Camp #7, SUVCW

Benediction Ercelle Speaks, PNP, National Chaplain
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Retiring of the Colors Sons of Veterans Reserve

Taps

Courtesy Hour

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

ALLIED ORDERS BANQUET

**2000 National Encampment
Saturday, August 19, 2000 ~6:30 P.M.
Lansing, Michigan**

Program

Master of Ceremonies Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Presentation of the Colors Sons of Veterans Reserve Color Guard

Invocation William McAfee, Chaplain
Michigan Department, SUVCW

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Past Commanders-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Past National Presidents
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Past National Presidents
Auxiliary to the SUVCW

Edward Blakley, Real Son
John A. Logan Camp #,1 Grand Rapids

Adrin Shank, Real Son
Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Sunfield/Lansing

Tribute to Mothers Opal Nelson, Senior Vice President
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Tribute to Fathers Chris Sagstetter, Junior Vice President
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Benediction Phyllis Houston, National Chaplain
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Entertainment Lansing Ramblers Dixiel and String Band

**Appendix 2.
Council of Administration Meeting Minutes
and Electronic Board Room Actions**

**Council Of Administration Meeting
August 22, 1999
Indianapolis, Indiana**

The post Encampment meeting of the Council of Administration (CoA) was called to order at 7:08 am by Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Danny Wheeler.

Present were C-in-C Wheeler, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Ed Krieser, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief George Powell, National Secretary Treasurer James Pahl, Council Members Gary L. Gibson, Past Commander-in-Chief PC-in-C David Medert, PC-in-C Andrew M. Johnson and Kent Armstrong, National Quartermaster PC-in-C Bud Atkinson. Non-voting members included PCinCs Richard Orr, Richard Greenwalt and Charles Corfman. Absent was National Secretary David Hann. Council Member Gibson appointed National Secretary, pro temp.

BANNER - There was discussion on accepting paid advertisement. It was decided to table discussion until we find out the ramifications from the aspect of the IRS/tax status. The publisher of the *Confederate Veteran* is not interested in taking us on. The timeliness of the *Banner* is a concern of all. The SVC-in-C will follow up. The C-in-C has appointed a committee to put together an eight-page generic history/info "pull-out" section to be placed in an upcoming issue of the *Banner*. The purpose would be to have something that could be placed in public areas; i.e., Doctors waiting rooms, etc. to promote the Order, and get it out to the membership for distribution.

It was moved and seconded to re-appoint Brother Ken Richmond as *Banner* Editor. It was indicated that it was not necessary to re-appoint this position every year. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

Brother Dean Speaks (Kansas) asked about the mailing of the *Banner* and the timeliness of the membership receiving it. It was indicated that problems could lie in the local post offices (4th Class mail).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - We have a job description and a proposed contract Discussion ensued on ways of advertising and filling the position. The SVC-in-C was directed to contact the *Banner* Editor and include an ad in the next issue. The ad and job description will also be placed on our web page. A lengthy discussion ensued on if we want to limit applicants to members of the Order. It was agreed we would accept outside applications.

A deadline for accepting applications was proposed as October 1, 1999. The Council agreed to have the email responses addressed to PC-in-C Orr. The Special Search Committee appointed by the C-in-C; Orr, Pahl and Armstrong. This committee will screen applicants and narrow down to whom they think are qualified applicants. These will then be presented to the CoA for consideration.

GAR FLAGS IN THE SMITHSONIAN - The C-in-C will set up committee to investigate condition of the Grand Army of the Republic material in the position of the Smithsonian.

CAMP SEALS - The question of the availability of seal presses was brought up on the floor of the Encampment. The National Quartermaster will have information placed in a future issue of the *Banner*.

ANNUAL DUES FOR Membership-at-Large (MAL) - A motion was made and seconded to set dues at \$25.00, with \$10.00 application fee; motion passed.

LIFE MEMBER INTEREST PAYMENT - A motion made and seconded to set payment to camps at \$6.00; motion passed.

ON-LINE APPLICATION FORM - A discussion ensued on any changes that need to be made on the form. None decided on.

POLICY ON GRAVES REGISTRATION - A motion was made and seconded to have the Programs and Policy Committee consult with Communications and Technology Committee on data bases and re-write the policy; motion passed.

CHARTERS - A discussion took place on the printing of new camp charters to be "Y2K" compatible. Topics included size of charter, who/where to print, use of acid -free paper, etc. The National Quartermaster was directed to obtain estimates on printing 500 and 1,000.

EBAYON-LINE AUCTIONS - A discussion took place on policing e-Bay for veterans' grave markers. We will need to keep on them. A special committee has been set up by the C-in-C to take over the job from Brother Powell. It will not only police e-Bay, but any other on-line auction house.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY - We are still paying for a high-speed line, for the Communications and Technologies officer, which we no longer need. A motion made and seconded to shut down the high-speed line; motion passed. The Assistant Treasurer will contact the officer to let him know we will no longer pay for the line.

COMMEMORATIVE ENCAMPMENT BADGES - Motion made and seconded to have National Quartermaster sell both the Encampment badges and the GAR commemorative badges. The Encampment badge, (star with red, white and blue ribbon), to be available to registered delegates who were present. Limit one, at \$6.00 each, including postage. The GAR Commemorative (eagle with gold ribbon), to be sold first to registered delegates present, limit two, at \$6.00 each, including postage. Requests must be postmarked by December 31. After that, badges will be made available to general membership for \$11.00 each. One of each badge will be donated to the GAR Museum in Philadelphia and the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall at Pittsburgh.

MINUTES OF CoA MEETINGS - Motion made and seconded to have minutes of all CoA meetings be disseminated to every member of the CoA in a reasonable time after the meeting. For those on line, it can be done electronically, and the Secretary be directed to mail to all members of the CoA, voting and non-voting, the minutes of those meetings; motion passed. It was asked by the C-in-C to put in the minutes that we are still waiting on the minutes of the March meeting.

PRINTED PROCEEDINGS - The National Quartermaster has received 1984, 1985, and 1989 printed proceedings. Discussion on sending out booklets to all delegates who are still living, and from which account the postage will come from. Bud also inquired about what to do with old proceedings. Motion made and seconded to sell them through the Quartermaster for \$5.00 each; motion passed.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - The Department of New York has requested honorary membership for Bennidict Merriolik. A motion made and seconded. It was indicated that the gentleman's actions, as laudable as they are, do not meet the requirements set down in the Constitution and Regulations. The motion was withdrawn. It was suggested that the Department of New York make him an honorary member in the department or the camp. The C-in-C could issue a Certificate of Appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am. The next meeting will take place at Gettysburg in November.

Respectfully submitted in F, C. and L.,
Gary L. Gibson, PDC
National Secretary pro temp

**Council of Administration Meeting
November 21, 1999
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

The Council of Administration (CoA) meeting was called to order by Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Danny Wheeler.

The CoA was brought up to date by Tom Williams, Esquire, concerning the Order's case against HGAC. The CoA voted on what direction it wished to proceed if a settlement could not be reached in the next 60 days.

The CoA met with George Hicks, director of the new National Civil War Museum, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, about possible office space for a National Headquarters. Included in the office space would be an area for the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) foundation. Mr. Hicks also provided the Order with data on the cannon tubes that are in storage for the museum. The CoA agreed to open negotiations with Mr. Hicks about having the National Headquarters at the museum. The museum is scheduled to open July/August 2000

The CoA approved the purchase of 500 new charters. These charters will be compliant for the year 2000.

The CoA terminated the Special Advisory Committee to the CoA.

The CoA voted to extend the date for resume submission for the position for Executive Director to December 1, 1999.

The CoA approved the Meritorious Service Award with the Gold Star to Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, and Jerry Orton for all of their outstanding work on the behalf of the Order.

The CoA approved use of the logo for Hartranft Camp 15, Department of Pennsylvania, for use for belt buckle. The CoA also asked Camp 15, if it could look into the production of a rectangular belt plate with the SUCVW Coat of Arms for use on sword belts.

The CoA approved Camp 51, Department of Ohio, to sell Camp and Department flags

The CoA created a new award, Founders Award, to be given once a year by the CoA to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil War Soldiers. The first award will go to Columbia Gas for its outstanding work in refurbishing the Eternal Peace Light Memorial in Gettysburg.

The National Military Affairs Committee has looked into an event on the order of a Remembrance Day to be held in the mid-west. This event is tentatively slated for March 21-22, 2001, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. There is the possibility that this event could take place in the year 2000.

The CoA approved a letter to be sent to the Department of New Hampshire supporting it in its effort in forming a legislative Civil War committee. This committee seeks to get into legislation the repairing of all Civil War monuments at Gettysburg, and other Civil War battlefields.

The CoA proposed that all SUCVW forms will be available on line. It was reported that the restoration of the A.P. Davis portrait is near completion. The CoA wants to remind all Departments and Camps that the Eagle Scout Certificate must be purchased from the National Quartermaster.

The CoA denied a request from Homer-Searle Camp #114, Department of New York, for use of the SUCVW logo for use on a tee shirt until a prototype can be submitted. The CoA denied a request for a term extension for Wisconsin Department Commander Stephen Michaels. The CoA heard reports on and discussed production problems regarding the *Banner*.

The next meeting of the Council of Administration will be March 2000, with a site, and date to be determined.

C-in-C Wheeler adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David K. Hann
National Secretary

**Council of Administration Meeting
March 25, 2000,
Erie, Pennsylvania**

The meeting of the Council of Administration was called to order by Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, at the request of Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler. PCinC Orr used the new CinC's gavel, which is inscribed with a memorial to Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania, David Orr.

The minutes of the CoA meeting of Nov. 21, 1999 were read and approved with the following correction. The preservation of the portrait of A. P. Davis has only begun in the past three weeks.

Approved the use of a Camp Quarterly Report revised by SVCinC Ed Krieser with changes discussed by the CoA. Also to review and consider renumbering all forms.

JVCinC George Powell reported that he has received and processed 123 new Membership applications since August 1999. Discussions took place as to the direction that the Order should spend its advertising budget to achieve the most beneficial results.

Voted to include the Civil War Memorials Officer in the "Camp Officer Flow Chart." Also voted to remove the reference to a Provisional Camp from the online posting for organization of a new Camp.

The need to reconcile the membership list noted. To be done by mailing each Camp, via Department Secretaries, the existing list, to be corrected with additions and deletions.

Approved letter to be sent to all Departments explaining proper procedures to use to follow Quarterly Reports. Incomplete reports will be returned to Department Secretaries. Voted that any Department whose report is returned as incomplete would not be in good standing. C. & R. Committee to review this.

With the formation of a new Department imminent, discussion took place as to the printing of new Department Charters. This concentrated on the year 2000 issue, and the most economical way to produce a document likely to be used in a limited capacity.

Noted the need of PCinC Keith Harrison to resign as National Proceedings Editor. Time limitations prevent him from completing the 1999 proceedings, with previous year's proceedings also needing completion. These must be completed to avoid violation of Federal Statutes. CoA voted to have all Proceedings materials sent to National Secretary to keep inventory, and as a central storage place. Individuals with the ability to work on the Proceedings are urged by the CoA to contact PCinC Harrison.

Treasurer James Pahl reported the resignation of the Order's accountant, Geraldine Orr, effective July 1, 2000. Ms. Orr has indicated her willingness to assist in closing the fiscal year, should it be done in a reasonable amount of time. CoA approved an award to be designed and made to recognize Ms. Orr's service to the Order. This to be paid from the CinC's fund.

Quartermaster Bud Atkinson, PCinC, reports that he needs all amendments to the C. & R. in order to update and publish new versions. The QM has filled 433 orders since the August Encampment, and reports that Member badge sales are strong. New Camp Charters have been ordered. CinC Wheeler recognized PCinC Atkinson for his efforts as QM.

PCinC Andrew Johnson reported a complete lack of response from the Smithsonian Institution to his inquiries regarding G.A.R. artifacts in their collection. Suggestions were made to help elicit a

response from them.

Members on active duty military service will be encouraged to remain in contact with their Camp, as opposed to being designated National Members-at-Large.

Discussion took place on the details remaining to be addressed in the formation of the Department of Nebraska.

Noted in the report of Richard Williams, National Membership List Coordinator, is his intention to resign the office, effective August 2000. He wishes to devote his time to development of the software used by the Order to keep records. Brothers interested in the position of National Membership List Coordinator are encouraged to contact CinC Wheeler.

Mailing lists for complimentary issues of the *Banner* were reviewed and updated at the request of Brother Williams.

Recommendations by National Memorials Chairman Donald Darby concerning National Memorial database software to be reviewed by the Communications Technology Committee.

National Graves Registration Officer Leo Kennedy reports 57,155 entries in the database. Disbursement of a pamphlet to Departments should commence in April. The CD containing the Graves Registration software for proposed use is to be reviewed by the Communications Technology Committee.

The recommendation of the National Patriotic Instructor to amend the C. & R. to clarify Union Defenders Day was referred to the C. & R. Committee.

Questions and recommendations of Dr. David Martin, National Historian, to be answered by the CinC.

PCinC Richard Orr was added to the Communications Technology Committee by appointment of the CinC. The CoA noted the list of recommendations that the Comm Tech Committee wishes to propose at the National Encampment in August. CoA voted that Comm Tech Committee will revisit the Order's policy on database format.

Requests by Departments, relayed to CoA by National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator William Mason, to include space on future printings of the Commendation Certificate for the issuing Department's name, was referred to SVCinC Ed Krieser.

Efforts being made to publish a special issue *Banner* were reported to the CoA. PCinC Keith Harrison reported as National Webmaster that hits on the website are averaging 8,423 per day in 2000. This represents an increase of more than 1700 per day over early 1999. E-mail requests from the website run 30 to 50 daily. Also, many new features were added, including biographies, and a site to print SUVCW forms.

Scholarship Committee Chairman reported having received 13 applications, with a deadline of March 31, 2000 for receiving applications. Report of PCinC Keith Harrison concerning the Department of Rhode Island's boundaries, G.A.R. property held by the state, and RI SUVCW, Inc. was discussed. Further developments to be closely monitored.

PCinC Charles Corfman, Chairman National Encampment Site Committee reported developments on future Encampments. Most promising sites are currently Springfield MO, 2001, Springfield IL, '02, Cincinnati OH, '03, Plano TX, '04.

All present agreed that a speedy solution to the Gettysburg G.A.R. Hall dispute would be beneficial to the Order.

Approved accepting offer, subject to contract approval, of City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to establish National Headquarters, SUVCW, at National Museum of the Civil War. Contract to be reviewed by National Counselor, James Pahl. PCinC Richard Orrelected to receive bids for liability and fire insurance for National HQ.

CoA granted extensions to install Camp officers to several Departments and Camps. Voted to reaffirm Rebecca Pratt as proceedings Secretary in the second year of an existing three-year contract. CinC Wheeler will notify her.

Discussed the problem of Camps within the same Department having the same Number. To be handled by CinC Wheeler.

Reviewed reactions to General Orders #4. CinC Wheeler noted that as a result of the Orders, three member resignations were received. While he tremendously regrets their loss, he felt he must uphold the decision of a National Encampment. It is anticipated that there will be debate of the matter at this year's Encampment.

Voted to frame and hang in National HQ the SCV resolution applauding the SUVCW, and to join SUVCW in preserving historical memorials to all soldiers who fought their beliefs. Reviewed the question of Department of New Jersey on liability insurance. It was ascertained that the National Organization carries none. The CoA respectfully requests information for review on this matter from any Brother with expertise in the insurance business.

The CoA supports efforts of PCinC Alan Loomis on behalf of the G.A.R. Highway. Contract for an Executive Director approved, including defining duties to be performed in a fee for service agreement. Candidate selection process has narrowed to the point that an Executive Director will probably be selected in the next several weeks.

Approved the procuring of the National Organization's computer by QM Atkinson, with the issue of its use referred to the Communications Technology Committee. Discussion of *Banner* publication. A new issue is nearly ready. Anticipating an increase in budget request due to increased membership. Determined that a price per issue cannot be printed on the cover. CinC Wheeler expressed his thanks to the Editor, Ken Richmond, and to the publisher, SVCinC Krieser. Life Membership policies reviewed with no action taken.

Regretfully voted to deny a request by Sarah M. Sterling Tent No. 3, DUVCW, for financial assistance for legal fees, related to action trying to force the City of Detroit to follow law in refurbishment of G.A.R. Hall in Detroit. SVCinC Ed Krieser displayed the first Founders Award, to be presented to Columbia Gas for their work on the Eternal Peace Light Memorial at Gettysburg. All agreed the award is beautiful.

Approved a motion to make all merchandise marketing requests for items bearing the official markings of the SUVCW, granted at this meeting, expire on June 30, 2002. Denied a request by Larry Roach to use SUVCW logo on pocket watches.

Denied a request by Homer Searle Camp No. 114, Department of New York to use SUVCW logos on tee shirts. No approval necessary for Farragut Camp, Department of Tennessee, to use on invitation cards for Camp use. To sell will require CoA approval.

Approved Sydney Camp No.41, Department of New York, to sell hats with SUVCW logo. Approved Ross Camp No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, use of SUVCW and GAR logos for memorial ribbons for Ross Camp members only. Sale of ribbons to others denied. Approved Ed Krieser's request to make available 12 inch SUVCW logo embroidered patches. Approved extension request by Department of Michigan for SUV hatpins, and use of SUVCW Emblem and Coat of Arms on jacket patches and mouse pads. Approved request, Camp 51, Department of Ohio, to extend license on all items to June 30, 2002.

Approved request U.S. Grant Camp No. 68, extension of license on SUVCW logo polo shirts, coffee mugs, address labels, and satin jackets. Request for license on all other items denied.

Respectfully submitted in F, C, & L,
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

**Council of Administration Meeting
August 17, 2000
Lansing, Michigan**

The meeting of the Council of Administration was called to order by Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Danny L. Wheeler, followed by a beautiful invocation given by Past Commander-in-Chief (PC-in-C) Lowell V. Hammer.

Voting members of the Council of Administration (CoA) present were C-in-C Wheeler, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Krieser, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Powell, PC-in-C Andrew Johnson, National Secretary Todd Shillington, National Treasurer James Pahl, National Quartermaster Elmer Atkinson, PC-in-C, and CoA members David R. Medert, PC-in-C, Gary Gibson and Kent Armstrong. Non-voting CoA members present were PC-in-Cs Charles Corfman, Lowell Hammer, Keith Harrison, Al Loomis and Joseph Rippey. Guests attending were Past Department Commanders Ron Gill, Glenn Knight, James Lyons, and Al Peterson. Also attending as a guest was Brother Jeff Gill.

The minutes of the CoA meeting of March 25, 2000 were read and approved.

A pocket watch illegally displaying the badge of the Order, which was surrendered by the Brother who commissioned its engraving, was displayed to CoA members. Members expressed gratefulness that the watch was surrendered, and hoped that by Brothers following proper emblem use approval procedures could avoid hard feelings in similar matters.

A motion made by the C-in-C to delay the reading of reports until the business session of the Encampment was carried.

C-in-C Wheeler asked for discussion on the topic of a donation to be made to the National Organization, Auxiliary to the SUVCW (ASUVCW), to go towards the restoration of the Woolson monument at Gettysburg. It was noted that Gettysburg NMP Superintendent John Latschar has stated that the monument would not be moved, and would be protected from construction site damage, when removal of the Cyclorama building and restoration of the immediate grounds takes place. A motion to donate \$2,500 to the ASUVCW for the project was carried, with the funds to be deducted from the special projects line item of the general fund.

The first item of old business to be covered was the issue of the Gettysburg G.A.R. Hall, and the Order's dispute with H.G.A.C. Noting the agreement signed with H.G.A.C. on June 6, 2000, a motion to close the business on the issue was carried.

There was discussion on the subject of the Order's National Headquarters (HQ) took place, noting that the contracts with the National Civil War Museum (NCWM) in Harrisburg, having been reviewed by National Counselor Pahl, PC-in-C Orr, and C-in-C Wheeler, were signed and returned to the Museum. The date projected for the facility to be ready for occupation is the first week in December 2000. Also noted, that due to an increase in cost of the National Order's record storage, moving the records to the HQ will realize significant savings. It is hoped that the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Camp will assist with coordination of staffing the HQ. C-in-C Wheeler expressed his desire for the HQ to be open to the ASUVCW, and all of the Allied Orders. He also said that he hoped that all Brothers would be able to work at the HQ, should they wish to do so.

Brother Knight agreed to deliver a personal computer, owned by the Order, to National Quartermaster Atkinson, for use in the HQ. JVC-in-C Powell will deliver a printer owned by the

Order, and in his possession, to the HQ. C-in-C Wheeler also offered the use of a computer that he owns personally. It was noted that the Order would provide mailing labels to the NCWM, so that they may mail advertisements to Members. Brothers not wishing to receive these mailings may follow procedures outlined in a future issue of the *Banner*, in order to have their names removed from the mailing list. The CoA then voted to close business on the National Headquarters.

C-in-C Wheeler noted that PC-in-C Harrison, by observing F, C, & L, did an excellent job in handling the situation in the Department of Rhode Island. Camp boundaries have been abolished, allowing a prospective Member to join any Camp he wishes. Also accomplished was SUVCW access to the National Guard Arsenal, where the Department Charter and G.A.R. artifacts have been stored. CoA voted to close business on the issues concerning the Department of Rhode Island.

C-in-C Wheeler expressed his disappointment in there having been only three issues of the *Banner* published during his term, and noted that it was not the fault of SVC-in-C Krieser. Options were discussed to ensure that four issues would be published in future years.

PC-in-C Johnson reported that after repeated inquiries on the subject of G.A.R. items in their possession, he had very recently received a response from Ms. Jennifer Jones at the Smithsonian. Ms. Jones said that the three donated flags are in fabulous condition. She also noted that the Smithsonian is about to begin a ten-year restoration and preservation effort for its entire flag collection. Noting the lack of results on the matter, the C-in-C recommended that the incoming C-in-C appoint a new committee to publish a special issue of the *Banner* for informational and recruiting purposes.

In light of the Department of Kansas' withdrawing as co-host, the CoA affirmed faith in the Department of Missouri to host the National Encampment in the city of Springfield in 2001.

Brother Peterson addressed the CoA, informing them of the deteriorating health of Brother Fred Cauldwell. All present were saddened by the news.

Notice was given the CoA of requests by Ms. Rebecca Pratt. In order to be effective in recording Encampment business, she requested that those speaking in business sessions use microphones, and to identify themselves. The CoA also agreed to reimburse Ms. Pratt in the purchase of a microphone, to remain property of the Order in the custody of the Secretary, in order to produce better quality recordings of Encampment business.

Upon recognition by C-in-C Wheeler, the CoA literally applauded PC-in-C Harrison for his work as Proceedings Editor, recognizing the tremendous amount of work done in the past several months.

A motion made by JVC-in-C Powell that the Executive Director will advise the Fraternal Relations Committee members, concerning their responsibilities in contacting other organizations, was carried. The CoA agreed with James Lyons that the position of Executive Director would start on Sunday, August 20, 2000, with the CoA meeting scheduled for that date.

The motion to adjourn was carried.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

Council of Administration Electronic Board Room Actions

Following are results of Electronic Board Room votes taken since January.

On January 9, 2000, the unanimously elected Todd Shillington to serve as National secretary until the National Encampment in August 2000.

On January 15, 2000, James A. Garfield Camp No.1 of Baltimore was given permission, by unanimous vote, to reproduce and sell a Sons of Veterans postcard from 1910.

On February 27, 2000, the decided, by a 7 to 2 vote, to not raise the pre-registration fee for the National Encampment from \$7 to \$10.

On May 5, 2000, a motion was made to adopt a Policy Statement instructing Members of the Order in the use of the Deed of Conveyance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A vote taken on May 12, 2000 approved by a margin of 7 to 1, the use of a Graves Registration Pamphlet, to be sold through the office of the National Quartermaster.

David V. Medert was unanimously approved in a June 7, 2000 vote to succeed Richard Williams as National Membership List Coordinator, effective August 19, 2000.

A July 3, 2000 motion was made to offer the position of Executive Director to James Lyons; motion passed (8 to 1).

A vote called on August 6, 2000, declined the Executive Director's position an expense account for attending Encampments and meetings.

A salary of \$13,000, with no expenses to be paid for attending Encampments and meetings, was approved for the Executive Director's position, by a margin of 6 to 3, in an August 11, 2000 vote.

Appendix 3
General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Series 2000/2001

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
General Orders No. 1
Series 1999-2000
Danny L. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief
501 Willow Ave
Ithaca, NY 14850
607-272-7314
suvcdw@clarityconnect.com (e-mail)

1. Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief by the assembled delegates at the 118th National Encampment at Indianapolis, Indiana on August 21, 1999, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address and all correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to the above address.
2. All business correspondence should be sent to David Hann, National Secretary, PO Box 386, Hammonton, NJ 08037.
3. All supply requisitions with payment should be sent to: Elmer F. Atkinson, National Quartermaster, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116.
4. All bills and requests for payment should be sent to the Hon. James B. Pahl, National Treasurer, 445 W Maple St., Mason, MI 48854-1519.
5. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to William Mason, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 3235 Emmons Avenue Apt 109, Brooklyn, NY 11235-1140.
6. The confidence that my Brothers have shown in me is greatly appreciated. I express my thanks to those who supported me and especially to the Brothers of the New York Department. A special thanks also to the Department of Indiana for hosting the Encampment in the spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic's (GAR) last encampment 50 years ago. A special thank you to Brother Edward Krieser for his hard work and dedication to this event. Also, to the rest of the committee, a big thank you.
7. Our Order was founded on the principles of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. We, the blood relatives of the noble soldiers who wore the blue, we owe our ancestors to look to fraternity, show charity for the differences of others, and loyalty to our nation and to the SUVCW. Let us all, National, Camps, and Departments, always work in the direction of the good of the Order.
8. We need to continue all our efforts in the direction we worked hard in during PC-in-C Andrew Johnson's term of office. Graves registration marking, Civil War memorial registration and restoration, locating GAR and SUVCW records, and commemorative events and celebrating the deeds of the boy's in blue needs to be continued. We must continue to lead in a consolidated national search for memorials, monuments, graves, and GAR and SUVCW records. Let us move into the 21st Century knowing that at the end of the 20th Century we gave this a complete 100 percent effort.
9. We now have our online application form back on the Internet. As passed at the National Encampment, we have set for the first year of membership at \$10 application fee and \$25 dues. The National Order will enroll them into the Order and then send check and application on to department Junior Vice Commander. The department Junior Vice Commander will place the individual into the Department Membership-at-Large Camp or on to the nearest camp. This will make it easier for potential members who apply for membership via the Internet to join faster and more conveniently.
10. Only camps can retain members. Too many recruits are lost each year. Lets try to offer interesting and perhaps challenging programs. The camp that meets once a year cannot retain members.

11. My Commander-in-Chief's calendar is designed to best serve the Order. Please extend your invitations as early as possible to assist me in making my itinerary. I will attend as many Department Encampments and events as time and overlapping dates will permit.

12. The Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies at Gettysburg are designed as a means of remembering the GAR and paying homage to its members. Brothers are encouraged to attend this event on November 20, 1999.

13. All members of the Council of Administration are advised there will be a meeting of the Council at 8:00 A.M., Sunday, November 21, 1999.

14. I have a new award I would like to present to all departments within the Order. A framed certificate will be presented to all those departments that install three camps into the Order in 1999-2000. Please help me reach my goal by presenting this certificate to all departments.

15. The *Banner* is your newsletter. We are striving to put it back on time and give you four issues; which is what all fellow Brothers deserve. Please also note that individual problems concerning the newsletter should be addressed to the publisher, Edward Krieser, 1354 Gilleevan Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383-9069 or email capted@crowne.net

16. Information about the ill and bereaved should be brought to the attention of the National Secretary or myself. Please feel free to contact our National Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Robert G. Carroon, 23 Thompson Road, West Hartford, CT 06107. We need to give proper attention to the needs of these members or their family.

17. I have established three new special committees:

A. National Committee on *eBay* Surveillance. This committee will be in charge of policing all Internet sites for illegal sale of grave markers;

B. National Committee on Special *Banner* Issue. This committee will be used for recruiting, listing of officer, etc. (this would be an eight or 12 page insert in a *Banner*; hopefully this year); and

C. Committee for Reviewing Applications for an Executive Director. If any Brother is interested in applying for the position of Executive Director, please send your resume to Chairman Richard Orr, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251.

18. As we all know the Civil War soldier and GAR loved their music. It is and should be ours to protect and not lose throughout our history. I have appointed a National Aide Musician, Ivan Frantz Jr., 1126 Hanover Road, York, PA 17404-6218. Watch for his article in a future *Banner*.

19. Recruitment has always been #1 priority, and without a doubt it is the lifeblood of our Order. Not only do we grow in numbers but our financial base is increased as well. As in the past, each Brother who secures three new members will receive a ribbon for his badge. Those who recruit five new members will receive a certificate of merit.

20. On behalf of the Order. I would like to extend congratulations to all the new presidents of the four Allied Orders of the GAR: Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Woman's Relief Corp. We must work together at all times to reach our goals. We are and always will be Brothers and Sisters bound together in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

21. All per capita tax and other quarterly reports are to be forwarded to National Secretary on time.

22. We had at the 118th National Encampment an amendment to National Regulations. We instituted a new Article X under Chapter II; however, we did not provide a section number for the second item. In order to resolve this, under this Article, there will be a Section 1, Member-at-Large, and a Section 11 authorizing regional associations between departments.

23. The Graves Registration Committee has been assigned the task of locating all Union Veterans

Graves. Brother Leo Kennedy and his committee are prepared to take all information you can send. Help the Order go over 100,000 before the 21st Century.

24. All Department Commanders of Departments through which the GAR Highway passes are to assure that Department GAR Highway Officers provide copies of information concerning the GAR Highway to the National GAR Highway Officer.

25. Brothers are reminded to support the National Patriotic Instructors Fund, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund, National Headquarters Fund, and Permanent Fund.

26. Appointments of non elected National Officers, Standing Committees, Special Committees, and National Aides have been made. All officers and committees may be found on our National Web Site (<http://suvchw.org>).

27. This Order should never rest until Memorial Day is returned to May 30th. Please write letters to your legislators in your state. Let 's not give up. We need to return Memorial Day to the sacred day our forefathers meant it to be.

By Order of:

Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David Hann
National Secretary

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1. My headquarters is established at 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850, Telephone: 607-272-7314. Mail requiring the personal attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be addressed there.

2. The Order provides your C-in-C with the opportunity and means to award two scholarships each year to deserving youth. Each scholarship is awarded for tuition and books to high school seniors and collage students contingent upon their enrollment at an accredited four year collage or university. Applications blanks are available from me at the above address or by electronic form at <http://suvchw.org>. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2000. Selection will be made by me in consultation with the Order's National Scholarship Committee. Shortly after June 30, 2000, checks will be written.

3. I have formed two more Special National Committees that I feel will make the National Order more efficient. The first is the National Award for Most Outstanding Brother Committee. The Chairman of this Committee is.

George Shadman
PO Box 64
Watkins Glen, NY 14891-0064
607-535-7360
shadman148@aol.com

A letter has been mailed to all Department Commanders explaining that candidates' name must be submitted no later then June 30, 2000.

The second is the Best Newsletter Committee. All newsletters are to be sent to me. I will review them and then send them on to the Committee for review. The Chairman for this Committee is Jeff

Nix.

4. All Department Secretary's please report all new Camps within your Department to our Camp and Department Organizer:

Donald G. Denison
1321 Danby Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850-9408
607-272-2234
dgden@aol.com

Please include the name of the Brother who served as Camp Organizer. He will receive a certificate that I have prepared for this service. Two certificates have been awarded already to Department of California, one to Brother Lynn Hoadley for organizing the General W.S. Rosecrans Camp #2, and one to Brother Donald Scholl for organizing the General Alfred Pleasanton Camp #24. Let's see a lot more new Camps in our organization this year.

5. As we all know, Camps and Departments have problems in retaining members. We need to as an organization key in on the new member and make him feel wanted. Too many times we sign them up then don't communicate with them. Communication is inexpensive and pays big dividends.

6. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruiting five (5) or more members: Jeffery E. Sams, Ken Richmond, and Harley Crain.

7. I would like to commend the Iowa Department in its quest to preserve the battle flags from their state. Anyone interested in donating can e-mail Steve Sprague Chairman at ssprague@kccinter.net.

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Attest:
David Hann
National Secretary

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1. On behalf of the National Order, its officers and myself, may each Brother and his family have a happy and joyous New Year. May everyone have a prosperous, productive and fraternal New Year.

2. The 43rd Annual Remembrance Day activities were held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1999. The event was well attended, and, with temperatures in the 60s, there were hundreds of people along the parade route. The Remembrance Day Committee is to be congratulated for a job well done. Also, thanks to the Gettysburg merchants for their contributions. Those contributions paid for the permit that made this parade possible.

3. Requests for G.A.R. Memorial Scholarship applications should be directed to this office. All applications received will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee. Please keep in mind that we only award two scholarships and that they are awarded on scholastic merit.

4. Brothers are reminded to support the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, National Headquarters Fund, and Permanent Fund.
5. On behalf of the National Order, condolences are extended to LGAR Past National President Barbara Tyler on the loss of her mother, Past National President Bonnie Weld, LGAR 1991-1992. Sympathies are extended to all Brothers and Sisters who have lost a loved one, are ill, or are suffering in any manner.
6. The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star was presented to Brother Richard Orr of the Department of Pennsylvania for his tireless efforts and overtime hours in helping to move our organization into the 21st century.
7. The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star was presented to Brother Jerry Orton of the Department of New York for his tireless efforts in locating and keeping track of our Real Sons and Daughters, all now in their twilight years, just as was the Grand Army of the Republic.
8. The National Order is preparing all SUVCW forms to be available online for use by departments.
9. The National Order supports the Department of New Hampshire's efforts in the formation of a legislative Civil War committee for the repair of that state's monuments at Gettysburg and at other battlefields of the Civil War.
10. I am pleased to announce the addition of another volunteer to contribute to the work of our National legal staff. He is Ralph Jones, Esq., of New York. In addition, Brother Jones will be serving as Executive Director of the newly formed G.A.R. Foundation.
11. Departments wishing to have the Commander-in-Chief attend their annual encampment or a special event in their area are encouraged to submit requests as soon as possible. Conflicting dates may occur if requests are not made well in advance.
12. The National Order is again working with the city of Harrisburg, Pa., to establish a SUVCW National Headquarters there in time for the June 2000 opening of the National Civil War Museum, to be located in Harrisburg. We have been provided a detailed inventory of the six cannons in the possession of the museum. None were found to be missing or stolen cannons from cemeteries.

By Order of:
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 Commander-in-Chief

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1. Recently, there has been some misinformation generated regarding the position of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Order) on the battle flag of the Confederacy. In attempt to clarify this, the following is the position of the Order as adopted at the 115th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War August 10, 1996, Columbus Ohio:

A resolution in support of the display of the Confederate Battle Flag over the state house

in South Carolina.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemn the use of the confederate battle flag, as well as the flag of the United States, by any and all hate groups, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly oppose the removal of the confederate battle flag from atop the state house in Columbia, South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War support the flying of the confederate battle flag as a historical piece of this nation's history, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in South Carolina and the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being politically correct, and WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers and sailors who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with the confederate veterans under both flags in those bonds of Fraternal Friendship, pledge our support and admiration for those gallant soldiers and of their respective flags;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 115th Annual National Encampment hereby adopt this resolution and present it to the Governor of the state of South Carolina. Dated in Columbus, Ohio, on this tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and ninety-six.

2. The above resolution of support remains unchanged by this Order and should be conveyed as such when inquiries are made.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David Hann
National Secretary

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1. A new National Secretary has been named. Please send all correspondence to: Todd A. Shillington, 15 Park Place, Holley, New York 14470-1022; 716-638-5929; CoH94NYVI@worldnet.att.net. On behalf of the Order, I would like to thank Brother Shillington for taking on this most important job.

2. Brother Hann, the Order thanks you for your years of dedication and we all hope to work again in the future with you.

3. Membership Eligibility Ruling - The question had come up again on allowing potential members to join if their forefather had been in the Confederate Army and deserted, and later joined the Union

Army. It has been decided to affirm the 1890 ruling: "*The son of one who has borne arms against the United States is ineligible not with standing the subsequent loyal service of his Father.*" This ruling was made by SofV Commander-in-Chief Charles L. Griffin (1889-90) opx1x, and xx, Blue Book 17."

4. Three new camps have been chartered since August. We have two from California and one from Tennessee: General W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2, Los Angeles, California, organized by Linn Hoadley; General Alfred A. Pleasanton Camp 24, San Francisco (East Bay), California, organized by Brad Schall; and General William P. Sanders Camp 1, Oak Ridge (Knoxville area), Tennessee, organizer Robert L. Queen Jr. The National Order salutes these new camps and wishes those Brothers within much success and continued growth in the years to come.

5. Congratulations to the following Brothers, who, with this General Order, are designated National Aides, as a result of the fruits of their recruiting efforts. Each has been presented with a certificate and National Ribbon, to be worn under his badge. It is new members, recruited by such Brothers as these, that assure the future of the Son's long into the 21st Century. We salute the following: David E. Allyn, Bob Lowe, Gene Armistead, and Donald Schall, all from the Department of California; and Ellsworth Brown, PDC, and Douglass R. Knight, Department of Massachusetts.

6. New, updated Bylaws are approved for the Departments of Kansas, Maine, and Wisconsin.

7. The next Council of Administration meeting will be held at the Quality Inn, in Erie, Pennsylvania, March 25, 2000. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m., and will continue until completed. As always, all Past Commanders-in-Chief welcome to attend. If more information is needed, contact PCinC Richard Orr.

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2. I would like to thank Brother Todd Shillington, our National Secretary, who has provided us with the minutes of the CoA meeting and Brother Keith Harrison, PC-in-C, for getting them on our web site in less than a week. I believe this is a record you both can be proud of. On behalf of the Order, we say thank you for a job well done.

3. I would also like to ask all departments to send an up-to-date head count of all members to our National Secretary. With reports coming in late, which was National's fault, we need a complete

head count. Please send this in the next 30 days.

4. As Commander-in-Chief, I would like to point out a problem that has occurred in at least one department regarding geographical divisions. No department can require or force adherence to such boundaries on its members or camps. No Camp can insist on its little geographical area, as theirs and theirs alone. There is absolutely no provision with in the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations that permits this. It is the member's decision as to which camp he wants to join. Therefore, any and all department or camp bylaw, policy, practice, or tradition that states or references the existence of such boundaries or the control over a given geographical boundary is hereby ruled to be null and void.

By Order of:
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Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

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Attest:

Todd A. Shillington
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1. Recent efforts have been made by the Captain David L. Payne Camp #2, Department of the Southwest, to obtain Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) property via the Deed of Conveyance from the city of Wellington, Kansas, which is located within the jurisdiction of the Department of Kansas.

2. On April 9, 2000, I appointed Past Department Commander Dean K. Speaks, Historian of the Department of Kansas, to investigate this situation and report on his findings. Brother Speaks was already investigating this matter on behalf of the Department of Kansas and was instructed to also report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Council of Administration on his findings.

3. On April 17, 2000, Brother Speaks made a detailed report to the Commander-in-Chief, the National Council of Administration, and to the Commander and Council of the Department of Kansas on his findings in this matter.

4. The report of the investigator clearly shows that the Captain David L. Payne Camp #2 acted in a manner inconsistent with the wishes of the James Shields Post #57, GAR, and by choosing to ignore the jurisdiction of the Department of Kansas, proceeded instead in an attempt to recover property of the GAR which is located within said jurisdiction.

5. While I applaud the Camp for having the wherewithal to locate GAR property and its attempts to bring recognition to the Order, the Camp clearly usurped the rights and responsibilities of another Department of the Order in this matter. The Camp's actions in taking the matter "public" while the investigation into the history of these cannons' was ongoing, by issuing a "press release" and causing to be published subsequent articles in both states, have put this Order into the embarrassing position of trying to undo what was done. I cannot condone such actions by any member or Camp of this Order.

6. Based upon the findings of fact provided in the report, examination of the records and correspondences in this matter, the recommendations of the investigator, the recommendations of the National Counselor and pursuant to the authority invested in me by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, the following actions are hereby ordered:

- a. That the two Civil War era cannon in question will remain in Wellington, Kansas, in perpetuity, as a monument to all of the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors of Sumner County, as the James Shields Post #57 intended they be;
- b. That the city of Wellington, Kansas be commended for their excellent care and protection of these cannons as such a monument;
- c. That the Captain David L. Payne Camp #2 and its membership immediately "cease and desist" from any and all actions in attempting to recover GAR property located within the jurisdiction of the Department of Kansas. This includes the two Civil War era cannons located in Wellington, Kansas and any and all future references to these cannons in the media being initiated by members of this Camp; and

d. That the Captain David L. Payne Camp #2 immediately remove any and all references to the above mentioned property from its Camp websites, and request same to be removed from any and all other websites to which the Camp has provided this information.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

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1. I have noticed three illegal Camp Flags in the last month. What is an illegal flag?
An illegal camp flag is the United States national flag with lettering of the camp name, department name and/or the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War placed in the white stripes. Yes, this method was used by Civil War regiments; however, we are not regiments from the Civil War. We are a patriotic organization representing the Grand Army of the Republic. When we use a Flag in the above manner, we are breaking the National Flag Code of the United States. According to the Code, no lettering of any kind is to be placed on the flag.

2. As for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the Constitution and Regulations states that the National, Department, and Camp flags are yellow, red, and blue, respectively. The official SUVCW flags may be ordered from the Ohio Department who has the National License from the National Council of Administration to produce them from June 2000 until June 2002.

3. If the camp decides to make its own flag, it must be of blue material with the SUVCW badge. The badge can be ordered from Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Kreiser at a cost of \$45.00 each.

4. At this time I am directing all Department Commanders to contact all Camps within their respective Departments and by order of the Commander-in-Chief remove from use all illegal flags from Camp meetings and all outdoor activities as of this date, June 4, 2000.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

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1. The following Policy regarding use of the Grand Army of the Republic's Deed of Conveyance to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was authorized by the National Council of

Administration (June 13, 2000) and is hereby made effective June 14, 2000 with this General Order.

A. On the 13th day of February 1954 The Grand Army of the Republic in the person of Albert Woolson, the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic, "grant[ed], bargain[ed], [sold] and convey[ed] to the Commander[y]-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War all property of any and every kind and nature owned by the Grand Army of the Republic, and wheresoever situated, and all records and archives thereof; except such property and records as are specifically mentioned and described in a resolution adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at its 83rd and final Encampment held at Indianapolis, Indiana August 28 to September 1st, 1949."

B. The property was conveyed to the Commandery-in-Chief -- The National Organization -- of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As such, the terms of the Deed of Conveyance grant no powers, rights, or authority to Departments or individual camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

C. Departments and Camps are organized and function under charters granted by the National Order. The National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War expressly retains all authority, rights, and ownership of all property conveyed in the Deed of Conveyance. None of these rights, authority or ownership are automatically conveyed with the issuance of a charter to a Department or Camp.

D. Departments and Camps are obligated to notify the National Organization in the person of the Commander-in-Chief or his duly appointed representative of the existence of any such property or records of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Commander-in-Chief shall ascertain the condition and any threats to the property or records by any means available to him including assigning the task to a Department, Camp or individual member. After determining the current state of the property, the Commander-in-Chief, after consultation with his advisors and the Council of Administration, shall make a determination of any action necessary.

E. The Commander-in-Chief may retain control over the situation, assign a representative of the National Order to pursue the matter, or assign the responsibility to a Camp or Department. Without the express approval of the Commander-in-Chief no demands for action shall be made to any governmental body, organization or individual. No legal action shall be initiated on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War without the expressed approval of the Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration. The Commander-in-Chief and Council of Administration shall not unduly withhold authorization for action by a Camp or Department that is prepared to financially undertake such action if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Order.

F. The Deed of Conveyance further obligates the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to return records, monuments and other items to the communities where the Grand Army of the Republic existed. To this end, actions of Commanders-in-Chief have designated the Grand Army of the Republic Museum, Philadelphia as the repository for all GAR records from the metropolitan Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area and the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall Museum and Trust as the repository for all GAR records from the metropolitan Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania region.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

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On behalf of the National Organization, it is sad indeed to report the loss of Brother Thayne LaBanta, Past Department Commander of Michigan, 75 year devoted member of the Order and a Real Son. In memory of his passing and the passing of all Real Sons since August 1999, all charters are ordered draped for a period of 30 days.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

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1. As Commander-in-Chief, I wish to make the following awards with my congratulations to the recipient Departments, Camps and Brothers:

A. Abraham Lincoln Award (Most Outstanding Camp) - Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan;

B. Cornelius Whitehouse Award (Most Outstanding Brother) - Richard Williams, Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, for all his hard work and the years of devotion to our Order;

C. The Marshall Hope Award (Best Newsletter) - The General W.S. Rosecrans Camp #2, Department of California;

D. The Davis - Linder Award (Most New Members) - Department of Pennsylvania;

E. The Grant Trophy (Highest Percentage of New Members) - Department of Iowa;

F. The Department with the Most New Members Under 40 - Department of Pennsylvania; and

G. Departments receiving framed certificates for three or more new Camps - Departments of Ohio (4), Nebraska (3), Tennessee (3), and California (3).

2. The following 10 Brothers have brought into the Order three to five new members and will receive a certificate and a yellow ribbon to wear under the badge as a National Aide:

Douglass Knight, Timothy H. Downey, Tracy Lucas, Douglas B. Windle, William Poulton, John Gleason, George Weinmann, Earl Allen, Keith Harrison, and Bill Rave.

The following four Brothers will receive a certificate of appreciation for organizing four new Camps in the Ohio Department: Craig Keller, Paul Huff, Lt. Col. Robert B. Beach, and James Houston. On behalf of the National Organization, thank you all for a job well done.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler

Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

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1. As Commander-in-Chief, I hereby rescind this date, August 19,2000, General Order No. 4, Series 1999 - 2000.

By Order of:
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Attest:
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1. General Order #4 Series 1999-2000 was rescinded by General Order #13 Series 1999-2000. The following resolution represents the position by the National Organization of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War as adopted on August 19, 2000 at the 119th National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan.

Resolution Of Support
Display Of Battle Flags Of The Confederacy

A resolution in support of the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

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WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate

States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being "politically correct," and

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers and sailors who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with the confederate veterans under both flags in those bonds of Fraternal Friendship, pledge our support and admiration for those gallant soldiers and of their respective flags;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 119th Annual National Encampment hereby adopt this resolution. Dated in Lansing, Michigan, on this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two thousand.

By Order of:
Danny L. Wheeler
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Todd A. Shillington
National Secretary

Appendix 4
List of Delegates to the 119th National Encampment

Acheson, David
Allen, Earl
Altvater, Kim
Anderson, John
Armstrong, Doug
Armstrong, Kent
Aronis, Ronald
Ashley, Keith
Atchley, Shawn
Atkinson, Elmer
Baker, Ned
Bash Sr, Mike
Bateman, Robert
Bates, John
Bennett, Michael
Blakely, Edward
Breaugh, Neal
Brennan, Bill
Bromley, Robert
Brown, Ellsworth
Butgereit, Bruce
Calder, Dale
Carlson, Merle
Chew III, A
Clark, Ronald
Cohoon, Leo
Corfman, Charles
Costello, William
Covey, Leslie
Crawford, Thomas
Culp, Michael
Darby, Donald
Dauchy, Robert
Dauchy, Andrew
Dowd, Ed
Downey, Timothy
Duryea, Cleon
Engle, Charles
Farnsworth, Del
Feck, Bruce
Felton, Dennis
Fladseth, LeRoy
Frost, Howard
Funck III, Charles
Gibson, Gary
Gill, Jeff
Gill, Ron
Gable, Daniel
Greene, Richard
Grim, Robert
Grove, Robert
Grove Jr, Robert
Hall, Edward
Hammer, Lowell
Hanby, James

Hans, Daniel
Harned, Frank
Harrison, Keith
Hayes, Greg
Heath, Mark
Hershberger, Ken
Hodges, Paul
Hoffman, Robert
Holmes, Thomas
Houston, James
Houston, Gary
Hutchins, Richard
Huxford, Gary
Johnson, Andrew
Kadlec, Robert
Kelly, Karl
Kelly, Dennis
Kennedy, Leo
Kennedy, Robert
Kern, Lester
Kiger, Jim
Kirchner, Russ
Knight, Robert
Knight, Glenn
Krieser, Edward
Krinn, Keith
Kuhn Jr, Charles
LaBar, Charles
Langworthy, M. C.
Lee, Richard
Lewellen, Don
Long, Joseph
Loomis, Alan
Lowe, Bill
Lowe, Bob
Lyons, James
Mann, John
McAfee, William
McElfresh, Wayne
McGarey, Gordon
McNulty, John
McNulty, John
Medert, David
Medert, David
Michaels, Stephen
Miller, Max
Miller Jr, Ralph
Mills III, John
Murphy, Frederick
Nagel, Ray
Neese, David
Neese, Michael
Newman, Max
Orr, Richard
Pahl, Jim

Park, J. Douglas
Peterson, Alan
Petrovic, Robert
Powell, George
Proper, David
Ralston, Gary
Rees, James
Rehkopf, David
Rippey, Joseph
Robertson III, Charles
Rock, Robert
Rohan, Richard
Rudebusch, Merle
Russ, Alan
Russell, James
Rutherford, John
Ryerson, William
Sargent, Arthur
Scheidler, Paul
Schimming, Randal
Shaw, Kim
Shaw Jr, Henry
Shillington, Todd
Showler, J
Shuttlesworth, Douglas
Skinner, Comer
Smith, Douglas
Sosnowski, David
Stephen, Jeffrey
Stephen, C
Stephen, David
Stottlemeyer, Vern
Streeter, Howard
Tallman, Clair
Teller, Alan
Thompson, David
Traver, Timothy
Valentine, Blaine
Vaughn III, John
Weeks, James
Wheeler, Norman
Wheeler, Danny
Woodward, Timothy
Yakicic III, George
Young, Peter
Young, Charles

Appendix 5.
Lists of New Camps Chartered 1999-2000

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
New Camps organized 1999-2000
Danny L. Wheeler, Commander-in-Chief**

Captain Richard Taylor No. 53, Huntsville, Alabama
General W.S. Rosecrans No.2, Los Angeles, California
General Alfred A. Pleasanton No. 24, San Francisco (East Bay), California
Lincoln No. 10, Monterey Bay, California
Champion Hill No. 17, Huntington, Indiana
Robert Anderson No. 33, Waterloo, Iowa
Col. Noah W. Mills No. 45, Adel, Iowa
Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs No. 5, Nicholasville, Kentucky
Chapman/Compliment No.2, Billings, Montana
Camp Harrison No. 53-2, Wisner, Nebraska
Shiloh No. 2, Lincoln, Nebraska
Department of Nebraska
Homer Searle No. 114, Bridgewater, New York
Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis No. 124, Goshen, New York
Captain John Bruck No. 96, Hamilton, Ohio (reinstatement)
General William H. Lytle No.10, Cincinnati, Ohio
Washington Wayne Manning No. 271, Bethel, Ohio
Groce Post Camp No. 156, Circleville, Ohio
General A.C. Voris No. 67, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Indian Nations No. 3, Tulsa, Oklahoma
General William P. Sanders No. 1, Oak Ridge (Knoxville area), Tennessee
Irish Brigade No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia
7th West Virginia Infantry No. 7, Franklin, West Virginia
Sgt. Philemon H. McCracken No. 50, Buckhannon, West Virginia
Major General John B. Gibbon No. 4, Waukesha, Wisconsin (rename)

Appendix 6
Financial Report and Proposed Budget, 1999-2000

GENERAL FUND

ITEM	99-00 Budgeted	99-00 Actual	00-01 Proposed
INCOME			
Per Capita Tax	83000	80287.15	66000
Sale of Supplies	25000	22999.3	25000
Shipping & Handling	1750	1533.5	1750
Subscriptions <i>Banner</i>	500	118	250
Reg Fee Nat. Encpt	1700	1259	1700
App. Fee New Camps	200	325	350
<i>Banner</i> Ads	0	0	0
WebPage Service Rev~	0	0	500
Aux. Love Gift	0	250	0
Donations	0	58	100
NMAL Donation	0	1200	1000
Interest-checking	0	0	0
Interest-Money Market	1600	2329.05	2400
Interest-CD's	1000	902.07	900
Misc.	50	19	50
Reserve Funds	7565.87	0	0
TOTAL	102365.87	91280.07	100000
EXPENSES			
Supplies	25000	16649.61	25000
Dies	0	0	0
Ship & Handling	1600	1200	1600
C-in-C Allowance	5000	5000	5000
Nat. Sec. Allowance	2000	2000	2000
Nat. Tres. Allowance	2000	2000	2000
Nat. QM Allowance	2000	2000	2000
Executive Director	15000	0	13000
ED Expenses	2500	0	2500
CofA Per Diem	800	581.54	800
Nat. Encamp Comm.	1000	130.51	1000
Past C-in-C Jewel	350	316.12	350
Office Expense	2000	2725.77	2500
Special Projects	2500	1000	2500
Telephone	250	96.40	250
Postage	1750	769.09	1000
Web Page	800	231.91	800
Graves Reg. Comm.	845	37.42	500
Record Storage	150	58.48	100
Awards	250	324.08	300
Dept. Info. Packet	500	0	0
New Member Letters	500	0	0
Scholarships	1000	1000	1000
Software	1000	0	1000
Proceedings Transcribe	1000	1832	1000
Print Proceedings	3400	1346.66	1000
<i>Banner</i>	15000	12001.23	15000

Constellation Ceremony	330	0	0
National Encp Exp	1500	117.66	1500
SCV CinC Nat Encamp	0	0	600
1999 50th Ann Events	7500	0	0
Accounting-Audit	2800	2750	2800
Accountant fee	1800	1800	1800
Officers Bond	0	0	0
Misc Committee Exp	0	0	1000
Misc Expenses	250	178.9	250
Bank Charges	45	53.65	60
Transfer of Funds	1400	1400	1400
ToNatHQFund	0	0	1250
Bad Debt	45.87	45.87	50
Depreciation-Computer	500	1437.84	500
Depreciation-Office	50	50.52	50
TOTAL	104415.87	59135.26	93460
Excess Income	-2050	32144.81	6540

GAR FUND

INCOME			
Nat.Pat.Inst.Appeal	250	160	250
Blue&Grey Ball	8000	6871.8	8000
Donations	100	4780	4000
Interest,Checking	0	29.88	30
Interest,MoneyMarket	450	677.61	600
Interest, CD	4500	3627.86	3500
TOTAL INCOME	13300	16147.15	16380

EXPENSES			
Accounting-Audit	0	0	0
Scholarships	1000	1000	1000
Postage	100	0	100
Lincoln Memorial	100	75	100
Lincoln Tomb	400	400	400
OAR Remembrance	500	462.9	500
Cathedral of Pines	175	100	175
Tomb of Unknown	100	0	100
Jefferson Mem.	75	0	0
USCT Wreath	75	0	0
Congress of Pat. Org.	25	25	25
Special Projects	1000	330	1000
GAR Campfire	500	400	500
GAR Highway Assn	0	20.02	0
Grant Tomb	225	200	225
Confed. Vet. Mem.	0	0	0
Blue & Grey Ball	4000	6845.73	7000
Donations	4000	4000	4000
Bank Charges	25	0	25
TOTAL EXPENSES	12300	13858.65	15150
EXCESS INCOME	1000	2288.5	1230

PERMANENT FUND

INCOME			
HonorRoll Cont.	600	530	. 500
Donations	50	80	50
Interest-Money Market	500	1516.89	1500
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Interest-CD's	2500	1123.43	1000
TOTAL INCOME	3650	3250.32	3050
EXPENSES			
Life Member Payment	1400	970	1400
Misc	150	0	150
TOTAL EXPENSES	1550	970	1550
EXCESS INCOME	2100	2280.32	1500

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

INCOME			
Life Member Fees	6500	6170	6500
TOTAL INCOME	6500	6170	6500
EXPENSES			
Life Member Payments	1200	200	1200
Life Member Cards	100	70	100
Misc	50	0	50
TOTAL EXPENSES	1350	270	1350
EXCESS INCOME	5150	5900	5150

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FUND

INCOME			
Reg.Fee,New Members	5000	4534	5000
Donations	1000	135	250
Reserve Funds	1400	1400	1400
TOTAL INCOME	7400	6069	6650
EXPENSES			
Office	1000	43.61	1000
Telephone	300	0	300
Postage	500	346.45	500
E-mail	0	0	0
Membership Ads	4500	0	4500
TOTAL EXPENSES	6300	390.06	6300
EXCESS INCOME	1100	5676.94	350

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

INCOME			
Donations	100	45	100
Long Term Invest.	4000	6718.23	4000
Interest, CD's	1500	1271.73	1500
From Gen Fund	0	0	1250
Reserve funds	9400	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	15000	8032.96	6850
EXPENSES			
Legal Fees	15000	4275.5	0
Rent	0	0	2400
Telephone	0	0	1200
Insurance	0	0	750
Furnishings	0	0	2500
TOTAL EXPENSES	15000	0	6850
EXCESS INCOME	0	3757.46	0

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND

INCOME			
Donations	0	0	0
Per Capita Tax	3000	3229.25	6000
Reserve Funds	100	0	2729.25
TOTAL INCOME	3100	3229.25	8729.25
EXPENSES			
Special Projects	3100	500	8729.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	3100	500	8729.25
EXCESS INCOME	0	2729.25	0

Appendix 7
Web Statistics

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Web Site Statistics, October 1997 – July 2000.

	2000		1999		1998		1997	
Pages	1,002		560		250		150	
Month	Total Hits	Avg.Hits/Day	Total Hits	Avg.Hits/Day	Total Hits	Avg. Hits/Day	Total Hits	Avg. Hits/Day
January	239,006	7,710	191,743	6,185	120,745	3,895	(a)	(a)
February	254,511	8,776	200,002	7,143	159,432	5,694	(a)	(a)
March	281,655	9,086	215,625	6,956	149,823	4,833	(a)	(a)
April	241,076	8,035	207,870	6,929	300,930	10,031	(a)	(a)
May	324,765	10,467	259,710	8,378	179,275	5,783	(a)	(a)
June	289,060	9,635	220,736	7,357	57,501	1,917	(a)	(a)
July	337,698	10,877	206,407	6,658	149,420	4,820	(a)	(a)
August			220,696	7,119	105,426	3,401	(a)	(a)
September			214,915	7,163	121,842	4,061	(a)	(a)
October			218,215	7,039	156,053	5,034	(b)	2,044 (c)
November			245,625	8,187	143,147	4,772	(b)	2,044 (c)
December			197,259	6,363	159,324	5,042	(b)	2,044 (c)
Total			2,598,803	7,120	1,799,918	4,931	188,048	2,044

(a) (a) Not on line.

(b) Data not available.

(c) Average for period October through December 1997.

Appendix 8
Communication and Technology Policy

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Policy on Electronic Communications
(August 2000)**

The following policy is provided by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) to assist members in using new and emerging technologies in the electronic communication matrix.

I. PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide assistance and guidance to Departments, Camps, Camps-at-Large, and individual members as an increasing number of each take advantage of electronic communication to enhance the interchange of information and the promotion of service and program efforts nationwide.

II. INTERNET AND WORLD WIDE WEB

The SUVCW will establish and maintain a site on the World Wide Web (WWW) at the domain name, <http://suvchw.org>. Within their budget and other considerations and limits, Departments and Camps are encouraged to establish and maintain sites on the WWW and other areas of the Internet structure to further the objectives of the SUVCW.

National Organization: The site of the SUVCW on the WWW will be maintained primarily as a source of information about the programs and activities nationwide and as a means of communicating information about national activities. The National web site will also provide links to sites maintained by Departments and Camps that are in compliance with these policies.

Departments: A Department site on the WWW should be maintained primarily to inform members and others about: (a) important events occurring within the Department; (b) programs and projects undertaken by the Department and the Camps within the Department; (c) other special SUVCW related information about activities within the Department; (d) links to Camps and Department officers who can respond to public requests for information or support. A Department must provide a link from its site on the WWW to the National web site. Each Department commander is encouraged to appoint a Department webmaster to coordinate the Department web site and work with the National Webmaster. Departments that do not maintain their sites by ensuring current listings of Department officers, Camp listings, etc., may have their return link established by and existing on the National WWW site deactivated. Such deactivation will remain until the Department has updated its WWW site and informed the National Webmaster that the site has been updated.

Camps: A Camp site on the WWW should be maintained primarily to inform members and others about: (a) important events occurring within the Camp; (b) programs and projects undertaken by the Camp and its members; (c) other special SUVCW related information about activities within the Camp; (d) links to Camp and Department officers who can respond to public requests for information or support; (e) the meeting time and place of the Camp. A Camp must provide a link from its site on the WWW to the Department web site and optionally to the National web site. Camps-at-Large must provide a link to the National Web Site. Camps that do not maintain their sites by ensuring current listings of Camp officers, Camp listings, etc., may have their return link established by and existing on the Department WWW site deactivated. Such deactivation will remain until the Camp has updated its WWW site and informed the Department Webmaster that the site has been updated.

Allied Orders and Other Recognized Entities: A site on the WWW established by any of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) or other SUVCW or SUVCW-recognized entities should be maintained primarily to inform members and others about: (a) important events occurring within the entity; (b) programs and projects undertaken by the entity

and its members; (c) other special related information about activities within the entity; (d) links to officers who can respond to public requests for information or support. All such entities physically located on the National Domain ([Http://suvchw.org](http://suvchw.org)) must provide a link from its site on the WWW to the National web site. All such entities that only have a link established on the National domain are encouraged to establish a link back to the National Web site.

A. General Policy: Wherever possible, information will be available on the WWW at the site of the lowest level organization. However, where a Camp WWW site is not available, information on the Camp should be available at the Department WWW site and where there is no Department WWW site the National WWW site will endeavor to provide Department and Camp information consistent with the availability of financial, personnel and electronic storage resources. Conversely, national level information relative to the Grand Army of the Republic, Allied Orders, national histories and membership criteria, etc., will be maintained at the highest possible level. Departments, Camps and other entities wishing to provide access to these resources from their WWW site should link to the appropriate National page. Department level information should be maintained on the Department WWW site with Camps and other entities linking to the Department WWW site.

B. Use of Name and Emblems: The use of the name, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and the emblems of the SUVCW are governed by the SUVCW's Policy on the Use of Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols which was approved by the National Council of Administration August 11, 1994. This policy also applies to uses of such items on the Internet.

1. Commercialization Forbidden: Any use of a site on the WWW by a Department, Camp, other entity or member of the SUVCW for a commercial purpose is forbidden.

2. The SUVCW'S name, emblems or other marks will not be used to point to any commercial WWW site or other location maintained for a commercial purpose.

3. A Department, Camp, other entity or individual member may provide recognition in the WWW or other electronic site for the donation of that electronic site or associated services to the SUVCW by a commercial or individual benefactor.

D. Membership Lists: A WWW or other electronic site of a Department, Camp, other entity or individual member should not contain the addresses (postal or electronic mail) or phone numbers of any individual member without the specific consent of the individual member. Listings of Department, Camp-at-Large, and Camp officers provided to the SUVCW by Departments, Camp-at-Large, and Camps will be considered as providing said permission.

E. Circularization: A WWW or other electronic site of a Department, Camp-at-Large, camp, other entity or individual member should not be used to solicit financial aid or support from any other Department, Camp-at-Large, Camp, other entity or individual member unless and until it first secures the specific authorization of the National Encampment or the National Council of Administration. The National Council of Administration does not look with favor upon the use of electronic communications and sites on the Internet for such purposes. Membership in the SUVCW and other SUVCW entities (e.g., SVR) may be solicited provided that the amount of annual dues or other charges are clearly set forth in the solicitation.

III. ELECTRONIC MAIL (EMAIL)

A. Status: When using electronic mail for official business, the sender must be cognizant of the need to include all appropriate persons in the discussion. Where necessary, messages must be sent by post or facsimile transmission to persons who do not have electronic mail accounts.

B. Chain of Command: Electronic mail should not be an excuse to avoid the chain of command.

For example, information for a national officer, which requires the approval of a Department officer, from a Camp officer should not be sent to the National SUVCW officer prior to receipt of that information by the Department officer. All electronic mail must include a complete list of persons copied (including postal or fax copies).

C. Cyber Pickets: The National SUVCW will maintain A WWW site listing of members of the SUVCW and other Allied Orders who so desire to have their name, affiliation, and email address listed. To be added to the WWW list, a request must be sent to the National Webmaster who will add the name and electronic mail address to the National WWW site. Such listings may be removed at any time by the National Webmaster at the member's request or if the email address is no longer valid as verified by an electronic link validation program administered by the National Webmaster.

D. Netiquette

Do not use electronic communication methods to jump the chain of command;

Begin e-mail messages with a salutation;

End e-mail messages with your name - Many e-mail software packages do not include a method of adding a name to the "From:" line. Don't force the recipient to send you a "who are you?" message;

If you send courtesy copies (CC:), include the CC: recipients after your name at the end of the message as many e-mail post offices strip the CC: addresses from the copy that you receive and the recipient does not know that you have sent copies to others;

Be brief - Most e-mail messages can be handled in one screen of text;

Keep your lines short - Many screens cannot handle lines in excess of 70 characters, so try to keep your lines under 65;

Write short paragraphs - Two or three sentences are about right, anything more and you fill up the screen with boring type. White spaces make the message more readable;

Leave a space between paragraphs;

Type messages in standard upper and lower case type. Use upper case for EMPHASIS or ****SET IT OFF**** to get attention only;

Be polite and considerate - You are still dealing with people;

Remember the technologically challenged - Some people refuse to or are incapable of participating in the communication revolution. If they are in a position that requires them to participate in the subject of a message you **MUST** include them. Contact them by phone, fax or even snail mail, but include them where necessary; and

REd wat youe write? - Check your spelling and your content before you ship it. Particularly ensure that each thought is complete. The mind still works faster than the fingers on a keyboard. Check before you ship.

IV. DATABASES

A. Unless otherwise determined by the National Council of Administration, all National databases created for use by the SUVCW are and will remain the property of the SUVCW and all Database managers will adhere to these policies. The National databases currently include, but are not limited

to:

1. Membership;
2. Graves Registration; and
3. Civil War Monuments.

B. The only technical requirement for SUVCW databases is that they be capable of importing and exporting data and structure using structured Query Language (SQL).

C. Generally, National databases are maintained by an individual member of the SUVCW on a personal or business computer. Given that the information in these files are property of the SUVCW and that while on the computer of an individual member are subject to loss, corruption, virus or change in database managers, the SUVCW will have access to a server (corporate-owned server or leased space on a commercial server) with sufficient storage and regular virus scanning and back up into which all National databases will be maintained in a compressed format.

D. Not less than once each quarter, all National Database Managers should forward electronically a copy of the database in a compressed format to the National Webmaster for uploading to the National Server.

E. The stored databases are subject to potential use as an Internet resource on the SUVCW'S web site at the discretion of the National Webmaster, in consultation with the National Signals Officer and the National Council of Administration.

F. National Database Managers will have authority over the dissemination of the data in their specific database unless such dissemination is under the purview of the National Council of Administration (e.g., membership database). National Database Managers are encouraged to work with the National Signals Officer to avoid potential confusion involving dissemination.

V. ASSISTANCE AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Limited space is provided on the National Server for subordinate units to maintain a home page if it is not possible to maintain one in their own locality. Contact: the National Webmaster (<http://suvchw.org>) for more information.

Appendix 9
Past Commanders-in-Chief

ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT	ELECTED	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1931	*Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1883	*Frank F. Merrill	Maine	1933	*Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1935	*Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	1936	*William A. Dyer	New York
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1937	*William A. Dyer	New York
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	1938	*William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1889	*Charles L. Griffin	Indiana	1939	*Ralph R. Barrett	California
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	1940	*J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	1941	*Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	1942	*Henry Towle	Maine
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	1943	*C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	1944	*Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1895	*William H. Russell	Kansas	1945	*H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1896	*James L. Rake	Pennsylvania	1946	*Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1897	*Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts	1947	*Charles H.E. Moran	Massachusetts
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	1948	*Perle L. Fouch	Michiga n
1899	*A.W. Jones	Ohio	1949	*John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	1950	*Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	1951	*Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	1952	*Frederick K. Davis	Wash & Oregon
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	1953	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1904	*William C. Dustin	Illinois	1954	*U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1905	*Harvey V. Speelamn	Ohio	1955	*Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	1956	*Fred E. Howe	New York
1907	*Ralph Sheldon	New York	1957	*Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1908	*Edgar Allen, Jr.	Maryland	1958	*Earl F. Riggs	California
1909	*George W. Pollit	New Jersey	1959	*Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	1960	*Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1961	*Charles L. Messer	New York
1912	*Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	1962	*Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1913	*John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1914	*Charles F. Sherman	New York	1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1915	*A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio	1965	*W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1916	*William T. Church	Illinois	1966	*Frank Woerner	California
1917	*Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania	1967	*William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	1968	*Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1920	*Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska	1970	*George L. Cashman	Illinois
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	1971	*Norman R. Furman	New York
1922	*Frank Shelhouse	Indiana	1972	*John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	1973	*Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1924	*William M. Coffin	Ohio	1974	*John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1925	*Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	1975	*Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1927	*Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	1977	*Harold T. Bielby	New York
1928	*Delevan B. Bowley	California	1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1929	*Theodroe C. Cazeau	New York	1979	*Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1930	*Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois	1980	*Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire

1981	*Harry E. Gibbons	New York	1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland	1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania	1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1984	*Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts	1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York	1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio	1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania	1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1988	*Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts	1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio			
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania			
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland			

HONOR CONFERRED BY THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

1883	A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	Albert Woolson	Minnesota

SONS OF VETERANS

1881	!*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	!*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	!*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	!*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	!*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

THE POST SYSTEM

1889-90	!*George W. Marks	New York
1890	!*George T. Brown	New York

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

*Isaac S. Bangs	Maine
*A.V. Bohn	Colorado
*Frank Challis	New Hampshire
*Charles S Crysler	Missouri
*A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
*E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
*H.P. Kent	Massachusetts
*William Maskell	Illinois
*Walter S. Payne	Ohio
*R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
*William Ross	Maryland
*Raphael Tobias	New York
*Leland J. Webb	Kansas

* Deceased

! Conferred by the Commandery-in-Chief

Appendix 10
National Encampments

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.
22nd	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 - 26	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

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51st	1932	September 19 - 22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19 - 21	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 - 31	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10 - 12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15 - 18	Columbus, Ohio
61st	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 1 - 15	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

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
102nd	1983	August 15 - 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
117th	1998	August 6 - 9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19 - 22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17 - 20	Lansing, Michigan